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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Joe presented Bryan Block, Short Henrichs, and Phil Maddern Paul Harris Fellow medallions/awards on Friday and Bernie Poppe with a new pin with 2 sapphires....Congratulations to each of you and thank you for your support of the foundation! Congratulations to our club for having 100% participation in this year's drive and for achieving our goal plus some! Thank you Joe for your dedication to the Foundation and Lincoln South.

Don't forget to get signed up for the Polio Plus event next Saturday (13th) and for the Chili Feed in support of the Lincoln South Foundation on the 27th of March.

There will also be an opportunity for you to volunteer with putting together daffodil orders next week at Sandy's.

Tracey

## CLUB SERVICE TEAMS

**On Duty**  
Brad Carter  
Sandy Taylor  
Nicki Klein



**Scheduled for 3/5/10**

Bob Vrana  
Elise White  
Bryan Block  
Dave Hilsabeck  
Samip Patel

## Visiting Rotarians and Guests

*Rotarians*—Roger Moody from Club 14.

*Guests*—Dave Dietz, our speaker and guest of Chris Dietz, Logan Otto, guest of Nicki Klein and Ellie Iseman, guest of Nikki Iseman.

## HAPPY DOLLARS (Emergency Relief)

Elise White, Dave Hilsabeck, Phil Maddern, Roger Moody, Bernie Poppe, Dick Wampler, Nicki Klein, Joyce Schmeeckle, Dick Miller, Nick Fanning, Chris Dietz, Brad Carter, and Gene Swinton



## 2009/2010 Mottos & Slogans

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

### Future LSR Programs

- 3/5/10 Lincoln South Board Meeting 10:45 at the Knolls (Asst DG Jim Dyck will attend)
- 3/5/10 Angie Hilsabeck, Member Services at Madonna ProActive— "Community Healthcare for the 21st Century".
- 3/12/10 Todd Wiltgen, Ne Govt Partnership Specialist, US Census Bureau— "Why its Important to Complete the Census Form".
- 3/19/10 Cindy Heider Kaliff, LMHP Career & Life Options— "Insider Tips on Breaking Through in a Tough Job Market"
- 3/26/10 John Badami— "West Haymarket Arena"

### Events & Projects

- FEB World Understanding Month
- 3/13/10 End Polio Now collections— Super Saver at 27th & Pine Lake
- 3/20/10 Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI), Westminster Presbyterian Church— Lincoln
- 3/27/10 Chili Benefit Cook-Off at the home of John & Nancy Herdman
- 4/9 to 4/10/10 Dist President-elect/Secretary-elect Training Seminar (PETS/SETS)- Salina Kansas
- 3/30/10 Salute to Business— Cornhusker/Marriott— NO REGULAR MEETING THAT WEEK..
- 4/23 to 4/24/10 District Conference— Embassy Suites Old Market Omaha
- 6/4/10 Club 14 100 yr Anniversary at the Cornhusker Marriot: RI President John Kenny-speaker.
- 6/20 to 6/23/10 Rotary International Convention— Montreal
- 8/28/10 District Foundation Seminar in Lincoln

## Notes & Announcements

**Lincoln South Foundation Fundraiser**—Mark your calendars for Saturday March 27th for the annual Chili Benefit Cook-off to benefit the Lincoln South Foundation. It will be held at the home of John & Nancy Herdman and this year will include a chili cook-off competition for those who are interested. Remember non Rotarian guests are welcome. Cost is \$25 per person. [See page 6 for the flyer with more details.](#)

**End Polio Now Drive**—March 13th has been selected for the Polio drive coordinated by the 4 Lincoln clubs. Lincoln South will be collecting at the Super Saver at 27th & Pine Lake. We need 2 volunteers for each hour for 6 hours. Sign up sheets will be available at the next meeting.

**Club #14 100 Yr Anniversary**—Tracey McLain reported that current Rotary International president John Kenny will be a guest speaker at the Club #14 100 year anniversary celebration on June 4th. This is quite an honor to have a sitting RI president in Nebraska for an event so we need all of the members to turn out.

