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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



There seems to be a lot going on right now so please make sure and read the newsletter in it's entirety! Lincoln South has decided to support the relief efforts in Haiti as follows: 1) Happy \$\$ collected to date for the weeks designated as "emergency relief" 2) Adjust our Happy \$\$ for remaining weeks in January to go to the Haiti relief fund, and 3) Individual Rotarians are encouraged to donate through the Rotary (either via the web-site or we will send in for you). I believe we are over \$600 already in contributions in just one week! Also, we will be asking for volunteers to help with the Red Cross special collection for Haiti at the next couple of basketball games. Way to go Rotarians!

This Friday is the beginning of our Food Drive...See Attached!

We are approaching the last week of January....think SPRING and have a great week!

Tracey

CLUB SERVICE TEAMS

Scheduled for 1/22/10

On Duty

Brad Carter
Nicki Isemann
Joe Roberts



Clay Ehlers
Shahid Kamal

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians—Kathryn Schubert of Omaha Suburban.

Guests—Alan Potash our speaker.

HAPPY DOLLARS (Emergency Relief to Haiti)

Samip Patel, Sandy Taylor, Clay Ehlers, Nikki Isemann, Nicki Klein, Patrick Grewe, Bob Obst, Kathryn Schubert, Phil Maddern, Joyce Schmeeckle, Tom Cardwell, Roger Vicroy, Dick Miller, Bernie Poppe, Jane Krenke, Bob Vrana, Mary Simmons, Craig Madson and Lance Odom



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2009/2010 Mottos & Slogans

*Rotary International— The Future of Rotary
is in Your Hands*

Future LSR Programs

- 1/22/10 Teresa Harms— Executive Director Clinic
- 1/29/10 Drawing for Paul Harris Fellow— Speaker
- 2/5/10 Dan Marvin, "Lincoln's Proposed West Hay-
- 2/12/10 Lincoln South Board Meeting- 10:30 am at
- 2/12/10 Matt Heimes from Lincoln Southwest HS
"Preparing Students for Debates and
Speech Competitions"

Events & Projects

- JAN Rotary Awareness Month
- 3/20/10 Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI), Westmin-
- 4/9 to Dist President-elect/Secretary-elect Training
4/10/10
- 3/30/10 Salute to Business— Cornhusker/Marriott
- 4/23 to District Conference— Courtyard by Mar-
4/24/10 riott— Old Market Omaha
- 6/20 to Rotary International Convention— Montreal
6/23/10

Rotary District Conference—Mark your calendars for the District Conference to be held at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in the Old Market Area of Omaha April 23-24th. There will be some off site events at the Henry Doorly Zoo which will make this event very family friendly. Nicki will be heading up the duties of Sergeant-at-Arms to be provided by our club. Please let Nicki know as soon as possible if you would be available to assist with those duties.

The District is asking for all clubs to provide an auction item (s) for this year's auction at the conference. They are looking for some quality items like qa condo for a couple of nights, use of a cabin on a lake; corporate jet, quality art....you get the picture!

Notes & Announcements

International— The 2nd host family has been located for our Youth Exchange student from Taiwan but a 3rd family is still needed. The last family would start in late March or Early April. Call Tom Cardwell if you are interested or know of someone who would like to host. Remember the families do not have to be Rotarians.

Rotary Nuts & Coffee— Nut sales are in full swing and are going well. Inventory is available for purchase at each meeting. [See 1/15/10 newsletter for the flyer and order form.](#)

Food Drive—The Lincoln South Food Drive to benefit the Lincoln Food Bank is being held this year in connection with the Super Bowl and will run from now through February 12, 2010. Cash or food items are acceptable and all members are encouraged to organize a food drive at their place of business. [See page 6 for the flyer with more details.](#)

Rotary Leadership Institute—Nicki Klein reported that the Rotary Leadership Institute will be held in Lincoln in Saturday March 20th and encouraged members to sign up. RLI is open to all Rotary members who wish to learn more about leadership positions in Rotary.

