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Our club was well represented at the District 5650 Rotary Foundation Seminar last Saturday. It was a great day with some very moving speakers. We heard from Carolyn Jones, a Trustee for The Rotary Foundation, who told us about the Children of Russia. It was a great presentation and very inspiring on how Rotarians have changed the lives of orphans in Tomsk, Russia. David Groner told a compelling story about dealing with polio in Nigeria and his visits there. I can't begin to remind you to read about everything Rotary does all over the world. We are part of an amazing organization that helps improve the lives of people and children all over the world. Joe Roberts and the GSE team did an informative presentation about their visit to Sweden. The Lincoln South Rotary Club received an award for finishing 2nd in the District for per capita Foundation giving. Let's see what we can do to finish 1st next year!! The Rotary Foundation month is coming up in August. Finally, I want to thank Sue Nelson for the outstanding job she did with her presentation last week. It was a very admirable story about helping people with eyeglasses in Bolivia. See you on Friday.

Carl

CLUB SERVICE TEAMS

On Duty
Elise White
Brad Carter
Shahid Kamal



Scheduled for
08/24/07
Mike Fallesen
Clay Ehlers

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians— Sheila Odom from Club 14, (also guest of Lance Odom).

Guests— Mikael Bjorkland- former Youth Exchange student from Sweden, Diane Shultz-guest of Sandy Taylor, Marty Kalline-guest of Clay Ehlers, Dan Semrad, guest of Mary Williamson.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Lance Odom, Brad Carter, Nicki Klein, Dean Heermann, Roger Vicroy, Clay Ehlers, Scott Delisi and Sandy Taylor.



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Future LSR Programs

- 8/24/07 Bill Wiley, Wildlife Photographer
- 8/31/07 Tyler White— Vietnamese Political Globalization Research
- 9/7/07 Tiffany Mullison— Fresh Start Home

Events & Projects

- 10/5/07 Club #14 Auction
- 4/11 & 4/12/08 District Conference—Lied Lodge in NE City

Notes & Announcements

Speaker Sign up—There are still some open dates for speakers. Vickie Williamson is asking each member to sign up to arrange for a speaker for 2 meetings during the year. If you have not signed up, please contact Vickie vwilliamson@nebtittlelincon.com. (An email was recently sent to all members with open dates.) Vickie also needs to know the name of your speakers as soon as you get them lined up so we can put them in the newsletter. *Please see page 4 for Speaker Arrangement Guidelines.*

Lincoln South Foundation—The Lincoln South Foundation is looking for ideas for projects to fund through grants from the Foundation funds. The amounts are still small but if anyone has any ideas contact Brent Kasl, President of the Lincoln South Foundation.

Club 14 Auction—Lincoln South will have a table at Club 14's annual auction held at Lincoln Station on October 5th. The theme is Festa Italiana. Please see Joe Roberts if you would like to purchase tickets. For those of you who have signed up, please make your checks payable to Lincoln South and then the club will write one check for all attendees. Cost is \$60 per person.

Red Cross Appreciation Game— Brad Carter announce that the Iowa State game on Saturday September 29th has been designated for the Red Cross football collections. We usually like to get about 35 volunteers. Spouses and older kids are also welcome. Brad will have sign up sheets at the next meeting.

August Birthdays

Bob Vrana
Corey Vandewege
Judy Krasomil
Samip Patel
Gene Swinton
Bob Frank



QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? ARTICLES?

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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 own Sue Nelsen was our speaker for the day. Sue spoke to the club about a humanitarian mission that she took in June 2006 with MOST which is an organization similar to the Orphan Grain Train that we heard about last year. MOST which is headquartered in Michigan stands for "Mission Opportunities Short Term" and delivers goods and services to needy countries. There are many teams



that go each year which focus on such areas such as medical, construction, English as a 2nd language and eye care. Sue took a mission to Bolivia where her group delivered donated eyeglasses and tested the vision of the recipients.

