

President—Dennis

Spoke Newsletter

Wednesday October 23, 2019

Attendance: 24 (48%)

Lincoln East Rotary Club, Wednesday, October 30, 2019

5th Wednesday Special Event, Tour 4th Floor, Morrill Hall UNL

Arranged Sue Schuerman

When: Wednesday October 30, 2019
6PM to 8 PM

Where: 4th Floor Morrill Hall, University of Nebraska State Museum, 645 N 14th Street

Parking: Lot just north of museum (east of Memorial Stadium) or on street off campus

Dinner: 5 PM to 5:45PM, Food Court, UNL Student Union (just south and east of Morrill Hall across the plaza)

What: Self-guided tour of New 4th Floor of Morrill Hall

Elevator 1: Just west of main entrance steps on ground level

Elevator 2: East side on second floor (main entrance) Left after reception desk to end of corridor Right to elevator to 4th floor on left.

Don't forget your pass

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

October 23, 2019

Lincoln East Rotary Club Speaker, Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Jordan Dux, Farm Bureau, Agriculture Trade & Tariffs

Arranged Wayne Casper



Jordan Dux, Director of National Affairs at Nebraska Farm Bureau from 2009 to present, Field Director, Mike Johanns for the United States Senate, Constituent Service Representative for United States House of Representatives consulting on agricultural issues for Congressman Adrian Smith. Jordan has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Doane University, field of study, Political Science and Religious Studies.

Tariff: Tax: Tax paid at the port of entry by the importer—Where does it go? General Treasury —Average Before 2018: \$31 billion—2018 Tariffs Collected: \$50 Billion—2019 Tariffs Projection: \$74 Billion

TPA: Trade Promotion Authority—Trade Negotiating Authority Granted to the President by Congress—Current Authority Granted through Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015

WTO: World Trade Organization—Intergovernmental Organization Established in 1995 to Regulate International Trade Between Member Nations—Headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland

FTA: Free Trade Agreement—Agreement Signed by Member Countries to Reduce or Eliminate Both Tariff and Non-Tariff Trade Barriers

Understanding the Terms:

NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement)

FTA Signed Between the U.S., Mexico, and Canada

Came into Force January 1st, 1994 Under President Bill Clinton

USMCA (U.S., Mexico, Canada Agreement)

Renegotiated FTA Replacing NAFTA Agreement Reached October 1st, 2018

KORUS (U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement)

FTA Signed Between the U.S. and South Korea Agreement Passed by Congress in 2011 Renegotiated by President Trump and signed September 24th, 2018

TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership)

Proposed FTA Between U.S. and 11 Pacific Rim Nations

Agreement Reached in February 2016...but Never Ratified by U.S.

President Trump Removed U.S. from TPP on January 23, 2017

Possible \$4.4 Billion Increase in U.S. Net Farm Income

Possible \$378.5 Million Increase in Nebraska Ag Cash Receipts

China

US Tariffs on Roughly \$375 Billion in Chinese Goods Out Of \$550 Billion

Chinese Response with Tariffs on \$110 Billion in US Goods out of \$179 Billion

October Deal Announcement—Delay on October Tariff Increase on \$250 Billion in Chinese Goods—No Word on Dec. 15th Deadline for Tariffs on \$156 Billion in New Tariffs on Chinese goods (cellphones, computers, toys, and clothing)
\$40-\$50 Billion in Ag Purchases

Tariff Impact on NE

2018: Retaliatory Tariffs = Over \$1 billion in Farm Level Losses

2019: Continuation of Trade War = Possibly Another \$1 Billion in Farm Level Losses

Chuck's Corner (#9)

What ever happened to touch? This question came to me after reading a commentary in the prestigious British medical journal, The Lancet. The author was critical of many current physicians for not examining patients and avoiding “the laying on of hands”. I’m old school, I was taught to take a thorough history and then do a physical exam before ordering tests or prescribing medication. It may be more efficient to order a test or prescribe a medication, because of time constraints, but to me part of the healing process is the listening and examining.

At one time, staff in neonatal intensive care units were discouraged in handling premature infants excessively, but subsequent research demonstrated that they grow better and can be released earlier if gently massaged frequently. In my pediatric practice, I made it a point to hug kids after upsetting them. As they grew older, the hug was substituted with a hand shake.

But the issue affects all of us, The #me too movement has made us wary of inappropriate touch and this is appropriate, but when someone is distressed a hug or touch may be just what is needed. I guess we should ask first if our touch is okay with them.

We do see folks hug when greeting more today than when I was growing up, so all touch hasn’t been abandoned.

Touching children in school, is another example where teachers and staff have to be careful. My wife says she couldn’t teach today, if she were limited in doing so. I hope that this isn’t taken too far. Certainly, touch has to be appropriate.

I feel sorry for folks who have lost their spouse and have not one to touch them. Hopefully, that is something that can be remedied in retirement homes. I think that this would have a positive effect on their health.

As for Rotarians, I hope that we give our colleagues a firm handshake or pat on the back as we “build good will and better friendships.” Chuck

A Rotary Thank You to Jordan Dux, for an Excellent presentation on Trades and Tariffs.



Anniversaries & Birthdays

Weeks of October 24—30

Birthdays:

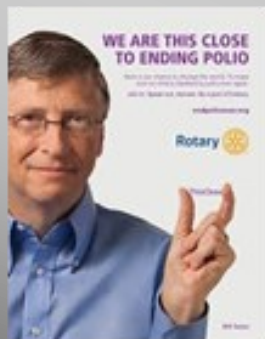
Minnie Stephens—October 24

Anniversaries

NONE



Happy Dollars



Charles Erickson
Sue Schuerman
Minnie Stephens
Darrel Huenergardt
Mary Oestmann Goldberg
Barry Stelk
Tom Mortimer
Gene Roth
Dennis Duckworth
Total:

John Boellstorff
Dean Douglas
Chris Klingenberg
John Duling
Al Burdick
Greg Schnasse
Gordon Bair
Duane Tappe
Wayne Casper
\$80.00



Happy Dollars—Total to Date: \$981.00

Guests & Visitors

Nathan Carlson
 Jordon Dux

Tom Carlson
 Speaker



Wellness Chairman Greg Schnasse has requested information in regard to any illness by club members and/or their family members.

Greg's contacts:

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Cashier Duty

October—Duane Tappe
 November—Gordon Bair
Contact Minnie Stephens



Greeter Duty

October 30 Special Event
 (Sue Schuerman)

November 6 Dale Lloyd
 November 13 Dean Douglas
 November 20 Tom Carlson



Rotary Clubs of Lincoln
 Christmas Party
 December 11, 2019

****Make your reservations**

Lincoln East Rotary Club—October/November Speaker Schedule

October 30—"Special Event" Sue Schuerman

November 6—Lindsey Spehn, MBA—"The Global Clifton Strengths Movement"
 arranged by Charles Erickson

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