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President's Corner



I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Thank you again to everyone that helped with the bell ringing for the Salvation Army. I am looking forward to what 2008 has in store for Rotary and our club. I'm thankful to be part of such a great Rotary Club. Thank you to everyone for making this such an enjoyable position. I hope everyone has a safe and fun New Year and all best in 2008!

Carl

CLUB SERVICE TEAMS

On Duty

Pat Grewe
Elise White
Joe Roberts
Mary Williamson



**Scheduled for
12/28/07**

Clay Ehlers
Sue Eldred
Shahid Kamal

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians— Lucy Buntain Comine and Colonel Robert Athen from Club 14.

Guests—Brian Runge, our speaker for the day.

HAPPY DOLLARS (Hunger Plus)

Elise White, Scott Delisi, Dean Heermann, Brad Carter, Shahid Kamal, Dave Asper, Dick Wampler, Mary Williamson, Jim Patavina, Bob Vrana and Robert Athen.



2007/2008 Mottos & Slogans

Rotary International— Rotary Shares

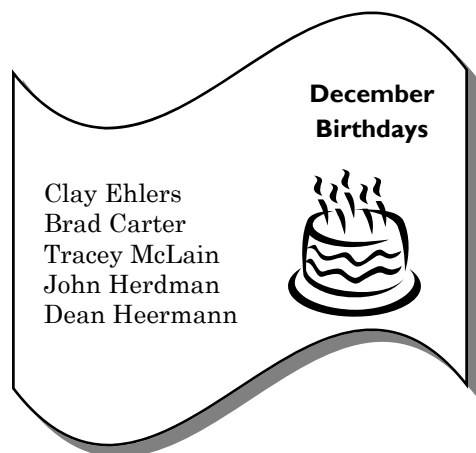
Future LSR Programs

- 12/28/07 Bob Grundman—New Long Term Care Legislation for Nebraska
- 1/4/08 Barbara Zach—Lincoln Symphony Orchestra
- 1/11/08 Deborah Gokie, Executive Director, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Events & Projects

- DEC Family Month
- 3/18/08 Salute to Business Luncheon (No regular Lincoln South meeting that week.)
- 4/11 & 4/12/08 District Conference—Lied Lodge in NE City
- 10/10/08 Club #14 Auction

Red Cross Appreciation Games—Mark your calendars for the Red Cross Collection basketball games. The Saturday February 2nd men's game against Iowa State and Sunday February 10th women's game against Oklahoma State have been designated for collections. Sign up sheets will be available at future meetings.



Notes & Announcements

Nut Sales— The annual nut sales are in full swing. This is one of our 2 fundraisers for the year to raise money for Scholarships and other vocational activities as well as to help the Club's foundation with community support. Keep in mind that *if each club member can sell 15-17 items, we will meet our goal.* Brad Carter and Mary Williamson are heading up the sales campaign this year so you may contact them with any questions. You may also pick up items to sell at each meeting. Lincoln South will also be visiting Club 14 on January 9th to sell nuts. Let Brad or Mary know if you can help.

Board Elections—Based on the Board Nominations during November, 5 names have been placed on the Ballot for Board Election. We hope to finalize the vote by the end of December. Ballots will be available at the meetings or you can use the ballot attached to the newsletter email (return by e-mail, fax or phone), or you can simply send Craig an e-mail. Vote for no more than three from this slate of 5 (listed in alphabetical order by last name):

Clay Ehlers, Shahid Kamal, Samip Patel, Roger Vicroy and Elise White
Three will be elected to serve 2-year terms from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010.

Club 14 Nebraskan of the Year—Each year the Lincoln Downtown club selects an individual to honor for their vocational contributions to the Lincoln community. This year the honoree is Adjutant General (Ret) Roger Lempke. The luncheon will be held at the Embassy Suites on January 22, 2008. Doors open at 11:30 and the cost is \$25 per person. Lincoln South is putting together a table of 10 again this year. If you are interested contact Joe Roberts at jroberts@midfin.com. Below is a letter from James Mastera, Chairman of the Nebraskan of the Year committee

The Lincoln Downtown Rotary Club has selected LtGen Roger P. Lempke, (Ret) as the recipient of its' Nebraskan Of the Year Award. The award will be presented on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at a luncheon in Roger's honor. This will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Lincoln during the hours of 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Roger Lempke was nominated for the Nebraska Of The Year Award due to his nationally recognized management of the deployed Nebraska National Guard during the Iraq war. He served as the head of the National Guard Bureau having been selected by his peers. His commitment to military personnel under his command, both deployed and at home, is unparalleled. Through his leadership, family programs and emotional support groups have been established to aid both the military personnel and their families as well. I quote from the nomination; "It is with his unequalled performance as Adjutant General that he has made the nation aware of Nebraska and its' citizen's commitment to the betterment of the Nation and the International community." Roger Lemke is of course recognized throughout the State of Nebraska.

