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MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2009

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



The Capitol is such an important landmark for Nebraska and it is good to know that we are keeping it in shape and beautiful for all the visitors. Roxanne was delightful and interesting to listen to.

Don't forget to ask a potential member to join us. We have a few spots to fill so do your asking!

Watch the Polio Crusade Program coming on

February 2 on PBS! [See page 7 for details](#)

Sandy

CLUB SERVICE TEAMS

On Duty
Joe Roberts
Clay Ehlers



Scheduled for 1/30/09
Past Presidents

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians—Sheila Odom, from Club 14 and guest of Lance Odom, and Frosty Kritchfield, Scott Richardson, Mylani Vina, and Bob Kleis all from Club 14. Mylani is leading the GSE team to Taiwan this year.

HAPPY DOLLARS (For Child Mortality)

Nicki Klein, Scott Delisi, Joyce Michaelis, Dave Hilsabeck, Joyce Schmeeckle, Lance Odom, Mary Simmons, Roger Vicroy, Sandy Taylor, Vicki Williamson and Frosty Kritchfield.



Note that Happy \$ collected on the 2nd and 4th Fridays have been designated for Child Mortality. An LSR member has agreed to match the first \$250 raised for an orphanage in the country of Georgia.

Future LSR Programs

- 1/30/09 Joe Roberts— Chair The Rotary Foundation LSR— Presentation of 2009 GSE Team and Drawing for Paul Harris Fellow.
- 2/6/09 Brad Schmidt— victim of Lewy Body Dementia and Karen Noel— President Alzheimer's Association Great Plains Chapter- "Brad's Story"
- 2/13/09 Pau Yates—"Tiny Hands" organization and orphans in Nepal
- 2/19/09 Lincoln South Board Meeting 11:30 am at Bryan/LGH East Campus.
- 2/20/09 The Nebraska Tractor Testing Lab
- 2/27/09 Troy McCain- "America's Pork"

Events & Projects

- JAN Rotary Awareness Month
- 2/7/09 Lincoln South Foundation Wine Tasting Fundraiser at the home of Joyce Schmeekle.
- 3/24/09 Lincoln Rotary Clubs Annual Salute to Business (No Lincoln South Meeting on Friday March 27th.)

Notes & Announcements

Nut Sales—The Lincoln South Nuts, Coffee and Chocolate sales are in full swing. All Club Members are asked to support this fundraiser. The remaining inventory is available at Club Meetings to be picked up. If each club member sells only 15 products, we can meet our goal. [See Flyer and Order Sheet in 12/5/08 newsletter.](#)

Annual Foundation Drive—The Dr. George J. Lytton Memorial Challenge Lincoln South Rotary Club 2008-2009 Rotary International Foundation Drive is underway. Our goal is 100% participation of all member at \$120 apiece. Lets make this year another great year of giving. Time is running out to make your contributions as the drive ends on Friday January 30th when we will have the drawing for the immediate Paul Harris Fellow.

Lincoln South Foundation Wine Tasting Fundraiser—Mark your calendars for February 7th for the annual LSR Foundation Wine Tasting. This year the event will be held at the home of Joyce Schmeekle and will feature French wines. [See Page 4 for details.](#)

Daffodil Days— Lincoln South Rotary is again participating in the American Cancer Society Daffodil days. We will again be selling bunches of 10 daffodils for \$10 as well bears and vases with bouquets. Orders are due to Nicki Klein by Friday February 13th and deliveries will be made on Friday March 13th. [See page 5 for the flyer with details and page 6 for order forms.](#)

ELL Award Ceremony—Each semester, LSR sponsors an award at Lefler Middle School for a student who has excelled in learning the English language. The next ceremony will be held on February 4th from 12:30 to 1:00 pm at the media center at Lefler middle school. All members are welcome.

New Lincoln Rotary Club—Nicki Klein reported that there is some interest in looking at starting a new Lincoln Rotary Club with evening meetings. The idea is to meet right after work for drinks and snacks and a meeting with a speaker. The first step is to see if there is in any interest in the community and the new members will then select the day, time and place to meet. Lincoln South has been asked to sponsor the new club so if any members know individuals who would be interested in a club with such a structure, please contact Nicki Klein.



Member Transfer

Chris Dietz, formerly with the Nebraska City Rotary Club has requested to transfer to our club. Chris is retired as the Executive director of the Nebraska City Housing Authority.

Please welcome Chris to Lincoln South Rotary!

January Birthdays

Lance Odom
Roger Vicroy
Jenny Cardwell



PROGRAM

2008-2009 Club Goals

1. *10% growth in membership AND President to bring in 1 new member for a total of 6 new members.*
2. *Achieve 100% sustaining membership in the Rotary Foundation.*
3. *Participate in Bill Gates matching campaign for \$1,000 every club for 3 yrs for Polio Plus.*
4. *Implement a Child Mortality Project.*
5. *Plan anniversary celebration for April 2009.*
6. *Continue to hold a "Guest Day" where every member invites a guest and prominent speaker is featured*
7. *Continue to participate or establish:*
Literacy or Education Program (Dictionary Project)
Zambia Project
Monthly Family of Rotary Events such as TGIR.
8. *Achieve Presidential Citation Award.*
9. *Begin implementation of the Club Leadership Plan.*

Our speaker for the day was Roxanne Smith who is the Tourism supervisor at the state Capitol. Roxanne showed the club pictures of the recent renovation of the West Chamber and lounge at the capitol. The renovation began in April 2008 and was completed in De-

cember 2008. As part of the renovation, UNL art students cleaned the ceiling by hand using such tools as toothbrushes and Q tips for the really detailed work. The pictures showed the dramatic difference after removing 70 years of dirt!

