



Spoke Newsletter

Wednesday December 05, 2018

President—Paul

Attendance: 19(46%) Attendance with make ups: 24(58%)

***No Noon Meeting, Wednesday, December 12
Christmas Party—Hillcrest Country Club—Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.***

Program Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Mourning Hope—Kate Holman, Advancement Director & Dr. Ross Dirks, Volunteer

Arranged by Dennis Duckworth

Program Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Dr. Matthew Blomstedt-Commissioner of Education

Arranged by Duane Tappe



Dr. Blomstedt is a native Nebraskan whose career focuses on local, regional and statewide education issues. Blomstedts experience includes education finance and organization, assessment and accountability, professional development, and the development of systems to enhance blended and distance learning opportunities across the state. Dr. Blomstedt earned a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Higher Education and a Master's Degree in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Matthew was born in Palisade, Nebraska, a small community in southwest Nebraska. A large family and his father was on the school board. He also shared some humorous and touching moments of family gatherings, sleeping on sofa sleeper (bar in the middle) and finally the floor. His father's comment the next morning about his current position.

The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) is a constitutional agency approved by Nebraska voters. The Department operates under the authority of an elected board of education. NDE is organized into teams that interact to operate the agency and carry out the duties assigned by state and federal statutes and the policy directions of the State Board of Education. The teams are organized around distinct functions and responsibilities that encompass leadership and support for Nebraska's system of early childhood, primary, secondary and postsecondary education; direct services to clients; and internal support to the agency.

The department carries out its duties on behalf of Nebraska students in public, private, and nonpublic school systems. The staff of the department interacts with schools and institutions of higher education to develop, coordinate and improve educational programs. Dr. Matthew Blomstedt was named Commissioner of Education by the Nebraska State Board of Education on January 2, 2014.

A Rotary Thank You to Dr. Matthew Blomstedt for an excellent presentation, both entertaining and informative about all levels and status of Education in Nebraska.

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

December 05, 2018

Dr. Blomstedt led the successful development and implementation of a comprehensive state accountability system, AQuESTT, and positioned Nebraska to meet new federal requirements under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

The Six Tenets of AQuESTT



SUCCESS, ACCESS, AND SUPPORT



Positive Partnerships, Relationships, and Success

The State Board believes that student engagement through positive partnerships and relationships is fundamental to successful schools and districts. The State Board seeks to support schools and districts to implement best practices in student, family and community engagement to enhance educational experiences and opportunities.

Areas of Focus

- Individualized or Personalized Learning Plans
- Attendance and Participation
- Family Engagement
- Community and support services



Transitions

The State Board believes that quality educational opportunities focus on supports for students transitioning between grade levels, programs, schools, districts and ultimately college and careers.

Areas of Focus

- Early Childhood-Elementary
- Elementary-Middle School
- Middle School-High School
- High School-Post High School



Educational Opportunities and Access

The State Board believes that all students should have access to comprehensive instructional opportunities to be prepared for postsecondary education and career goals.

Areas of Focus

- Early Childhood Education
- Comprehensive Learning Opportunities
- Expanded Learning Opportunities
- Blended Learning Opportunities

TEACHING, LEARNING, AND SERVING



College, Career, and Civic Ready

The State Board of Education believes that every student upon completion of secondary education shall be prepared for postsecondary educational opportunities and to pursue his or her career goals.

Areas of Focus

- Rigorous College & Career Ready Standards for All Content Areas
- Technological & Digital Readiness
- Support for Career Awareness and Career/College Goals



Assessment

The State Board believes the results of multiple assessment sources (national, state, and classroom-based) should be used to measure student achievement of college and career ready standards, and be used as an integral part of the instructional process.

Areas of Focus

- Individualized/Adaptive Assessments
- Classroom Based Assessments
- State Assessments
- National/International Assessments



Educator Effectiveness

The State Board believes that students should be surrounded by effective educators throughout their learning experiences such that schools and districts develop effective teachers and leaders who establish a culture of success.