**Salute to Business**— The annual salute to business hosted by all 4 Lincoln Rotary clubs and the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for Tuesday March 30th at the Cornhusker/Marriott. The Lincoln South table is filled but you can still buy tickets. See Tracey or Joe. **THIS LUNCHEON WILL REPLACE THE LINCOLN SOUTH REGULAR MEETING THAT WEEK WHICH WOULD NORMALLY BE HELD FRIDAY APRIL 2ND.**

**GSE Team from Brazil**—The incoming Group Study Exchange Team from Brazil will be here from Sunday April 25 through Tuesday April 27. We are looking for families to host the members for those three nights. We ask that the member stay in the same home for all three nights to reduce the amount of moving around that they have to do. If you are interested in hosting a Team Member, contact Joe Roberts, Joyce Schmeeckle or Nicki Klein.

### **Bernie Poppe Reaches the Next Level of Foundation Giving**



Bernie Poppe received a 2 sapphire pin on Friday signifying that his total contributions to the Foundation have now exceeded \$3,000. Congratulations Bernie!

### **2009/2010 Mottos & Slogans**

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## 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!*

### QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? ARTICLES?

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### THANKS!

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

Chris Dietz introduced husband, Dave Dietz, who is currently the Manager of Resource Development and Acquisition for the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska. He began a 32 year career at the Omaha Public Power District beginning in 1974 as an engineer. He was assigned to the coal plant start up in Nebraska City in 1979. He was part of the team that developed and brought wholesale energy marketing business in 1995. He ended his career as Division Manager of Production Operations in 2006. Mr. Dietz has a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Nebraska.



The topic for the day was MEAN and Wind Energy Generation in Nebraska. Mean is a non-profit, member owned organization providing electricity, natural gas and utility related services to nearly 200 member communities across seven Midwestern and mountain states. NMPP Energy promotes the benefits of join action and local utility control among its member communities.

An early project of MEAN was the demonstration project in 1998 involving the Springview Partnership with NPPD, LES, Grand Island, Auburn and KBR. The first utility scale project in Nebraska occurred in 2002. It is called the MEAN

Wind Project at Kimball, Nebraska.

This Wind Project is the first utility scale project in Nebraska and began commercial operation in October 2002. It has even 1.5 MW turbines and is a Class IV/V wind site which has a 35% capacity factor. The Project took 18 months from planning to completion.

Mr. Dietz stated that in today's market, it would not be possible to achieve such a project in 18 months. The Project cost \$14 million. The

success of the project includes good transmission access, a high level of enthusiasm for the project locally, and MEAN member interest. Over 30 MEAN members purchase wind production monthly.

Some of the challenges and lessons learned were the reliability and availability of turbines, gearbox failures, generator failures, and the need for new software to evaluate performance. There is a need for reliable operations and maintenance for wind projects. The conditions are difficult when work occurs 230 feet above ground in a windy area. It is a very specialized industry. Financially wind energy required a large capital investment which can run \$2000-\$3000 per kilowatt. It is more difficult to finance using traditional municipal financing methods.

The future directions that MEAN intends to go are to purchase production instead owning, purchase small percentages of large projects, retain 5-10% of total energy mix in wind generation, and respond to member needs and goals which is local control, not legislative mandate.

### PLACES TO MAKE UP

**Tuesday morning**—Sunrise Rotary at International House of Pancakes at 4501 North 27th (27th and Superior Ave.) at 7:00 AM

**Tuesday Noon**— Lincoln #14-Nebraska Club at 13th & M.

**Wednesday 11:45 a.m.**—Lincoln East at Valentinos at 70<sup>th</sup> & Van Dorn

### February Birthdays

Nicki Klein  
Dick Miller  
Elise White  
Dick Wampler



**ROTARY MINUTE**

*During the first Rotary club meeting on 23 February 1905 in Chicago, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Hiram Shorey, and Silvester Schiele met to talk about their personal experiences. Harris then unfolded his general plan for their club meetings.*



