



*President—Paul*

## **Spoke Newsletter**

Wednesday 16, 2019

Attendance: 27(66%) Attendance with make ups: 29(71%)

**Program Wednesday, January 23, 2018**

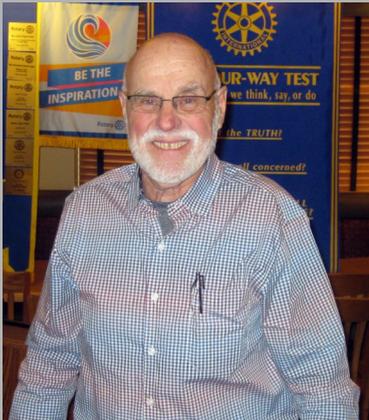
**Sarah Feit, “Sneak Peak at the Soon to Open Fourth Floor of Morrill Hall”**

Arranged by Sue Schuerman

**Program Wednesday, January 16, 2018**

**Bruce Johnson, Climate**

Arranged by Charles Erickson



Bruce Johnson is Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Economics, University of Nebraska—Lincoln where his primary teaching and research focus areas were resource and environmental economics. As a native Nebraskan with farming roots, he has always held a deep appreciation for the rich land and water resources of this state—and the responsibility for wise conservation and stewardship of that endowment. With the challenges of climate change, he believes more than ever that sound climate action today is not only a moral obligation to humanity, but also is economically-doable and prudent for current and future generations alike. He and his wife keep close ties to the land by owning and operating a small commercial vineyard as well as overseeing a local community garden.

### **VISION**

Mobilization of the wisdom, talents, experience, and resources of elders to influence and promote actions leading to a more sustainable environment for current and future generations.

### **MISSION**

As elder citizens of the Earth, we desire to serve as a catalyst in educating the public, opinion leaders, and decision makers regarding actions and policies that can effectively address critical environmental issues facing current and future generations.

### **FIRST GOAL**

To work in cooperation with cohorts and stakeholders to bring about legislative action to develop, fund, and implement a Climate Change Action Plan for Nebraska.

### **SECOND GOAL**

To provide awareness, knowledge, and solutions on critical environmental issues to individuals, organizations, business/commerce, and communities.

### **THIRD GOAL**

Build an engaged membership of Elders in the Nebraska Elder Climate Legacy Initiative.



***A Rotary Thank You to Bruce Johnson for an excellent presentation on Elder Climate Legacy***

**Lincoln East Rotary Club  
Meetings at Valentino’s—70th & Van Dorn  
Noon Luncheon starting @ 11:45 a.m.**

**January 16, 2019**

## Elder Action Strategies

### Lifestyle

*“Living simply that others may simply live.” Gandhi*

- ◆ Make decisions that can reduce our environmental footprint:
- ◆ Develop a personal and family appreciation for simple living that is not driven by media advertising or peer pressure.
- ◆ Rediscover the more satisfying aspects of life that do not require large resource-consuming activity nor create undue harm to the environment.
- ◆ Genuinely demonstrate a positive and healthy lifestyle that will encourage those around us to emulate.
- ◆ Share with members of the younger generation the simple joys of a more holistic lifestyle and the logic of doing so.

### Education

*“Wise eldership is the ongoing effort of processing factual information into knowledge, and knowledge into understanding, and understanding into wisdom—wisdom to be shared for the common good of all.”*

- ◆ **Knowledge:** Study and develop the ever-growing knowledge of sound climate science and its interface with humanity.
- ◆ **Understanding:** Critically assess the trends and implications of climate change, particularly as those implications impact humans and their natural environment today and into the future.
- ◆ **Wisdom:** Pass on the Earth Legacy. As elders, we see the climate challenge through the lens of experience and history. This unique perspective allows us to provide a much larger context in which to discuss, teach, and nurture the significance of Earth Stewardship and a Vision of a more sustainable future.

