



The Sower

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



I hope everyone can come to the "Changing of The Guard" meeting this week as I turn things over to Sandy. We will also hand out some awards at the meeting. It has been a great year and I'm thankful to have such wonderful Rotarians in our club. I'm sure Sandy will do an ever better job as President!!

CLUB SERVICE TEAMS

Scheduled for 6/27/08

On Duty

Brad Carter
Sandy Taylor
Joe Roberts
Roger Vicroy



Clay Ehlers
Sue Eldred
Shahid Kamal

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians— Vi See, Dave Oxner and Bill Schmeekle all from Club 14

Guests—Karen Boufanik.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Elise White, Craig Madson, Roger Vicroy, Joe Roberts, Sandy Taylor, Dave Asper and Carl Zeutzius.



2007/2008 Mottos & Slogans

Rotary International– Rotary Shares

Future LSR Programs

- 6/27/08 *Changing of the Guard*
- 7/4/08 *No meeting— Happy 4th of July!*
- 7/11/08 *Randy Jones; Executive Director Cornhusker Regional Chapter, American Red Cross— Disaster Preparedness*
- 7/18/08 *Dr. Sabyasachi Sarkar and Amitaba Sarke—Cultur in India*
- 7/25/08 *District Governor Official Visit*

Events & Projects

- 7/25/08 *American Cancer Society Relay for Life*
- 9/20/08 *LSR Foundation BBQ/Chili/Beer Tasting Benefit at the home of Ardel Harger*
- 10/10/08 *Club #14 Auction*

Notes & Announcements

Relay for Life — Relay for Life is scheduled for July 25th. Lincoln South Rotary will have a booth again this year and will sell Runza's. We need volunteers for 1 hour shifts. If you want t-shirts, they can be ordered for the event, cost is \$10. Our booth will sell from 5-9 p.m. or until we sell out .

Lincoln South Rotary Foundation BBQ/Chili/Beer Tasting Fundraiser—Please note that the date has changed AGAIN for the LSR foundation fundraiser to be held at the home of Ardel Harger. The new date is Saturday SEPTEMBER 20TH from 4 pm to nightfall. More details to follow.

Youth Exchange—Tom Cardwell is asking for host families for our next Youth Exchange Student who will also be from France. We need to have a family in place before the end of the summer so if you have any interest, please contact Tom.

**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

THANKS!

Thanks to Dave Hilsabeck who took notes for the newsletter on June 13th and Mary Williamson who took notes last week.

June Birthdays

Patrick Grewe
Don Schoening
Neal Lyons
Dave Asper



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Rotary International— Rotary Shares

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.*

Twelve Rotarians, including LSR's own Nicki Klein, represented District 5650, on a trip to Africa in the country of Zambia, in the city of Livingstone, pronounced "Livingston". District 5650 has chosen to partner with the Rotary Club of Livingstone for the next 5 years to help with many of their projects. One of their affiliations is with the Sons of Thunder farm near Livingstone where they have helped with many projects including converting buildings to classrooms, starting a medical clinic and converting chicken coops for an orphanage just to name a few.

All of the traveling took place in "game viewers". During the day the weather was a dry 80-85 degrees, but the evenings were cold and required coats, mittens, and in Nicki's case earmuffs.

The average life expectancy for the people of Zambia is 39. Most of the deaths occur from HIV and AIDS, but also Malaria. The people of Zambia have a pure and uncomplicated life. They don't require very much to be happy. They have a different outlook on money believing that it is to be shared and often money earmarked for certain things ends up going to fund things deemed more important at the time. Some parameters were put into place to deal with this issue and satisfy Rotary International. The district pledged to help for 5 years, with matching grants, and are now in the 3rd year. There is not a single focus, but rather a broad focus on helping the people of Zambia, with respect for and in harmony with their culture, and at the same time

maintaining their dignity and their sense of pride - giving them a hand-up and not a hand-out.



Nicki & Audrey who loved Nicki's hat



By the new water cooler

Of all the places visited, the orphanage was everyone's favorite. Since none of these children are available for adoption the orphanage is a permanent home for the children. The staff is dedicated to providing a loving environment, and to raising these children with the thought that these are the country's future leaders.

Water is available but since the children are unable to get water without a staff worker they sometimes have to wait for a drink. During the trip Nicki purchased a water cooler on behalf of Lincoln South Rotary Club and presented it to the orphanage. (See picture at left) They can now get their own water and hopefully this will help with dehydration issues. (See Thank You letter on page 4).

During this trip, the focus was to provide training to the 35 orphanage workers. In order to keep the orphanage staffed, the training needed to be brought to them. Within the 12 Rotarians on the trip, the specialists included a pediatrician, a nurse, a documents specialist, a marketing specialist, a child development worker and a nutritionist. The first week of the trip was about making observations and building trust. From these observations a curriculum was created. The second week a classroom setting was created, and for the next four days classes were taught, 2 sessions each day, so that everyone would be able to attend. The workers were very receptive to the training and there was 100% attendance for all 4 days.

The last week the team treated themselves by going to Chobe National Park, spending 2 nights in Botswana and Nibya on a photo safari. Some exceptional photos were shared of native wildlife.

**SONS
OF
THUNDER**

Sons of Thunder Farm
PO Box 60198
Livingstone, Zambia

Dear Nicki

Thank you so much for the time you spent with us here in Zambia at Sons of Thunder.

Also, please pass on our most sincere appreciation to the Lincoln South Rotary Club for their support of our Children's Home and the purchase of a water cooler. It is a big hit with the children and we've already noticed a marked increase in the amount of water they are drinking ... a must for continued good health.

We look forward to seeing you again and please know that the positive impact you've had here will be a lasting one.

Blessings

Jeffrey A. Baltes
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The attached letter was received from the Sons of Thunder Farm thanking Nicki for her service to the organization and thanking Lincoln South Rotary for the gift of the water cooler for the orphanage.



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