Daffodil Days—Lincoln South Rotary will again be helping with the American Cancer Society Daffodil Days. Members are invited to take solicitation envelopes and brochures to their work, neighbors, churches, etc. to sell daffodils. The fresh cut flowers arrive in March and members can then deliver to those that purchased from them. Orders are paid for in advance. You can pick up your packet at Rotary from Jane Krenke (Jane.Krenke@blackhillscorp.com) or use the order sheet attached. Orders can be taken through February 12, with delivery to you at the Lincoln South Rotary Club Meeting on March 12. [See pages 7 & 8 for flyer and an order sheet.](#)

Rotary & Haiti—Over the next several weeks Lincoln South will be collecting funds in support of relief efforts in Haiti. The funds will be sent through The Rotary Foundation. Donation forms will be available throughout the month of January and can be given to Nicki Klein, Dave Hilsabeck or Clay Ehlers. Make checks payable to The Rotary foundation DAF (memo line: Haiti Earthquake Relief #296). Credit card forms are also available for your use. Also all Happy \$ during the month of January will be included.

Red Cross Collections for Haiti Relief—The Red Cross is planning 2 more collections at women's and men's basketball games for Haiti relief. The first one is TOMORROW January 23rd at the women's game vs Kansas State. Volunteers are asked to report between 9 am and 9:30 as some collections will take place before the game and again during half time. The men's collections will be on Saturday January 30th vs Oklahoma with volunteers to report at 11:30 and be available to pass the buckets at half time. Please let Brad Carter know as soon as possible if you can assist with either collection.

THANKS!

Thanks to Chris Dietz who took notes for the newsletter this week

PROGRAM

2009-2010 Club Goals

1. *Club Strength— Leave the club better than when I took office.*
2. *Club Growth— Attain and maintain membership of 50.*
3. *Support Polio Eradication.*
4. *Support critical project in one of 3 areas; Health & Hunger, Water or Literacy.*
5. *Achieve 100% sustaining membership in the Rotary Foundation.*
6. **HAVE FUN!**

Pat Grewe introduced the speaker for today's program. Alan Potash, Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League, spoke to "Exploring the Complexities of the Middle East."

The Mission of the League is to fight Anti-Semitism, bigotry and extremism. He stated that it would like to erase hate and discrimination worldwide.

Interesting statistics about Rotary and the Middle East are the number of Rotary Clubs found there which include: Turkey with 226 clubs, Egypt with 73 clubs, and Jordan with 9 clubs. There are no Rotary Clubs in Iran, Yemen, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

Mr. Potash has been following the crisis support for victims of the Haiti earthquake. He stated that as of today Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey have promised relief support. These are all countries that have Rotary clubs and connections. It is expected that many countries in the Middle East will not provide any support at all.

Prior to World War I there was European

influence in the Middle East. But between World War I and 1960 borders were created for countries to exist in the Middle East through independence. Some of the countries and their neighbors do not get along. Israel has had many conflicts with neighbors since the country was created. In 2006 there was a conflict with Lebanon. There was a conflict with Hamas and Hezbollah in 2009.

Israel survives these challenges due to the unique character of its citizens. In 2009, Israel had 63 companies listed on the NASDAQ.

Between 1980 and 2000, Israel registered 7,652 patents in the United States. Other examples of registering patents in the same time frame include Egypt with 77 patents and Saudi Arabia with 171 patents.

Israel is considered the world's technonation. Although the country is only 61 years old it survives because of change, spirit and growth. Its biggest challenge is the neighboring countries.

Mr. Potash stated that the key to combating terrorism is education and environment. The three reasons that people are attracted to terrorism: indoctrinated toward those ends, they may be a disenfranchised person or they are a despondent person.



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January Birthdays

Lance Odom
Roger Vicroy
Jenny Cardwell



Rotary is on the Web!