### Public Policy

*“Being a voice of wisdom and civility in the public policy arena.”*

- ◆ Commit to being informed on facts and policy issues related to the sustainability of our Earth’s health and resources.
- ◆ Commit to supporting and working for those candidates running for office who understand our planet's sustainability issues and will actively pursue appropriate policy action for the common good. Exercise our right to Vote for these candidates.
- ◆ Communicate persistently but respectfully with our elected officials and others regarding our planet's sustainability issues – always urging those policy actions for the good of the whole.
- ◆ Be prepared to testify on behalf of with a reasoned and compelling voice at public hearings, be they on the local, state, or national level.
- ◆ Actively articulate the issues in the various social media options.
- ◆ Commit to civility in our engagements in the public policy arena.

### Economic Decisions

*“Factoring our economic decisions through the lens of the earth stewardship.”*

- ◆ Learn to make purchase decisions that are good of the planet – whether they are for short-term personal consumption or for long-term investment.
- ◆ Send clear economic messages to business entities in every sector—that we support them with our patronage for being truly environmentally conscious; and accordingly, do not support those who are not being environmentally wise.
- ◆ Be willing to pay more taxes for those legitimate public policy efforts that best support the sustainability of the planet's resources and promote climate justice.
- ◆ Consider investment and disinvestment decisions to our financial portfolios that may run contrary to conventional financial strategy – but from the standpoint of stewardship of the earth, will be “the right thing to do.”
- ◆ Give financial support to legitimate groups and organizations that are working toward finding answers to the problems challenging sustainability of the Earth's resources.
- ◆ Re-evaluate our retirement wealth and estate planning:

## Advocacy

*"Always seeking to understand and to be understood"*

- ◆ Seek interaction with those who may view an issue differently than we do and initiate dialogue that can lead to potential consensus building.
- ◆ Understand opposing arguments to natural resources conservation measures so that we can respond in a thoughtful, respectful manner.
- ◆ Scrutinize our own preconceived notions and ideas and be open to change our own course of direction.



### Blue Badge Presentation

Dick Cumming, Sponsor, presented Sue Schuerman her Blue Badge. (Achieved in Record Time)

*"Congratulations Sue"*



Lincoln East Rotary Club  
City Parks and Recreation Painting Project  
Signup Sheet (*Start time: 9:00 A.M.*)



Saturday, January 19, 2019:

Gordon Bair (**Donuts**)  
Wayne Casper  
Greg Schnasse  
Duane Tappe

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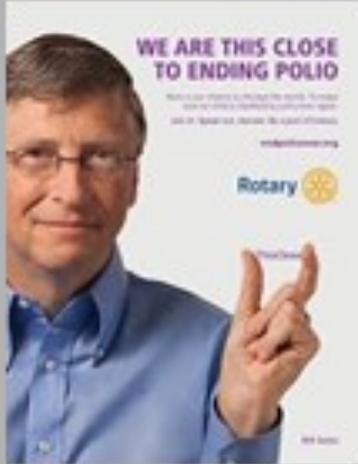
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## Anniversaries & Birthdays

Weeks of December 20—January 9

**Birthdays:**  
NONE  
**Anniversaries**  
NONE



## Happy Dollars

Melodie Pointer Jones	\$ 1.00
Barry Stelk	\$ 5.00
Al Burdick	\$ 5.00
Wayne Casper	\$ 1.00
Duane Tappe	\$ 2.00
Gordon Bair	\$ 3.00
Greg Schnasse	\$ 1.00
Jerry Christensen	\$ 2.00
Paul Horton	\$ 5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>



### Greeter Duty

January—Greg Schnasse

### Make Ups

Dean Douglas	Social
Ed Stivers	Concessions F.B.



### Cashier Duty

January—Duane Tappe  
February—Sue Schuerman  
Contact Dick Cumming

### Guests & Visitors

Merrilea Anderson	Steve Grosserode
Tom Carlson	Jerry Christensen
Bruce Johnson	Speaker
Don Nelson	Charles Erickson

### Lincoln East Rotary Club—January Speaker Schedule

January 23—Sarah Feit, “Sneak Peak at the Soon to Open Fourth Floor of Morrill Hall  
Arranged by Sue Schuerman

January 30—Liz McCoy (tentative), Arranged by Duane Tappe

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