Areas of Focus

- Nebraska Teacher & Principal Performance Framework
- Professional Development
- Building Leadership Supports
- Effective Local Policy Makers & Superintendents

AQuESTT — Accountability for a Quality Education System, Today and Tomorrow — is Nebraska's next-generation accountability system. AQuESTT goes beyond test scores and graduation rates to classify schools and districts under a system that provides critical information for continuous school improvement. This forward-thinking system is expected to position Nebraska to not only meet new federal guidelines but to also empower the state's excellent schools to become even better while helping schools needing improvement. AQuESTT's goal is to provide the data and information needed to strengthen school and district support of student learning by focusing on every student every day. AQuESTT has earned the support of Nebraska educators, state education policy leaders and the State Board of Education.

To further develop and focus on improvement efforts, Dr. Blomstedt and the State Board of Education, jointly initiated a comprehensive strategic plan to guide their student-focused work and that of the Nebraska Department of Education.

The Strategic Plan: Nebraska's education vision for the next ten years.

The Strategic Plan unifies and strengthens positive outcomes for each and every Nebraskan through bold and achievable goals. The Vision and Direction not only outlines the critical needs and strengths within our education system, but also reflects innovative approaches to ensure each Nebraskan has equitable access to opportunities and are ready for success in postsecondary, career, and civic life.



WHAT? LINCOLN EAST ROTARY CLUB'S
CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE

WHERE? Hillcrest Country Club

WHEN? Wednesday December 12th.

Cocktails at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Prime rib or salmon

Live band

Cash bar

COST? \$ 30 per person

Call Jerry Christensen 402 416 1633 or Dick
Cumming 402 488 8556 to arrange payment
and meal preference.



Lincoln East Rotary Club President Paul Horton extends an invitation to members of Lincoln Club 14, Lincoln Spirit and Lincoln South to attend. We once again will have a Santa Claus toy drive for City Mission. Please bring Children toys unwrapped.



Anniversaries & Birthdays

Weeks of December 6—19

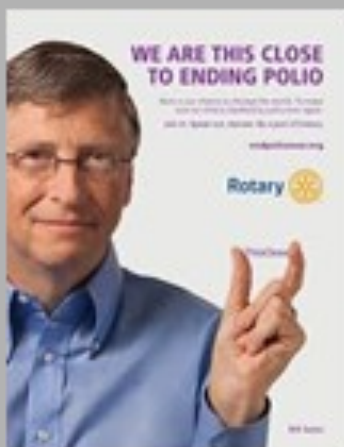
Birthdays:

Lillie Larsen—December 6

Deb Durre—December 20

Anniversaries

NONE



Happy Dollars

Greg Schnasse	\$ 2.00
Darrel Huenergardt	\$ 6.00
Dick Cumming	\$ 1.00
Charles Erickson	\$ 1.00
Dale Lloyd	\$ 1.00
Mike Carr	\$ 5.00
Dennis Duckworth	\$ 2.00
Chris Klingenberg	\$ 1.00
Duane Tappe	\$ 2.00
Barry Stelk	\$ 5.00
Wayne Casper	\$ 1.00
Total	\$2700



Greeter Duty

December—Wayne Casper

January—Need a Volunteer



Cashier Duty

December—Chris Klingenberg

January—Need a Volunteer

Contact Dick Cumming

Make Ups

Deb Durre	Concessions F.B.
Ozzie Gilbertson	Zambia Project
Ed Stivers	Salute to Business
Dean Douglas	Younkers
Paul Horton	Another Meetig

Guests & Visitors

Merrilea Anderson	Steve Grosserode
Dr. Matt Blomstedt	Speaker

Lincoln East Rotary Club—Meeting Announcements
NO Noon Meeting—December 12, 2018—Christmas Party
NO Meeting—December 26, 2018

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