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It was great to have Bill Michener from Lincoln Lighthouse at our meeting last week. He gave a great presentation and we are proud that we were able to provide a District Simplified Grant to them for \$2,000.

Don't forget we have a very special speaker on October 19th. Anita Rieder, Annual Giving Officer from The Rotary Foundation will be at our meeting. She will be in our District to attend the Leadership Institute that weekend.

Thank you to everyone that attended the Foundation Wine Tasting event last Saturday. Of course thank you to everyone that helped put on that great event. It was well attended and everyone had a wonderful time other than watching the Husker game. If you haven't attended this event I highly recommend it!!

Sandy will be filling in for me this week as we have a wedding to attend in Omaha

Carl

CLUB SERVICE TEAMS

On Duty
Brad Carter
Bob Vrana
Scott Delisi



**Scheduled for
10/12/07**

Mike Fallesen
Dick Wampler
Clay Ehlers
Dallas Nau

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians— Janet Danielson, Dave Oxner and Gary Jones all from Club 14 and Dick Miller from Arizona.

Guests— Cullen West, Short Heinrichs and Bill Michener, our speaker.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Scott Delisi, Brad Carter, Jenny Cardwell, Nikki Iseman, Joyce Schmeeckle, Nicki Klein, Tracy McLain and Clay Ehlers.



2007/2008 Mottos & Slogans

Rotary International— Rotary Shares

Future LSR Programs

- 10/12/07 Marsha Stork— President The Independence House: Dementia— a Growing Epidemic
- 10/19/07 Lincoln South Board Meeting— 10:45 Knolls
- 10/19/07 Anita Rieder, Representative from the Int'l office of the RI Foundation
- 10/26/07 Connie Yori, UNL Women's basketball coach

Events & Projects

- 4/11 & 4/12/08 District Conference—Lied Lodge in NE City



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Notes & Announcements

Group Study Exchange Team—Joyce Schmeeckle reported that the search is on for team members for the Group Study Exchange team traveling to Australia in the spring of 2008. Candidates must be non Rotarians, be between the ages of 25-40, in good health, be employed with an minimum of 2 years in their career and reside in District 5650. If anyone has a potential candidate, please contact Joyce or Joe Roberts.

Dictionary Project—For the second year, the four Lincoln Rotary Clubs will distribute free dictionaries to Lincoln's 4th graders the week of Oct 15-19. If you have volunteered to deliver the dictionaries to the schools, you need to pick up the dictionaries at Green's Plumbing. If you are unable to pick them up, contact Clay and he can pick them up and bring them to a meeting or deliver them to you.

Lincoln South Foundation Wine Tasting— *See pages 4, 5 and 6 for pictures of the Wine Tasting that was held Saturday night.*

Trick or Treat for Hunger—Tracey McLain reported that month of October will again be designated as the month for the Trick or Treat for Hunger food drive for the Lincoln Food Bank. Please contact Tracey, Elise White or Kelli Zavala if you have money or items to donate and you can't bring them to a meeting. They will be happy to pick them up. *See the Flyer with details on page 7.*

Trash Pickup—Brad Carter reported that the 2nd trash pick up for the year is scheduled for Saturday October 20th at 9:00 am. Everyone will meet in the parking lot of Christ's Place church at 1111 Old Cheney Road. With enough volunteers, the pick up should only take about an hour. Sign up sheets will be at the next 2 meetings.

Youth Exchange Host Family—Tom Cardwell reported that they are looking for a 3rd host family for Audrey Focault, our Youth Exchange student from France. The time frame would be from April to June. Contact Tom if you are interested.



Apologies to Fernando Pages, the speaker on September 28th as his picture was inadvertently omitted from the newsletter.

PROGRAM

2007-2008 Club Goals

1. *Grow membership to 54, focusing on not just adding members but adding future Rotarians.**
 2. *Achieve 100% sustaining membership in the Rotary Foundation.**
 3. *Increase membership participation in the two major fund raising activities to improve net income by 10%.*
 4. *Explore fundraising options for the club to consider the feasibility of adding a 3rd fundraiser.*
 5. *Hold a "Guest Day" in which every member will invite a guest and feature a prominent speaker.*
 6. *Continue to participate or establish.**
- Literacy or Education Program*
- Hunger or Health Related Program*
- Family of Rotary Events*
- Consider a water program*
6. *Achieve Presidential Citation Award.**

** District 5650 compatible goals for 2007-2008.*

Our speaker on Friday was Bill Michener, executive director of the Lighthouse which is offers a safe harbor to teens after school. Bill started as one of the 1st group of kids who went to Lighthouse when it opened in 1990. Bill was a drop out and was going nowhere in his life when his parents became ill and he decided that he needed to change his life. He started going to Lighthouse and went back to high school and graduated with straight A's. When his father and brother and mom all died within a short period, Lighthouse was his family. He ultimately got a masters degree in counseling and is now the executive director of Lighthouse.

The Lighthouse mission is to promote the mental, physical, emotional and spiritual well being of adolescents and the goal is to increase the likelihood of high school graduation for middle and high school aged youth. The riskiest time for kids to get into trouble is between the hours of 3pm to 6pm. Therefore Lighthouse is open from 2pm until 10:00 pm Monday through Friday. They provide an afternoon snack and a nutritious evening meal for the kids who come there. Right after school the kids are required to work on their homework and they provided tutoring and mentoring where needed. Otherwise they can play educational games. They have dinner as a family and after dinner they open up the rec room and the kids can play basketball, watch tv etc. The facility is set up like a home not an institution.

Lighthouse is trying to bridge gaps where the parents are not available for their kids. Bill made the statement

that there is no difference between hitting and hugging a kid. It has the same impact on the kid emotionally, even though one is negative and one is positive. The kids do not know the difference between the emotions and just know they are getting attention. Lighthouse hopes to break the cycle of violence in some homes by showing kids that they can receive attention in positive ways.

Lighthouse served 582 youth last year ranging in age from 11 to 19 years old. They usually have 15 to 30 kids each night for dinner and may have 75 to 100 people for the holidays when the kids are encouraged to bring their families. It costs \$315,000 per year to operate the facility. They are in the process of building a new 8,000 sq ft new facility which will expand their ability to serve a larger population. Lincoln South Rotary recently obtained a \$2,000 District Simplified Grant which it presented to Lighthouse. The grant will be used for equipment for their rec room in their new facility.



President Carl presenting Bill Michener with grant funds.



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PLACES TO MAKE UP

Tuesday morning—Sunrise Rotary at International House of Pancakes at 4501 North 27th (27th and Superior Ave.) at 7:15 AM

Tuesday Noon— Lincoln #14-Nebraska Club at 13th & M

Wednesday 11:45 a.m.—Lincoln East at Valentinos at 70th & Van Dorn



LINCOLN SOUTH ROTARY

TRICK OR TREAT

For Hunger 2007

It's time again for Lincoln South Rotary's Annual Food Drive for the Food Bank of Lincoln. Our goal is 100% support from our club members for this very important cause. In the past, members have found success by placing a box in a convenient area at work, while others trick or treated for hunger in their neighborhood.

Bring your food or cash donations to Rotary Club meetings during the month of October. Please make checks payable to the Food Bank of Lincoln. If you are unable to bring your donations to the meetings, please contact Tracey McLain at 465-3814 or Elise White at 202-3729 and they will arrange to pick up your donations.

On Behalf of Lincoln South Rotary and the Food Bank of

Lincoln,
Thank You!