

**President—Dennis**

## **Spoke Newsletter**

Wednesday July 24, 2019

Attendance: 22 (49%)

Lincoln East Rotary Club

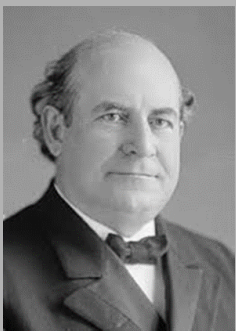
## **5th Wednesday "Special Event"**

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

**5:00 pm Dinner; 6:00 pm Tour**

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.

The Williams Jennings Bryan House is located near the southeast corner of the Bryan Health campus, on the north side of Sumner Street opposite South 50th Street, 4900 Sumner St. The house is a brick building, 1-1/2 stories in height, with a combination of Classical Revival and Queen Anne Victorian styling. It has the varied rooflines typical of the latter style, including a two-story square turret at the right front corner, topped by a slightly bell cast pyramidal roof with flared edges. Window sizes and shapes are also varied, with a small Palladian window in one gable section, and a larger one on the second level of the tower. The house was built in 1902 to a design by Artemus A. Roberts, and is a high-quality example of what was at the time a popular style in Lincoln. It was built for Williams Jennings Bryan, a Democratic Party politician then at the height of his influence. He was three times an unsuccessful candidate for President of the United States (in 1896, 1900, and 1908), and gave the influential Cross of Gold speech to the 1896 Democratic Party convention. The house served Bryan as both a private and public space. He hosted numerous gatherings, including political rallies and other public events, and also hosted prominent political figures of the day.



**William Jennings Bryan** (March 19, 1860 – July 26, 1925) was an American orator and politician from Nebraska. Beginning in 1896, he emerged as a dominant force in the Democratic Party, standing three times as the party's nominee for President of the United States. He also served in the United States House of Representatives and as the United States Secretary of State under Woodrow Wilson. Just before his death, he gained national attention for attacking the teaching of evolution in the Scopes Trial. Because of his faith in the wisdom of the common people, he was often called "The Great Commoner". Born and raised in Illinois, Bryan moved to Nebraska in the 1880s. He won election to the House of Representatives in the 1890 elections, serving two terms before making an unsuccessful run for the Senate in 1894. At the 1896 Democratic National Convention, Bryan delivered his "Cross of Gold speech" which attacked the gold standard and the eastern moneyed interests and crusaded for inflationary policies built around the expanded coinage of silver coins. In a repudiation of incumbent

President Grover Cleveland and his conservative Bourbon Democrats, the Democratic convention nominated Bryan for president, making Bryan the youngest major party presidential nominee in U.S. history. Subsequently, Bryan was also nominated for president by the left-wing Populist Party and many Populists would eventually follow Bryan into the Democratic Party. In the intensely fought 1896 presidential election, Republican nominee William McKinley emerged triumphant. Bryan gained fame as an orator, as he invented the national stumping tour when he reached an audience of 5 million people in 27 states in 1896.

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

**July 24, 2019**

Program for Wednesday, July 24, 2019

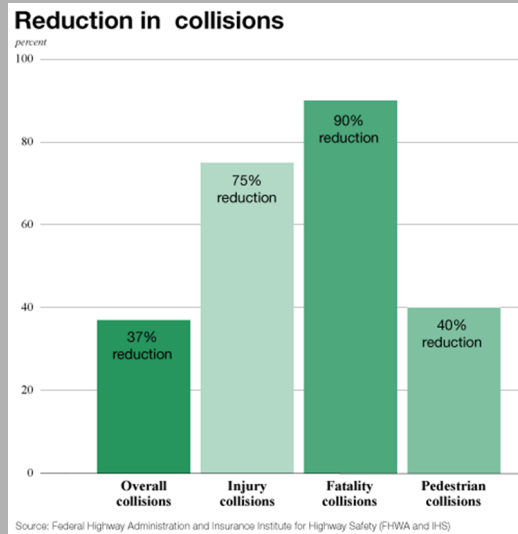
*Lonnie Burkland Assistant Director of Lincoln Transportation and Utilities*

Arrange by Robert Simmering



### Responsibility to Deliver Safety

- Balance of Safety, Ops, Costs, Best Value?
- The Crash Stats we're Dealing with
- Community Values & Priorities?



When Compared to  
Stop Signs and Signals

### The Crash Stats we're Dealing with



### Signal Optimization Program

- Implement cyclical signal optimization program enabling primary arterials to be retimed every 3-5 years.
- Evaluate and install updated signal phasing hardware (Flashing Yellow Arrow) at all required protected/permitted left-turn locations.
- Develop City of Lincoln standard traffic signal optimization guidelines for internal and consultant use on signal timing projects.

### Flashing Yellow Lights:

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.



### Chuck's Corner (#2)

Human beings have an enormous capacity to do incredibly horrible things to others especially if from a different tribe, race, culture or religion from the perpetrators. On the other hand, the opposite is true as acts of kindness and goodness can be found everywhere. This is especially true of Rotarians. Rotarians are unique individuals in that by living the "4 Way test" and the motto, Service above Self" they demonstrate the loftier side of humanity.

Whether Rotarians act out of a deep sense of empathy or from the intellectually driven realization that the world is a better place where there is less suffering and where all enjoy a decent standard of living makes little difference. The end result of goodness is the same. Rotarians may not join Rotary because of altruism, but by engaging in the culture of Rotary, may become real Rotarians. It is up to current members to help new ones to adopt the values of Rotary. Helping each new member to find a niche is one of the best ways to do so, along with making each member feel welcome each week.

An initial step in this process is to have a formal initiation upon joining the club that indicates the new member is aligning themselves with a unique brotherhood and sisterhood dedicated to making the world a better place.

By the way, every time you welcome a new member by name, you are "filling their buckets"

Chuck



*A Rotary Thank You to Lonnie Burkland for an excellent presentation on roundabouts, flashing yellow lights and traffic initiatives.*





## Anniversaries & Birthdays

Weeks of July 25—31

**Birthdays:**

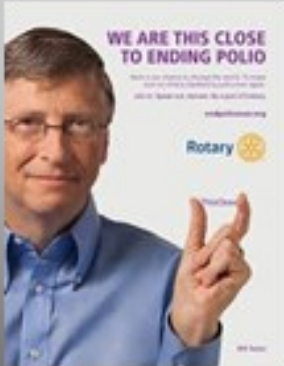
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**Anniversaries**

NONE



## Happy Dollars



*Steve Grosserode  
Greg Schnasse  
Gene Roth  
Dale Lloyd  
Darrel Huenergardt  
Paul Horton  
Total*

*Duane Tappe  
Ben Martin  
Dean Douglas  
Tom Carlson  
Barry Stelk  
Wayne Casper  
\$45.00*



*Happy Dollars—Total to Date: \$274.00*



### Cashier Duty

July—Sue Schuerman  
Contact **Dick Cumming**



### Greeter Duty

July 31—Dean Douglas

### Guests & Visitors

Pat Grosserode  
Alinda Stelk  
Margo Carlson  
Lyle Schoen  
Lonnie Burkland

Steve Grosserode  
Barry Stelk  
Tom Carlson  
Past Member  
Speaker

### Welcome New Member

*John Boellstorff*



John has a farming background in the Nehawka Johnson Nebraska area. Has been happily married for forty years and has four children. John, is a UNL Graduate with a B.S. Degree and Masters in Geology and a Ph.D. from LSU in 1970. He worked for the Nebraska Geology Survey from 1969 to 1980. After 1980 he joined

Amoco Oil Research in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

*A warm Rotary welcome back to Nebraska.*

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