

## Spoke Newsletter

Wednesday April 18 2018



*Lincoln East Rotary Club members extend a sincere congratulations to Olsson Associates as the recipient of Lincoln Business of the year Award for 2018. They were recognized Tuesday, April 17 at the Salute to Business Luncheon held at the Cornhusker.*

Olsson Associates is a nationally-recognized, employee-owned engineering and design firm that has been creating public and private projects throughout the United States. We've been around since 1956, and we offer comprehensive design and consulting services in site/civil, transportation, water, environmental, field operations, survey, and facilities.

With over 1,000 employees (and growing), nearly 30 offices in eight states, and a lengthy list of diverse clients, we believe our employees are our greatest asset and the key to our success. We seek to hire great people and put them in the right roles for their strengths.

In turn, our employees put our clients' needs first. We make decisions that are in the best interests of our clients and their projects in a professional and ethical manner. Our clients choose to work with us because they want a partnership with people who understand their specific needs and who tailor solutions that work for them.

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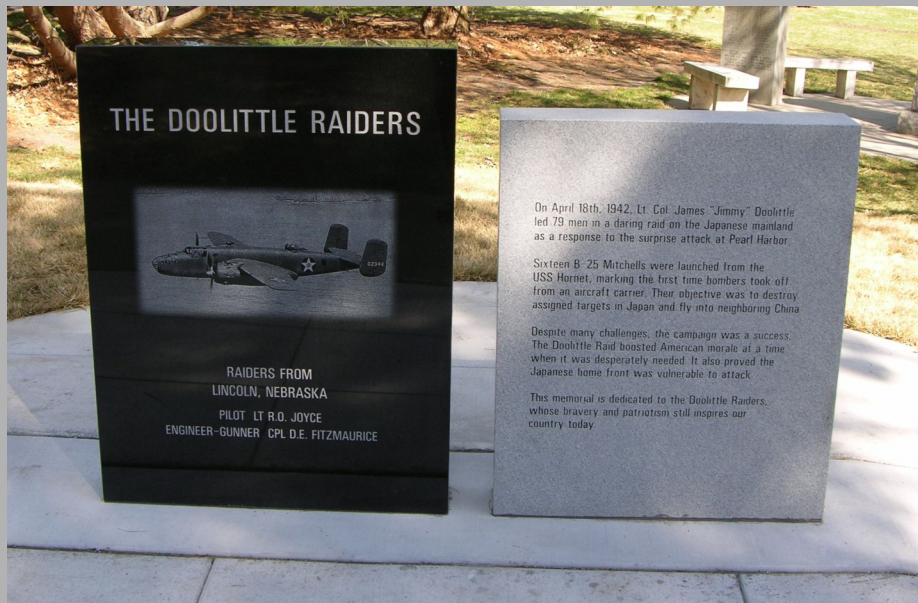


*Lincoln East Rotary Club  
Meetings at Valentino's—70th & Van Dorn  
Noon Luncheon starting @ 11:45 a.m.*

*April 18, 2018*



The dedication of Doolittle Raiders Memorial Monument  
Wednesday, April 18, 2018  
76th Anniversary of the Doolittle Tokyo Raid



DOOLITTLE MEMORIAL COMMENTS

*By Lincoln East Rotarian Dennis Duckworth*



We want to first thank the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department and the Veteran's Memorial Committee for allowing the Lincoln East Rotary to be a part of this dedication, and to Dan Robertson for developing the idea for this memorial. Rotary is the oldest international service organization, with clubs worldwide. The Rotary motto is "Service above Self." The Lincoln East Rotary participates in over 20 service projects each year. Most of these are local projects, however, some are international projects. We have a great working relationship with the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department, completing several service projects with them, each year. As I thought about the major project we could be involved with last year, I recalled Memorial Drive, the street that runs South, from the Auld Recreation Center to South Street. That tree lined drive had stone markers in

front of each of the trees along the street. On each marker was the name of a Lancaster County Serviceman who gave his life in World War One. I contacted the Parks Department, to see if there was a similar project with which we could be involved in a service project. They directed me to the Veteran's Memorial Committee. This committee provided us three potential memorials we could consider. Dan Robertson's idea for a Doolittle Memorial grabbed our attention from the start. The Lincoln East Rotary Board considered the projects, and so many of the board recalled the Lincoln connection to the Doolittle Raid, with Lt. Joyce and Engineer Fitzmaurice being two of the 80 on the raid, both coming from Lincoln. We then decided to donate the remainder of the funds needed for this project, and to raise and lower flags for ceremonies. We are proud that we could be a part of this dedication to these heroes, who were aptly named by Tom Brokaw, as a part of The Greatest Generation.

*(A Rotary Thank You to Dennis Duckworth for his lead role in this project)*