



President—Paul

Spoke Newsletter

Wednesday April 03, 2019

Attendance: 19 (48%) Attendance with make ups: 24

Program Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Dick Dienstbier, Ph.D., Service Above Self—Self Above Service

arranged by Chuck Erickson

Program Wednesday, April 03, 2019

Kristine Morton, Program Director, Cedars Home

arranged by Minnie Stephens



Kristine Morton serves as Vice President for CEDARS Home for Children Foundation. In this role, Kristine is responsible for building strategic relationships for the purpose of enabling our community to support the critical work of CEDARS. Kristine has been at CEDARS for over 25 years and specializes in working with individuals who are interested in exploring major gifts and estate gifts. Kristine and her husband Scott grew up in small towns in central Nebraska, graduated from UNL and have two children who are studying and working in the Lincoln community.

It is the mission of CEDARS to help children achieve safety, stability, and enduring family relationships.

Helping children who face seemingly insurmountable odds is the important work of CEDARS. Founded in 1947 by the Reverend Charles and Alberta Danner, CEDARS continues their vision today to create a place where children can “experience a real childhood and begin planning for the future.”

That simple act of kindness over 70 years ago has resulted in thousands of children building new family lives. The Danners’ passion still lives on through our work today as we offer young people safe shelter — and the skills to adapt to a quickly changing world.

Today’s reality is harsh, and the challenges disturbing. All homes today are not safe for every child. Poverty, drug use, mental illness, criminal activity, and neglect place children at extreme risk. CEDARS continues to respond, giving hope to youth in need and direction to families struggling to stay together.

For over seven decades, thousands of vulnerable children and youth have found refuge and a new beginning at CEDARS. One of Nebraska’s most trusted child-service organizations, CEDARS makes sure that children feel safe and secure. At the same time, we’re giving parents, foster families, and partnering agencies the support they need to care effectively for children.

CEDARS is committed to financial responsibility. In the last fiscal year, CEDARS consolidated agencies spent 90% of all expenditures on services for children. Percentages are based on the formula set forth by the Better Business Bureau’s Wise Giving Alliance, whose standard recommends at least 65% of an organization’s total expenses be spent on program activities.

A Rotary Thank You to Kristine Morton for an excellent presentation on Cedars Home, Lincoln, Nebraska

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

April 03, 2019

Every year thousands of children come through CEDARS' doors. And with them come stories of challenge and hope. Through your support, you become part of their stories.

What We Do:

For those children and youth unable to live at home due to neglect, abuse, homelessness, running away, or other family crises, CEDARS provides an array of safe places to stay that offer structure and support while working to facilitate a successful transition to a permanent living situation.

Family resources focus on maintaining healthy connections and helping families remain intact with services designed to help the entire family. CEDARS also provides children with early and ongoing developmental opportunities in an inclusive, diverse environment to help them become better learners in nationally accredited classrooms.

For youth who are at risk of, or who have committed law violations, CEDARS provides positive development programs to prevent subsequent law violations and prepare them to live successfully in the community. Youth receive support in the areas of education, employment, basic living skills, crisis intervention, and healthy relationships.

The important work of helping kids in crisis and building strong families would not be possible without the generosity of loyal donors. Donors play an integral role in ensuring that CEDARS is able to open its doors to vulnerable children for years to come.

CEDARS Home for Children Foundation exists to raise funds in support of CEDARS mission. The Foundation works with donors both locally and across the nation to support the thousands of children who receive care from CEDARS each year. The CEDARS Home for Children Foundation is committed to the highest quality stewardship of the gifts given by its donors. Ninety percent of every dollar spent is used to meet the needs of children through CEDARS various programs.

In the 2017-2018 fiscal year, CEDARS provided
105, 824
nights of safe care for children and youth unable to stay at home
256
families reunified
50
children and youth adopted into
forever families
23
young adults transitioned to
independent living
256
kids were cared for in CEDARS foster
homes each day (on average)



Lincoln East Rotary Club
Teacher of the Month—March 2019
Jennifer Sander—Pius X High School



Jackie Pribyl, U.S. Bank, Tom Korta, Principal, Jennifer Sander, Teacher, Wayne Casper Chairman

Lincoln East Rotary Club Members extend a sincere thank you and congratulations to Jennifer Sander as an outstanding teacher in Lincoln High Schools.



Hailey Bohaty, Daughter of Rick Bohaty, (past member of Lincoln East Rotary Club), IT Relationship Manager for St. Elizabeth, St. Mary's, Good Samaritan, and St. Francis; and Renee Bohaty, teacher at Culler Middle School, Lincoln Public Schools died suddenly on March 29. To make a donation by check, please make payable to St. Elizabeth Foundation - Hailey Bohaty Fund, and mail it to 555 S 70th St, Lincoln, NE 68510.

(March 1, 1996 - March 29, 2019)



Anniversaries & Birthdays

Weeks of April 4—10

Birthdays:

Dave Caudy—April 9

Anniversaries

Bob Simmering—April 17



Happy Dollars



Sue Schuerman	\$15.00
Merle Jansen	\$ 1.00
Dean Douglas	\$ 1.00
Al Burdick	\$ 1.00
Darrel Huenergardt	\$ 3:40 Shekel
Wayne Casper	\$ 2.00
Paul Horton	\$ 5.00
Duane Tappe	\$ 2.00
Total	\$27.00



NOTE:

Total Happy Dollars to date:
\$1249.00



Greeter Duty

April—Duane Tappe
May—Minnie Stephens
June—Sue Schuerman

Make Ups

Ozzie Gilbertson	Zambia Project
Dennis Duckworth	Board Meeting
Chris Klingenberg	Board Meeting
Dale Lloyd	Bell Ringing
Barry Stelk	Concessions F.B.



Cashier Duty

April—Gordon Bair
Contact Dick Cumming

Guests & Visitors

Kristine Morton	Speaker
Amy Svoboda	Cedars Staff
Jacki Pribyl	U.S. Bank
Jennifer Sander	Teacher of Month
Ken Sander	Spouse
Tom Korta	Principal Pius X



← April 30 at Cornhusker, 11:30 a.m.—Cost \$35.00

Lincoln East Rotary Club—April/May Speaker Schedule

April 17—Dale Wellman, Nebraska Wesleyan Basketball, arranged by Chuck Erickson

April 24 — Joe McCabe, arranged by Chuck Erickson

May 1—Brandon Bonilla, Head Coach of Nebraska Wesleyan Men's Soccer Team,
Arranged by Melodie Jones Pointon

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