



# **Spoke Newsletter** Wednesday October 17, 2018



President—Paul

Attendance: 20(49%) Attendance with make ups: 25(63%)

Program Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Hugh McDermott— Principal, University of Nebraska High School
Arranged by Wayne Casper

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Shauna Davidson—Orit Barpunu Primary School, Uganda

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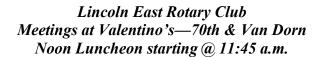
Shauna Davidson, Co-Founder and Board President, Orit Barpunu Primary School located in Kampala, Uganda from January 2017 to present. She was a Grant and Compliance Specialist for Educate, company located in Kampala, Uganda from June 2015 to present. A Grants Manager for Attention Homes located in Boulder, Colorado from June 2011 to June 2015. **Education background:** The London School of Economics and Political Science, London, England with a Master of Science Degree in Anthropology and Development and a BA Degree in Anthropology and Studio Art from Southwestern University. She was born in Texas, parents grew up in Nebraska. A Husker Fan!!!

In 2006 I spent a summer volunteering in orphanages around Guatemala, and I couldn't believe the large rooms with bunk beds that the children were living in and a very small staff to serve them. I decided to dedicate my life to help make

sure kids around the world have the support and opportunities they need to feel loved and accomplish their dreams. After getting my Master's degree in Anthropology and International Development from the London School of Economics, I moved to Uganda, where I have been living and working for the past three years fundraising for an education non-profit.

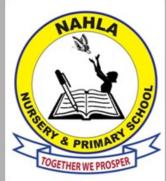
One of the struggles of living in Uganda is coming face to face with how much privilege I've had access to in my life just from being born in an affluent country, compared to many people in Uganda who were born into a life where they struggle just to find food every day. I dreamed of starting my own non-profit that could help children get access to the same opportunities I've had in life. But my experience and education have taught me that Ugandans know best what would benefit their country and that they are the best people to lead development projects. Then I met Etyang Fred, a Ugandan that grew up in a large slum in the capital of Uganda. Fred told me he had been dreaming since high school of building a school in his family's village, where kids have to walk two hours to get to the nearest school. Fred and I decided to join together and build Nahla Nursery and Primary School to provide quality education to over 350 children in his village that lacked access to education, enabling them to develop their community and lift themselves out of poverty.

A Rotary Thank You to Shauna Davidson on an excellent update presentation on Orit Barpuna Primary School



While I can't solve all the problems that everyone in poverty around the world faces, we are helping over 350 children and their families in Uganda get access to quality education that is already changing their lives. We've already seen incredible changes in their confidence and knowledge, just from half a school year! If all of those children can take up the same spirit as Fred and give back to their community and their country, we can all make an exponential difference together!

Our school is named after Nahla, a seven year old girl that spent a year raising \$2,000 to build a well, so that kids could have access to clean water. Our hope is that all the children at our school have that same spirit, and use their education to make a difference in their community.



- ♦ We have 13 teachers that teach primary school grades 1-6 (ages 5-12, 16/17)
- ♦ We also have a nursery (kindergarten)
- ♦ We follow Uganda's national curriculum and provide extra trainings for our teachers

#### Instead of attending school, children:

- ♦ help their family farm
- ♦ get married early
- spend their time idle, leading to early alcohol use and the spread of HIV/AIDS.

### Without education, children face the same future as their parents, continuing the cycle of poverty.

Here's what we've accomplished so far:

#### In 2017:

Established a	US 5	01c3	non-profit
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Raised \$100,000 for construction and costs of running the school in 2018

Built a primary school with seven classrooms

#### In 2018:

Hired 13 teachers

Opened the school and enrolled 350 children

We are working on a partnership with the government to support our long-term operating costs, and have plans to develop a sustainable business that employs local villagers to provide income for the school. In the meantime, we need to raise at least \$35,000 to keep the school running in 2019, and we are 25% of the way there. Our administrative and fundraising costs are extremely low – over 96% of the money raised goes directly to the school. We are looking for people to join with us to help change these children's lives and empower them to create a better future for themselves and their families.









# **ORIT BARPUNU PRIMARY SCHOOL**

http://oritbarpunu.com



Join us in providing access to education

\$100 will send one kid to school for a year in Northern Uganda



\$1,200 \$500 \$300 \$200 \$100

Sponsors a Teacher Salary
Sponsors school for 5 kids
Covers teaching supplies
Covers a teacher training
Sponsors school for 1 kid

## Donations can be made through:

Cash or Check: made out to Orit Barpunu Primary School Credit Card: online at http://www.paypal.me/oritbarpunu Our US mailing address is:

Matt Leask, 634 Quail Run Dr., Murphy, TX 75094

# Contact Shauna for more information: shauna.rae.davidson@gmail.com

Orit Barpunu Primary School is a registered US 501c3 organization. All donations are tax deductible.



## Minnie's World Polio Day Challenge

A challenge to all Lincoln East Rotarians to help eradicate polio around the world. If you are not aware, October 24th, is World Polio Day. My birthday happens to fall on October 24th and I am willing to give Lincoln East \$10.00 toward Polio and ask that each member match or go beyond that during the month of October. All donations would go toward eradicating polio. Please think about this. I would not like the donations to try and match my age. Sorry. Want to make it easy to match.



## **Anniversaries & Birthdays**

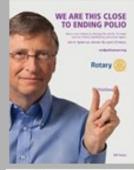
Weeks of October 18—24

### **Birthdays:**

Ozzie Gilbertson—October 22 Minnie Stephens—October 24

Anniversaries NONE







# Happy Dollars

Dennis Duckworth	\$ 1.00
Ben Martin	\$ 1.00
Duane Tappe	\$ 2.00
Sandi Conrad	\$ 4.00
Barry Stelk	\$ 5.00
Al Burdick	\$ 1.00
Paul Horton	\$ 5.00
Wayne Casper	\$ 6.00
Total	\$25.00







## **Greeter Duty**

October—Gordon Bair November—Minnie Stephens December—Wayne Casper

## Make Ups

Club Project
Concessions F.B.
Park Painting
Bell Ringing
Salute to Business



## **Cashier Duty**

October—Rachel Martin
November—Barry Stelk
December—Chris Klingenberg
Contact Dick Cumming

## **Guests & Visitors**

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Sandi Conrad	Steve Grosserode	
Tom Mortimer	Duane Tappe	
Shauna Davidson	Speaker	
Denee Nelson	Speaker Guest	
Mary Riley	Speaker Guest	

# Lincoln East Rotary Club—October Speaker Schedule

October 24—Hugh McDermott, Principal, University of Nebraska High School, arranged by Wayne Casper October 31—Jon Ferguson, "The World of Coffee and Trees"—From Seed to Cup"

Arranged by Dean Douglas

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