



President—Dennis

Spoke Newsletter

Wednesday July 17, 2019

Attendance: 20 (50%)

Program for Wednesday, July 24, 2019

*Lonnie Burkland Assistant Director of Lincoln Transportation and Utilities
“Driving Me Crazy, Roundabouts, Flashing Yellow Arrows and Traffic Initiatives”*

Arrange by Robert Simmering



A registered Professional Engineer, and PTOE, with extensive experience in the consulting and public agency transportation industry, including Traffic Engineering, Transportation Planning and Design, and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). Providing leadership, management and expertise in innovative community service. An active member of ITE, MOVITE Board and local chapters, ITS Heartland, and APWA.

Management and leadership of Transportation services for the City of Lincoln including Divisions of Traffic Engineering, Project Delivery, Right-of-Way Service, and Maintenance Operations. Implementing a vision of performance, communications, and technology with an innovative approach to community service. Graduated from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln with a degree in BSCE, Engineering (1998)

The goal of the Traffic Management Master Plan is to document the improvements necessary to deploy a modern system that provides value, sustainability, and improved quality of life, for the Citizens of Lincoln.

A flashing yellow arrow signal means turns may proceed with caution **after yielding to oncoming traffic**. A flashing yellow arrow may apply to both left and right turn movements. When turning left on a flashing yellow arrow, drivers **must yield** to oncoming traffic and pedestrians in the crosswalk before turning. Oncoming traffic **always** has a green signal and the right-of-way.

Flashing yellow arrows replace the traditional green ball when turning left. A national study showed flashing yellow left-turn arrows are more understandable to drivers. Lincoln's upgraded signals give drivers more opportunities to turn left and traffic engineers more options to keep traffic moving at different times of the day.



A modern roundabout is an unsignalized circular intersection with the following key design characteristics:

- Yield on entry; priority to circulating vehicles
- Pedestrian access & crossing
- Lack of parking
- Truck apron
- Landscaped central island
- Deflection of vehicle paths to reduce speed

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

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Program for Wednesday, July 17, 2019
Chris Peterson, Lincoln Police Captain
Narcotics Unit and Drug Issues in our Community
Arranged by Dennis Duckworth



My name is Chris Peterson. I am a native of northern Minnesota but have lived in or near Lincoln for approximately 28 years. I have a BA in Organizational Management and an MPA in Public Administration with a Local Government focus. I am a 13 year veteran of the Nebraska Air National Guard. As an adjunct instructor at the University of Nebraska, I have taught courses on Police and Society, Survey of the Criminal Justice System and Drugs and Crime. Currently, I am a Lincoln Police Captain assigned to the Lincoln/Lancaster County Narcotics Task Force (Narcotics Unit). I have been assigned to the unit in a variety of capacities for more than 17 of my 28 years at the Lincoln Police Department. I also served for 13 years, in a variety of capacities, on the LPD SWAT team.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Narcotics Unit is an interagency task force composed of officers from the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County Sheriff's Office and the University of Nebraska Police Department. The task force also works cooperatively with State and Federal agencies tasked with drug enforcement to impact mid and upper level drug traffickers.

The primary drugs encountered by the task force include:

Marijuana

Methamphetamine

Cocaine/Crack-Cocaine

In 2018, the Narcotics Unit investigated 362 cases, resulting in 404 felony arrests and 69 misdemeanor arrests. These investigations led to the seizure of over \$ 1,490,285.00 in illegal substances and property. The Lincoln Police Department has launched a new initiative pairing Crime stoppers and Star Tran buses in an attempt to identify drug dealers. Captain Chris Peterson said advertisements have been placed inside 55 Star Tran buses and on the outside of 5 buses. The ads are part of a grant-funded project to raise awareness about an effort to identify drug dealers, Captain Peterson said. The signs read "Know a drug dealer? Report them anonymously." LPD has partnered with the Midwest High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program, Lincoln-Lancaster County Crime Stoppers program, and Houck Transit Advertising to implement this project. "The goal is to

increase drug-related tips received by Crime Stoppers to identify and investigate those who are trafficking drugs in our community and not to target those who may be suffering from addiction issues," according to LPD.



Chuck's Corner

I have been reflecting recently on Rotary and what a great organization it truly is. However, many of our members and prospective members don't know our history and some great Rotarians that have preceded us. Likewise, I often have commented that I would like to share with members about our club, our speakers and thoughts as to how we could become an even greater club. Thus, with Wayne Casper's and Dennis Duckworth's approval, I plan to relate these thoughts in the Spoke each week. I invite comments and even criticisms, so please let me know by e-mail or in person. I will stay away from politics religion, sex or limericks. For some, this will be a relief but others will be disappointed but that's the way it is.

The first discussion will concern Dr. Don Clifton, a professor of educational psychology at the University of Nebraska. Don was an early member of the Lincoln North East Rotary Club and eventually became District Governor in 1963-1964 Sometime around the 50s, he asked the question: "why does psychology focus on disorders of the mind, the mentally ill and "pathology ?" Why not see what it could do for "normal" folks in everyday life. One of his early concepts was to promote the idea of "How Full is Your Bucket." He used the metaphor, that everyone had an imaginary bucket that could be depleted by someone taking from you, but if you fill another's bucket from yours it could never be depleted. On the other hand, if one dips into another's bucket, it would get depleted and that individual would feel bad. This is an interesting perspective as to how we relate to others, something to think about when we go about our daily lives and we'll discuss later.

Lincoln East Rotarians do a great job of filling each other's bucket in the club, but I think we could do a better job of each member personally greeting every new member and prospective member as one way of filling their buckets!

More later,
Chuck Erickson



A Rotary Thank You to Chris Peterson for an excellent presentation on drug issues in our community.

Lincoln East Rotary Club Sponsors SumFun Picnic Friday, July 19, 2019

SumFun is a camp designed to meet the needs of youth with mental and physical disabilities. The program offers social and physical skill building and variety of activities including fitness, nature, swimming, crafts, field trips, music, and sports. Camp is based out of the Auld Pavilion and Antelope Shelter in Antelope Park.

A special Rotary Thank You to President Dennis Duckworth and all volunteers that help make another SumFun Picnic a success. This events has been held for 30+ years





Anniversaries & Birthdays

Weeks of July 18—24

Birthdays:

Honorary Member Howard Wiegers—July 20 (104)

Ed Stivers—July 24

Anniversaries

NONE



Happy Dollars

*John Duling
Barry Stelk
Charles Erickson
Duane Tappe
Tom Carlson
Lyle Schoen
Wayne Casper
Total*

*Dick Cumming
Shannon Booth
Steve Grosserode
Paul Horton
Sue Schuerman
Dennis Duckworth*

\$82.00

Happy Dollars—Total to Date: \$229.00



Cashier Duty

July—Sue Schuerman
Contact **Dick Cumming**

Guests & Visitors

Pat Grosserode
Shannon Booth
Alinda Stelk
Lyle Schoen

Steve Grosserode
Channel 10/11
Barry Stelk
Past Member



Greeter Duty

July 24—Dale Lloyd

***Lincoln East Rotary Club will be touring the home of William Jennings Bryan (Fairview) on July 31, 2019. We will not have our usual NOON meeting, instead meet at Bryan Health at 5:00 pm and eat dinner in the cafeteria. Those who wish not to join us for dinner, may meet us at the home for the Tour. Parking, Garage A.

Lincoln East Rotary Club—July Speaker Schedule

July 24 —*Lonnie Burkland Assistant Director of Lincoln Transportation and Utilities*

****July 31—William Jennings Bryan (Fairview) Dinner and Tour*

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