Bolivia is the poorest country in South America due to several factors such as the decline in silver mining over the years, the fact that the country is totally landlocked and probably the primary factor which is the war on drugs in the US which has impacted the cocaine trade. Most peasants have relied heavily on cocaine production for their livelihood as they can make \$500/acre by raising poppies versus \$2/acre by raising vegetables. There is a current effort to try to get them to switch production to soybeans which would be more lucrative than vegetables. The average monthly income of most peasants is \$150 per month and most live a subsistence life in shanty

towns on the outskirts of the cities. There is no developed road system so most transportation is by Llama or by donkey. Bolivia has extreme climates from the very dry high altitude climate where the MOST team was working to rain forests in the northeast part of the country.

Most of the eye clinic work was done in the town of Sucre and one day was spent in the very small town of Padilla. Sue showed many pictures of the people who they helped in the 9 days she was in the country. Most of them walked many miles and waited many hours for the help and all were very appreciative. Because of the extremely high altitude, most people have severe sun damage to their eyes in the form of cataracts or outright blindness. The clinic allowed each person to pay 50 cents for each pair of glasses to give them a sense of pride that they were not taking charity. The funds then were donated to the church who requested the assistance from MORE.

In the 18 years that MORE has been in existence it has sent 2,200 teams to 31 countries. If anyone is interested, there are teams going to various countries throughout the year. For more information visit their website at www.mostministries.org



Rotary is on the Web!

Rotary International— www.rotary.org

District 5650— www.rotarydistrict5650.org

Lincoln South Rotary— www.LincolnSouthRotary.org

SPEAKER ARRANGEMENT GUIDELINES.

It is the individual Rotary Club Member's responsibility to arrange for all aspects of the Speaker. If you should need additional information or assistance, please contact Vickie Williamson, Mary Williamson, or your Lincoln South Rotary Club Membership Sponsor.

1. Timing of speaker information for publication
 - a. We need the name of the speaker, the organization and speech topic early (4-6 weeks in advance) in order to get it published.
 - b. Also provide a phone number or other contact information in case you become unavailable and someone else needs to help follow up.
2. Presentation Needs
 - a. Determine the speaker needs
 - b. The following items are available through the Knolls. Contact them in advance to arrange for them.
 - 1.) TV/VCR/DVD Player
 - 2.) Projection screen, extension cord, table.
 - c. Not available
 - 1.) Speakers will need to provide their own computer and projector for power point presentations
 - 2.) Individual club members may be able to help with these requests.
 - 3.) Neither the Knolls nor the club has computer equipment or a projector.
3. Speaker Lunch
 - a. We will pay for one person to present to the club.
 - b. Speakers are welcome to bring guests, but the club is not obligated to pay for additional lunches.
 - c. Exceptions may be appropriate such as with foreign visitors, Rotary dignitaries etc.
4. Speaker Preparedness
 - a. Ask the speaker to arrive in sufficient time to set up
 - 1.) Depends on the speaker and what they are bringing
 - 2.) 11:40 allows time to set up power point equipment , etc.
 - b. Allow a little time to socialize before taking them through the buffet.
 - c. Meeting Times
 - 1.) We ring the bell about 12:20, starting with club business.
 - 2.) The speaker generally takes the podium about 12:35.
 - 3.) The meeting ends at 1:00
 - d. Ask the speaker to be prepared for a total of 25 minutes
 - 1.) Usually 5 minutes is sufficient for questions but if they feel they will have lots of questions, they should shorten their speech.
 - 2.) Usually 20 minute speeches work.
 - e. We generally have from 25 to 35 in attendance in case the speaker wishes to bring hand-outs etc.
5. Speaker Introductions
 - a. The person who arranged for the speaker needs to be prepared to introduce them
 - b. Ask for a bio and provide a copy to Judy Krasomil to assist her in covering the speaker for the newsletter

YOUTH EXCHANGE NEWS

FRANCE

Audrey Fogue, the newest Lincoln South Youth Exchange student from France arrived Saturday and was greeted by her 2 host families and a group of other Youth Exchange students currently in the US from France, Argentina and Taiwan. Welcome to the US Audrey!



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

SWEDEN

Mikael Bjorkland, former Lincoln South Youth Exchange Student from Sweden visited the club on Friday. Thanks Mikael for stopping by to renew old friendships.



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