A lot of the stains in the ceiling area were from the flat roof leaking over the years. After the stains were removed, some of the wood surfaces then had to be re varnished.

The limestone walls were cleaned by painting them with a latex material which contained detergent. After the latex dried it was pulled off of the walls in large sheets taking all of the dirt with it.

A new copper roof was put on the West Chamber which has been sealed from the weather & moisture and new glass doors were installed which keep out

the noise from the Rotunda.

There were originally 2 legislative chambers with lounges in the capitol. The east chamber is no longer in use and has

been converted to offices. In the 70's all of the rooms were named for former senators and representatives. The East Chamber is named after Kenneth Wherry and the West Chamber is named after Senator George W. Norris. New technology was also added as part of the renovation and you can now see live web

streaming of hearings, governor's news conferences, supreme court sessions etc.

Roxanne told the club that approximately 100,000 people visit the capitol each year. For more information about the capitol go to www.capitol.org. You can also click on the State Government Link to get information about all of the different government branches.



**QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
ARTICLES?**

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Rotary is on the Web!

Rotary International— www.rotary.org

District 5650— www.rotarydistrict5650.org

Lincoln South Rotary— www.LincolnSouthRotary.org

You are invited to the . . .

***Lincoln South Rotary Foundation
Wine Tasting Event***

Saturday, February 7

6:00 p.m.

\$25.00 per person

**Enjoy the tasting of five different wines with
appetizers and desserts**

Rotarians and non-Rotarian guests welcome

The event will be held at the home of

Joyce and Bill Schmeeckle

6601 Crooked Creek Drive

**(South on 40th past Old Cheney, left (east) on Faulkner, right on 41st,
right on Crooked Creek Drive)**

RSVP to Joyce Schmeeckle - 402.525.5407 (joyce@schmeeckleresearch.com)

or sign-up at a Lincoln South Rotary meeting



The American Cancer Society Daffodil Days

Coordinator - Nicki Klein at TierOne Bank – 402-473-6422 – nicki.klein@tieronebank.com

Order By: Friday, February 13

Delivery: Friday, March 13

Orders paid in Advance – send to Nicki Klein

Checks Payable to: The American Cancer Society



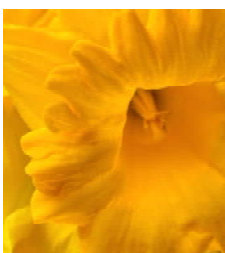
Bear and a Bunch - \$25 = A Bear and 10 daffodil stems

The Boyd's exclusive limited-edition bear for the 2009 Bear and a Bunch campaign is Carrie N. Hope.



Sunshine Bouquet - \$15 = Glass vase and 10 daffodil stems

The Sunshine Bouquet includes 10 fresh-cut daffodil stems and an exclusively designed American Cancer Society Daffodil Days vase.



Individual Bouquet - \$10 = Ten daffodil stems



Daffodil Days Order Sheet

Order by February 13 - Delivery March 13

Company/Organization: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____

Pay in advance – checks to The American Cancer Society

Individual Bouquet - \$10 – approx 10 fresh cut daffodils in bud stage
Cheer Bouquets(vase and a bunch) - \$15
Bears and a Bunch - \$25

| Name | Address, City, State, Zip | Phone | Number Bears and a Bunch | Number of Cheer Bouquets | Number of Individual Bouquets | Amount Due | Paid Ck To American Cancer Society | Paid Cash |
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THE GOVERNOR'S CHALLENGE

ROTARY 104

The deadline is approaching for completing your information sheets for the 104 Challenge from District Governor Sharon Wherry. Under this challenge each member can earn points for Rotary activities. The District Governor will award special pins to those to attain 104 points. These sheets are maintained in a book at each meeting where you can record your points. Examples of Lincoln South activities that qualify are as follows:

Participate in a Club Vocational Service Project

- > - - Dictionary Project - sort, label, pack
- > - - Dictionary Project - pass out books at Schools
- > - - Attend Club Vocational Day Meeting (career speaker with high school students as guests)
- > - - Donate Happy Dollars the week that the funds go to Vocational Books

Participate in a Club Community Service Project

- > - - Helping Ring Bells
- > - - Pass Buckets
- > - - Deliver Meals on Wheels
- > - - Donating toward the Trick-or-Treat for Hunger (food bank)

Participate in a Club International Service Project

- > - - Donation to the End Polio Now Campaign
- > - - Work on the End Polio now City-wide Committee
- > - - Host the Youth Exchange Student
- > - - Work on the Youth Exchange Committee
- > - - Donate Happy Dollars the week that the funds go to Rotary International

POLIO CRUSADE PROGRAM ON PBS

On Monday February 2nd, the Polio Crusade Program is on PBS American Experience. For information go to the Home Page of the Rotary District Website (www.rotarydistrict5650.org) in the box at the top focused on End Polio Now topics. There is also more information in the attachment attached to that item on the Home Page at:
http://www.rotarydistrict5650.org/announcements/pbs_polio.pdf

Rotary has also been notified that Bill Gates has increased his Polio challenge grant to the Rotary foundation by \$255 million for a total of \$355 million with the match due by 2012.

MEMBERSHIP



WHO are you bringing to
the Rotary South Luncheon
on Friday?
Plan for it!

There is a new page for Membership on the District Website - <http://www.rotarydistrict5650.org/membership.htm>

At the bottom of that page we have posted "best practices" - things that we know that clubs are doing well and that might benefit others. Lincoln South Rotary has our Member Orientation agenda published as a Best Practice -check it out! Thanks to Bernie and others that have helped to develop this agenda over the years.