*This was the simple beginning of the world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago. It was created because of Harris' wish to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.*

*Rotarians continue to take pride in their history. In honor of that first club, Rotarians have preserved its original meeting place, Room 711 in Chicago's Unity Building, by re-creating the office as it existed in 1905. For several years, the Paul Harris 711 Club maintained the room as a shrine for visiting Rotarians. In 1989, when the building was scheduled to be demolished, the club carefully dismantled the office and salvaged the interior, including doors and radiators. In 1993, the RI Board of Directors set aside a permanent home for the re-stored Room 711 at RI World Headquarters in the Chicago suburb of Evanston*

**MEET LINCOLN SOUTH'S  
NEWEST PAUL HARRIS  
FELLOWS**

Bryan Block, Short Heinrichs and Phil Maddern were awarded with their Paul Harris Fellows certificates, lapel pins and medallions. Congratulations to our 3 newest Paul Harris Fellows.



**Rotary is on the Web!**

**Rotary International—** [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

**District 5650—** [www.rotarydistrict5650.org](http://www.rotarydistrict5650.org)

**Lincoln South Rotary—** [www.LincolnSouthRotary.org](http://www.LincolnSouthRotary.org)

## NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Logan Otto has been submitted for membership to Lincoln South Rotary. Hearing no objections from the membership by the end of the seventh day following newsletter publication, the membership proposal process will continue in accordance with the standard procedures detailed below.

### **Logan Otto**

Production Agriculture  
Sponsor—Nicki Klein

Logan has attended the last two Club Meetings and is ready to get involved.

He is a former GSE Team Member - he went to Australia with Dan Rose's team and has already signed up to help on March 13 with the End Polio Event and wants to attend the District Conference.



### **Rotary International Standard Procedure for Membership Proposal:**

- I .** The prospective member's name is submitted to the board of directors
- II .** The board ensures that the person is fully qualified and approves or disapproves of the proposal
  - Objections are to be submitted to the club secretary (or to any other Board Member in the event the Secretary is the proposer) by the deadline posted.
  - It will be appropriate to assume approval in the absence of objections by the posted deadline.
  - The proposer is notified by the club secretary of the Board's approval (or disapproval). **UNTIL THIS APPROVAL IS GRANTED, PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS SHOULD NOT BE INFORMED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP**
- III** The prospective member's name is published to the club
  - If no objections are received by the deadline following the publication of the name, that person, upon payment of an admission fee (secured by the proposer) is a new Rotarian
- IV .** The prospective member is informed of privileges and responsibilities of the club membership by proposer.
  - He or she is then asked to complete the membership application form and submit along with their dues payment.
- V .** Any and all communications within these procedures may be in person, in writing, by phone, by fax, by email, or by any other physical or electronic means available to the Board Member.



# Chili Benefit Cook-off

## Lincoln South Rotary Foundation

Attend one of Lincoln South Rotary's Social events and support the Lincoln South Rotary Foundation.

Bring your favorite chili and enter it in the cook-off competition (details below).

Saturday March 27, 2010

6:00 PM until ??:??

At the Home of

**John & Nancy Herdman**

7525 S. Hampton Rd.

(Home):402-484-8477

(Cell): 402-730-4499

Cost: \$25.00 per person  
Includes chili, dessert and  
beverage

Please invite friends and family.  
A good time will be had by all.

RSVP to John Herdman  
[jherdman@binary.net](mailto:jherdman@binary.net)



100% of the proceeds to benefit the charities of the  
Lincoln South Rotary Foundation

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## Cook-Off Competition

### Rotary Celebrity Judges ~ Win a prize

Let John Herdman ([jherdman@binary.net](mailto:jherdman@binary.net)) know by Monday February 22, 2010 if you intend to enter a chili in the competition. Please provide the following information:

- Name of your Chili
- Heat Value – Mild, Medium or Hot

Prepare your favorite chili and put it in a crock pot to deliver to the Herdman home no later than 5:00 PM on Saturday March 27th. Judging begins at 5:30 PM with dinner starting at 6:00 PM.