Rotary International— www.rotary.org

District 560— www.rotarydistrict5650.org

Lincoln South Rotary— www.LincolnSouthRotary.org

ROTARY MINUTE

The Rotary Foundation has established the [Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund](#) for U.S. Rotarians who want to donate toward recovery efforts after a powerful earthquake rocked Haiti on 12 January. Haiti government officials are estimating that as many as 200,000 people are dead and millions more injured after the quake, the impoverished nation's strongest in 200 years, crumbled government buildings, hospitals, schools, and shantytowns. Most of the capital, Port-au-Prince, is in ruins.

A ShelterBox response team of two U.S. Rotarians and one from the United Kingdom has already mobilized and delivered 1,700 containers of supplies to the affected areas. Another 1,600 will be dispatched from the U.K. to Port-au-Prince. Also, more than 100 Aquaboxes are being delivered to Haiti to provide safe water.

Claude Surena, a member of the Rotary Club of Petion-Ville and president of the Haitian Medical Association, is sheltering more than 100 people in his damaged home in Port-au-Prince. He is also leading the efforts of the 17 Haitian Rotary clubs to ensure that the ShelterBox containers will be deployed effectively to the thousands left homeless. The Rotary Club of Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles, has committed US\$50,000 to clubs in the affected areas.

"Rotarians are working hard and fast to get help to those in Haiti," says Past RI Director Barry Rassin, of Nassau, Bahamas, who has previously coordinated relief efforts in the country. "We're at the same time working on long-term efforts."

More than \$75,000 has been donated to District 7020 in the Caribbean, according to Past District Governor Dick McCombe. The district will be coordinating much of the Rotarian relief effort through its Haiti Task Force, set up two years ago to administer all financial aid to the nation.

A six-member team of Rotarians from District 5890 (Texas, USA) has reported in safe after landing in Haiti for a humanitarian mission 45 minutes before the quake struck. They were scheduled to be there a week but returned to Houston, Texas, on 15 January.

Dawn Johnson, president of the Rotary Club of Verrettes, L'Artibonite, Haiti, says the infrastructure couldn't handle a quake this massive.

"The government is highly centralized in Port-au-Prince, which is now entombed in rubble," says Johnson, who was in the U.S. while the quake struck. "The scale of this disaster is so huge. It is way beyond anything Haiti has ever dealt with before."

Johnson plans to return to Haiti at the end of the month. Her club is already working on getting clean water to victims. "I cringe a little at what I might see when I get back."

RI President John Kenny and Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Glenn E. Estess Sr. have sent a joint letter conveying Rotary's condolences to victims of the quake and asking for more information on how Rotarians can help.

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

NEW MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

PLEASE WELCOME LINCOLN SOUTH'S NEWEST MEMBER

Josh Funcke

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*Welcome to Lincoln South
Rotary Josh !*



Josh was presented with his membership certificate and pin from his sponsor Joe Roberts

Chris Dietz has completed all of the new member requirements and was able to have her new member sticker removed from her badge on Friday by her sponsor Nicki Klein.

Congratulations Chris!





Lincoln South Rotary Super Bowl Food Drive

Collecting food and cash donations
for the Lincoln Food Bank
Now through February 12, 2010



Throw some items into your
cart for the Food Bank
while you do your Super
Bowl party shopping this
year.



Bring items to Lincoln South Rotary.



The American Cancer Society Daffodil Days

Coordinated sales at TierOne Bank by Nicki Klein – 402-473-6422

Orders taken until Friday, February 12, 2010

Anticipated delivery Friday, March 12 – will be delivered to any TierOne location in Lincoln

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 12 - Delivery March 12

Company/Organization: _____

Pay in advance – checks to The American Cancer Society

Contact Name: _____

Individual Bouquet - \$10 – approx 10 fresh cut daffodils in bud stage

Phone: _____

Sunshine Bouquets (vase and a bunch) - \$15
Bears and a Bunch - \$25

Name	Address, City, State, Zip	Phone	Number of Individual Bouquets	Number of Vase & Bouquets	Number Bear & a Bunch	Amount Due	Paid Ck To American Cancer Society	Paid Cash
		TOTALS						

Coordinated by Nicki Klein 402-473-6422. All orders to be picked up by Lincoln South Rotary Volunteer.