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2009/2010 Mottos & Slogans

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Thank you to all of you who volunteered on Saturday to help raise money and awareness for the **End Polio Now** campaign. In 2009, there were 350 new cases in countries that were previously declared Polio Free so we still have more work to do. Rotary has raised over \$800,000,000 to end Polio since the early 1980's. The Bill and Melinda Gates

Foundation has awarded Rotary a \$355,000,000 matching grant to fight Polio. Rotary must raise \$200,000,000 in matching funds of which we are over half way there. Again, I want to thank all the volunteers on Saturday. You can be proud of the fact that you played a part in eradicating polio!

Don't forget to complete your registration form for the district conference. Please see me if you have any questions.

Tracey

CLUB SERVICE TEAMS

Scheduled for 3/19/10

On Duty

Nicki Klein
Nikki Isemann
Bernie Poppe
Lance Odom



Shahid Kamal
Elise White
Pat Grewe

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians—Eugene Gruder from Chico California.

Guests—Suzanne Kolterman, guest of Jessica Kolterman and Todd Wiltgen our speaker.

HAPPY DOLLARS (For Child Mortality)

Nikki Isemann, Joe Roberts, Eugene Gruder, Sandy Taylor, Kathy Schultz, Phil Maddern, Logan Otto, Tom Cardwell, Nicki Klein, Scott Delisi, Joyce Schmeekle, Josh Funcke, Chris Dietz, Gene Swinton, Bob Obst, Jessica Kolterman and Dave Hilsabeck.



Future LSR Programs

- 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"
- 3/30/10 Salute to Business (Cornhusker Marriott)
- 4/2/10 NO MEETING AT THE KNOLLS. (Salute to Business on 3/30/10 will count as the regular Lincoln South meeting.)

LSR meeting and speaker information is also available at:

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/spe>

Events & Projects

MARCH Literacy Month

- 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
- 3/30/10 Salute to Business— Cornhusker/Marriott— NO REGULAR MEETING THAT WEEK
- 4/9 to 4/10/10 Dist President-elect/Secretary-elect Training Seminar (PETS/SETS)- Salina Kansas
- 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.

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 Schmeckle or Nicki Klein.

Lance Odom Reaches the Next Level of Foundation Giving



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

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

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!*

Todd Wiltgen, a Nebraska Government Partnership Specialist with the 2010 Census was our speaker for the day. The Census which is required by the Constitution to be completed every 10 years is used not only to allocate members of Congress to each state but to allocate Federal \$ for many Federal programs. For example in 2008 Nebraska received \$1,735 in federal \$ per each person that was counted in the state during the 2000 census. In addition, each state draws the boundaries for its legislative districts and cities and counties use the data to determine boundaries for certain districts, boards etc.

For those people who are concerned over the security of their data, the census data is confidential by law. There are fines up to \$3,000 and penalties of up to 5 years in prison for stealing census data. In 2000 every 6th household got a long form with 28 questions regarding income, occupation etc. and it was felt that this had a negative impact on the response rate. This year they are back to short form with only the 5 questions that are required by law.



The mail response rate is so critical since by law they are required to count everybody. To the extent people don't return the form, they are required to physically locate them to get them to fill it out and this process is very expensive. For example it is estimated that for every 1% of the population nationally that does not respond, it costs up to \$90 million to physically locate them.

In 2000 Nebraska had a 75% response rate compared to 67% nationally. Lancaster County was 78%. To increase the response rate, Todd works with elected officials to get the word out about the importance to the state of filling out the census.

Responses are due 4/1/10 and the results of the entire census are due to the President by 12/31/10. The data is then transmitted down to the states.

People are counted where they live. For example college students are counted where they go to school since they spend the biggest portion of the year in school. Even illegal immigrants are counted wherever they are living at the time.

The message is 10 questions, 10 minutes, 10 years. It takes a short amount of time to complete information which has a 10 year impact on the state.

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? ARTICLES?

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March Birthdays

Joyce Michaelis
Ardel Harger
Jim Fay
Sandy Taylor
Nikki Isemann
Bernie Poppe



Rotary is on the Web!

Rotary International— www.rotary.org

District 5650— www.rotarydistrict5650.org

Lincoln South Rotary— www.LincolnSouthRotary.org

ROTARY MINUTE**85 million children to be immunized across 19 countries**

Dakar/Brazzaville, 4 March 2010 - More than 85 million children under five years old will be immunized against polio in 19 countries across West and Central Africa in a massive example of cross-border cooperation aimed at stopping a year-long polio epidemic.

