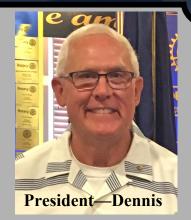




## **Spoke Newsletter**

Wednesday August 07, 2019

Attendance: 23 (51%)



## Lincoln East Rotary Club

Mark Orr—Veterans Memorial Garden Advisory Council

Wednesday, August 14, 2019 Arranged by Duane Tappe



Mark is currently the Chairperson for the Veterans Memorial Garden Advisory Council. I spent 28 years in the Air Force with most of it full time at the Nebraska Air Guard. I then worked for 15 years at the Arbor Day Foundation in the IT Department repairing computers and doing infrastructure, and networking. I am a second generation with the Vet Council after taking over for my dad and have been with this group for approximately 14 years.

The Veteran's Memorial Garden Advisory Council was formed to recommend policy on issues relating to the development, design, programming and preservation of the Garden area and all memorials contained in the Garden. The Council is comprised of mayoral appointed members committed to creating a place and promoting events to honor all veterans and their families, past and present. Through the Council, an endowment account has been established to help maintain the Garden.

#### History

During the first week of June 1989, over 80,000 people gathered at Antelope Park to view the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall. The area where the "Wall" was located, originally a ball field, became a sacred area for many people and was never the same. By 1991, the Persian Gulf War brought a new wave of pride and patriotism. As a result, communities, states and the nation as a whole banded together to give proper recognition and honor to veterans of that time, and all eras. Through efforts of the Lincoln community, the area was officially named the "Veteran's Memorial Garden."

#### Military Memorials

About 20 memorials stand in the Garden today including Airborne, After 1980, All Airmen, American Merchant Marine, China Burma India, Disabled American Veterans, Ex-Prisoners of War, Family, K-9 Unsung, Korea, Marine Corps, Military Medical, Peace Time, Pearl Harbor, Pre 1900, Purple Heart, Seabees, Special Forces, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Navy Armed Guard, Vietnam, Women's Veterans, World War I and World War II. Currently, one additional group is fundraising for monuments: Buffalo Soldiers/Tuskeegee Airmen. Many events are held at the Veteran's Memorial Garden recognizing special days like Memorial Day, Patriot Day, Veteran's Day and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. On these and other holidays, all 46 flags are flying in commemoration. An annual dedication of newly placed bricks is held on the second Saturday in June at 10:00 a.m. to dedicate all new "Bricks of Honor" in the garden and to celebrate the existence of Lincoln's unique Veteran's Memorial Garden.

#### Bricks of Honor

"Brick of Honor" is available for all Veterans, living or deceased, who received an Honorable or General Discharge. Bricks will be placed on a wall next to the memorial that you designate. Bricks for Veterans organizations and Auxiliary organizations will be accepted and placed in the Family Section.

#### Lincoln East Rotary Club Liz Shea-McCov—Nebraska Arts Council

Wednesday, August 7, 2019 Arranged By Duane Tappe



The offense was taken and confusion surrounding a 6-foot-tall "Spidersculpture on display near the Lincoln Children's Zoo has added titles to Matt Schulte's job description. Not only is the executive director of Campus Life, a Christian nonprofit, he told the City Council on Monday. But he's also now a purveyor of public art and "Protector of Spider-Man."



He and Liz Shea-McCoy, who helped coordinate the Serving Hands public art project, tried to get out front of any further controversy surrounding the "Spider-Man" sculpture Monday. Earlier this month, a woman wrote the mayor's office demanding the red-andblack sculpture be removed because she believed it signified devil horns and was anti-Christian. There are 50 sculptures across the city as part of the series.

They'll be auctioned in October to raise money for Campus Life projects. Before the woman's email, Schulte heard a lot about the sculpture depicting hands bearing a folded flag displayed on the VA campus in east Lincoln and "Spider-Man." Then the Journal Star wrote about the woman's letter, and the story went viral. Schulte

fielded calls from CNN and Fox News. The story was picked up by media outlets

It's gone from a little bit of 'This is so silly' to a little more serious," Shea-McCoy said. eration of icons in everyday places here tion. the hands depict "Spider-Man," and she

(Excerpts from Lincoln Journal Star)

### Chuck's Corner (#3)

The story was picked up by media outlets all over the country. Subsequently, the woman who initially took offense wrote Schulte and said she'd realized she was mistaken and that she hoped the attention her initial letter spawned would benefit Campus Life, he said. But that didn't put the issue to bed, as Schulte and Shea-McCoy heard rumblings there might be others mobilizing to move the "Spider-Man" hands. So, they showed up at the meeting and tried to preempt concerns during public comment."

