



President—Dennis

Spoke Newsletter

Saturday, December 14, 2019

Lincoln East Rotary Club Speaker, Wednesday, December 18, 2019
Doug Zbylut, Executive Director of Nebraskans For The Arts

Arranged by Darrel Huenergardt



Doug Zbylut is a native of Nebraska, living in Omaha. Since 2014, Doug has been Executive Director for the Nebraskans for the Arts (NFTA), an arts advocacy organization. During his tenure, Doug has focused on promoting the arts and arts education to policymakers at the local, state and federal levels.

Before joining NFTA, Doug served as Executive Director of Ronald McDonald House Charities in Omaha. He also served as the Deputy Director of the Omaha Children's Museum before working in the private sector with a high tech firm. Doug started his career in higher education, working in grants offices at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Creighton University. Doug received his B.A. in Political Science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a Master in Public Administration at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Nebraskans for the Arts (NFTA) is your arts advocacy organization. Representing arts organizations and individual members across the state, NFTA advises policy makers, elected officials, and community leaders on the importance of strong arts education in our schools, the economic impact of the arts in our communities, and the benefits of pro-arts policies for Nebraska.

Our primary work is advocacy, empowering YOU to reach out to elected officials and policy makers to thank them, educate them and inform them of your views on the arts and arts education.

We have several programs that really help this cause shine.

Spotlight on Student Achievements in the Arts

This is a monthly "Student Spotlight" on a student or group of students in high school or college doing amazing things in the arts. They are success stories of their educators, their schools, and their families. We shine the light on them in the media, our website, to their state senators, their school administration, and their school board.

Nebraska ARTS Award

Each year, Nebraskans for the Arts will honor a Nebraska school board or board member, administrator, or teacher who has supported and encouraged achievement in the visual arts, dance, media arts, theater, or music.

Arts Advantage

We asked successful professionals, in and out of the arts, what a solid K-12 arts education meant to them. It gave them, as we call it, an "Arts Advantage." It's a leg up in all those oblique and direct skills garnered from arts education.

Poetry Out Loud

Nebraskans for the Arts proudly partners with the Nebraska Arts Council to host the regional competitions for Nebraska's Poetry Out Loud recitation program. Come to one of the competitions - these kids will knock your socks off!



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

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