Nine countries in West and Central Africa – Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal and Sierra Leone – are considered to have active outbreaks of polio (i.e. cases within the last six months).

The campaign kicks off on March 6 in these countries as well as Nigeria, Ghana, Benin, Central African Republic, Gambia, Cape Verde and Guinea Bissau. Niger, Togo and Cote d'Ivoire will join at a later date due to political transitions or elections.

Over 400,000 volunteers and health workers will take part in the campaign, which is part of an ongoing response to the epidemic that first spread from polio-endemic Nigeria to its polio-free neighbors in 2008 and is still paralyzing children in West and Central Africa.

This complex logistical operation is largely made possible by US\$ 30 million in extraordinary funding released by Rotary International, a major partner in the global effort to stop polio.

WHO Regional Director for Africa, Dr Luis Gomes Sambo, said the synchronized campaign showed Africa's determination to be free of polio. "From the top leadership to local district administrators in every country," he said, "we are each accountable to the African child – to vaccinate every child and achieve high coverage."

A previous round of campaigns in 2009 did not stop the outbreak completely, as not enough children were vaccinated to stop polio transmission. After years with no polio cases, some countries lacked the necessary skills and experience to respond adequately to the outbreak. New approaches being introduced this year include standardized, independent monitoring of whether children have been reached, better training for vaccinators to carry out the plans fully and appropriate deployment of experienced staff.

UNICEF's Regional Director for West and Central Africa, Dr Gianfranco Rotigliano noted: "With better coverage that leaves no child unvaccinated, these campaigns can succeed in making West and Central Africa polio-free."

This campaign will be repeated on 24 April in the same 19 countries. In between, children in six countries with recent cases will receive an additional dose on 26 March as part of a new Short Interval Additional Dose strategy that has proven successful in rapidly building population immunity where needed. These six countries are Burkina Faso, Guinea, Liberia, Mauritania, Senegal and Sierra Leone.

The Chair of Rotary's Africa Regional PolioPlus Committee, Ambroise Tshimbalanga-Kasongo, said: "We at Rotary are proud to have provided the funding necessary for the March rounds and we call on others to play their part in making Africa polio-free by providing funding necessary for more high coverage campaigns."

To end this outbreak, two drops of oral polio vaccine (OPV) will be administered to every child at the door of every dwelling in all 19 countries. A dedicated army of volunteers and health workers will work up to 12 hours per day, travelling on foot or bicycles, in cars and boats and on motorcycles, in often trying conditions. Each vaccination team will carry the vaccine in special carriers, filled with ice packs to ensure the vaccine remains below the required 8°C.

The ministries of health are supported by, among others, key operational partners, including the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. Anders Naucler, Health Coordinator for IFRC West and Central Africa called for all-out efforts: "Hundreds of volunteers from our Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies will ensure that polio drops reach every last child. That is our challenge – and that will be the measure of our success."



See the Lincoln South Rotary Calendar at:

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/events.asp?cid=6040>

DAFFODIL DAYS

Lincoln South Rotary volunteers get together annually to help the American Cancer Society with their Daffodil Days. Volunteers help by selling the products in January and February and then by delivering them when they arrive in early Spring.

The Club goes one step further - they dress up the fresh cut daffodils (which look like a bunch of asparagus) by wrapping them in tissue paper and tying with a ribbon. Many people like to purchase through Lincoln South Rotary because of our extra touches - wrapping and delivering.

The team wrapped the daffodils, sorted and assembled orders on Thursday, March 11. Helping with that were:

Jane (our youth exchange student)

Sandy Taylor

Jane Krenke

Cathy Schultz

Jessica Kolterman

Jenny Cardwell

Tom Cardwell

Gene Swinton

Nicki Klein

The team wrapped 300 bundles of daffodils. Through Lincoln South Rotary Club we had nearly \$3,200 in sales

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who participated!



END POLIO NOW EVENT



On Saturday the 4 Lincoln Rotary clubs joined together for an End Polio Now Day. Collection sites were set up around the city to collect funds for polio. Lincoln South turned out in force with the following volunteers helping to man the Lincoln South collection site.

Thanks to all who volunteered. This gets us one step closer to raising the matching funds to the \$355 million matching grant received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Bryan Block
Dick Wampler
Jessica Kolterman
Jane Krenke
Bob Obst
Pat Grewe
Tracey McLain (and
Son Dillon)
Teresa Harms
Short Heinrichs
Sandy Taylor
Logan Otto
Tom Cardwell
Shahid Kamal
Nicki Klein