Chuck's Corner (#3)

I recently attended my granddaughter's graduation from the University of Michigan School of Social Work in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She received her Master's Degree with an emphasis on counseling. The keynote speaker was the CEO of an organization that dealt with the homeless and folks with various disabilities. They began by providing services for those with emotional problems but soon realized that their clients needed a place to stay at night. Later they needed a place for free and easy access to health care. Next, they needed a way to economic independence as well as other services. He emphasized sized the need for the community to come up with all the resources to accomplish their lofty goals and when the services weren't available they developed them. vices weren't available they developed them.

We realize this with our work in Zambia. There is no silver bullet She informed the council about the sculp- out of poverty and it takes a long time to develop the systems that ture selection process, saying appropriate- will eliminate it. The second speaker was a student who encouraged ness for community display is one of the key factors in selecting the theme on an individual sculpture. Artists from around the state submit one to five proposals before they are examined and winnowed by a fore they are examined and winnowed by a my granddaughter to join Rotary as one approach to expanding her panel of judges, she said. Ultimately, just impact. Too often, young folks (and old ones also) set out alone in the world to solve major problems, but what is needed is collabora-

eration of icons in everyday places here and across the U.S. that she believes pay homage to the devil. She doesn't believe the hands depict "Spider-Man." and she ensure that their projects are doing the things that are really needed and across the U.S. that she believes pay homage to the devil. She doesn't believe the hands depict "Spider-Man." and she ensure that their projects are doing the things that are really needed and the she has to be the devil to the graduate, that Rotary has the resources to do be the devil to the graduate, that Rotary has the resources to do be the devil to the graduate, that Rotary has the resources to do be the devil to the graduate, that Rotary has the resources to do be the devil to the graduate, that Rotary has the resources to do be the devil to the graduate, that Rotary has the resources to do be the devil to the graduate, that Rotary has the resources to do be the devil to the graduate, that Rotary has the resources to do be the devil to the graduate, that Rotary has the resources to do be the devil to the graduate, that Rotary has the resources to do be the devil to the graduate, that Rotary has the resources to do be the devil to the graduate, the graduate has the resources to do be the devil to the graduate has the resource to the graduate has the resource has the resource that their projects are doing the things that are really needed and the resource has the resource h ensure that their projects are doing the things that are really needed cautioned the council to be on the lookout and will not do harm. We have some young folks in the club let's for signs and symbols sympathetic to Sa-listen to them so that they become engaged in Rotary to make the world a better place. (Chuck)



### **Anniversaries & Birthdays**

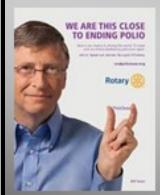
Weeks of August 1—7

#### **Birthdays:**

Milt Schmidt—August 2 Dean Douglas—August 4 Jerry Christensen—August 5

**Anniversaries (NONE)** 





# Happy Dollars

Barry Stelk Minnie Stephens Darrel Huenergardt Jerry Christensen Greg Schnasse Tom Mortimer Dennis Duckworth **Total** 

Steve Grosserode Liz-Shea McCov Wayne Casper

\$54.00

Al Burdick

Jeanne Garvin

Dean Douglas

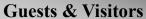
Paul Horton

Happy Dollars—Total to Date: \$328.00



### **Cashier Duty**

August—Sue Schuerman September—Wavne Casper October—Duane Tappe **Contact Minnie Stephens** 



Pat Grosserode Sheryl Mortimer Liz Shea McCoy Steve Grosserode Tom Mortimer Speaker



## **Greeter Duty**

August 14—Gene Fredericks August—21 Minnie Stephens August 28—Tom Mortimer



## Lincoln East Rotary Club—August Speaker Schedule

August 14—Mark Orr-Flag Coordinator-Antelope Park, arranged by Duane Tappe August 21—Karen Lamb "Preacher in an Apron," arranged by Greg Schnasse August 28—OPEN

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