You are welcome to join Lincoln Downtown Rotary Club in honoring this Nebraskan. Luncheon tickets will be available for \$25 or a table of 10 for \$250.

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.*

Brian Runge with Dana F. Cole & Company LLC spoke to the club on Friday about Tax Saving tips for 2007. Brian mentioned 3 new laws that were just signed last week which include a.

The mortgage relief act which allows forgiveness of debt up to \$2 million tax free, b. the Energy act and c. Raising of exemptions on Alt min tax. Additionally he spoke about some 2006 tax acts

which impact 2007 such as the ability to take distributions from an IRA and roll them directly into a charity without having to pay income tax on the distribution and the raising of the age on kiddie tax from 14 to 18 making is less advantageous to transfer income to your minor children. Requirements for documentation of charitable giving have become more stringent including documenting even cash donations. There are also some energy credits for home improvements which are expiring this year so it would make sense to make those improvements before year end.

Brian discussed some of the filing basics including available filing statuses, 2007 tax rates and standard deduction levels as well as various phase outs of itemized deductions and personal exemptions for higher income levels. He described some timing strategies such as deferring income, tax strategies for life relating to invest-

ments, retirement etc. and family strategies such as the child credit, adoption credit, earned income credit, shifting income etc. He spent some time discussing business strategies such as legal structure and strategies related to expensing capital assets, deduction of health insurance, and making the most of business related deductions for travel, auto, and meals and entertainment.



Brian Runge

He gave the club some year end tips regarding the use of Flexible Spending Accounts for health care costs and ways to avoid AMT by identifying AMT triggers such as high dependency exemptions, large deductions for state and local taxes and high miscellaneous itemized deductions and medical expenses.

He closed with an emphasis on three things. Focus on tax savings year round, don't just wait until year end when it might be too late to take advantage of certain strategies, consider year end opportunities before year end and always get help if you need it. In most cases it is money well spent.



Rotary is on the Web!

Rotary International— www.rotary.org

District 5650— www.rotarydistrict5650.org

Lincoln South Rotary— www.LincolnSouthRotary.org

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING



Brad Carter & daughter



John Herdman



Dave Hilsabeck

DR. GEORGE J. LYTTON MEMORIAL CHALLENGE 2007-2008 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION DRIVE

The annual Foundation Drive is underway and will last for the 2 months of December and January. The goal is 100% participation from every member of the club at \$120 per member. (That is only \$10/month). There are a number of ways to give including direct bank transfers and credit card contributions. Each \$100 contributed equals one entry in a drawing to be held on Friday January 28th for an immediate Paul Harris Fellow. (Candidates must have contributed \$300 to date to be eligible.) Also all members who become sustaining members will get a sticker for their Rotary badge. Lincoln South has historically ranked in the top 4 clubs in the District for per capita giving to the Foundation. Lets make this another great year!!

"EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR"

CLUB SERVICE TEAMS

Please review the attached list of club service teams for accuracy. The list includes those who just recently signed up (in blue) as well as those who have been on the list for some time (in black). If any of you do not wish to continue on the designated day please contact Judy Krasomil at judy.krasomil@nifa.org and the list will be updated.

Week 1

Bob Vrana
Vickie Williamson
Elise White
[Bryan Block](#)
[Dave Hilsabeck](#)
[Samip Patel](#)

Week 2

Dick Wampler
Clay Ehlers
[Short Heinrichs](#)
[Dick Miller](#)

Week 3

Shahid Kamal
Elise White
[Chris Campbell](#)
[Pat Grewe](#)

Week 4

Clay Ehlers
[Sue Eldred](#)
[Shahid Kamal](#)

Week 5

Past Presidents

Floaters /Alternates

Sandy Taylor
Suzy Bohn
Roger Vicroy
Dave Asper
Bernie Poppe
Mary Simmons
Mary Williamson
[Brent Kasl](#)
[Sue Nelsen](#)

**QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
ARTICLES?**

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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