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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Thank you Tom for speaking to the club about your recent visit to the Divine Child orphanage in Georgia. We are glad we could help in some small way this past year. This is no doubt is a very worthy child mortality project.

Thanks to Nicki, Samip, Tom, and Joe who all attended the Foundation Seminar at Quarry Oaks this past Saturday with me. We received recognition as the #2 club in the District in Per Capita giving to The Rotary Foundation during the 2008-09 Rotary Year. A special thanks to Joe Roberts for all the work that he does with the Foundation drive every year. We also received our District Simplified Grant check for the Northeast Family Center project of building a miniature golf course. Congratulations Lincoln South!

Tracey

CLUB SERVICE TEAMS

On Duty

Joe Roberts
Samip Patel



Scheduled for 8/14/09

Bob Vrana
Elise White
Bryan Block
Dave Hilsabeck

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians—Lloyd Johnson, Barb Tyler and Sharon Wherry from Club 14 and Kathy Schatsburg from Hyannis Massachusetts and her guest Michele Crowther.

Guests—Del Harnish.

HAPPY DOLLARS (For Vocational Books)

Nicki Klein, Nikki Iseman, Jenny Cardwell, Brad Carter, Tom Cardwell, Sharon Wherry, Barb Tyler, Kathy Schatsburg, Dick Wampler and Bob Obst.



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2009/2010 Mottos & Slogans

*Rotary International— The Future of Rotary
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Future LSR Programs

- 8/14/09 *Ingra Anderson, Resource Development Director, Easter Seals Nebraska- "Rotary & Easter Seals- Two Strong Organizations Whose Histories are Forever Linked"*
- 8/21/09 *LSR Board meeting- 10:45 at the Knolls*
- 8/21/09 *District Governor Official Visit- Rich Rowland 2009-2010 Rotary Year.*
- 8/28/09 *Michael Snodgrass, Executive Director, NeighborWorks Lincoln- "Understanding NeighborWorks Lincoln"*

Events & Projects

- 8/26/09 *New member orientation—11:00 am at Butherus-Maser & Love 4040 A Street*
- 9/30/09 *Ray Klinginsmith, the RI president for 2010-2011 will be speaking at 19th annual Metro Area Rotary Luncheon at Embassy Suites Omaha-LaVista Hotel & Conf Center.*
- 10/10/09 *District Membership Seminar*
- 10/24/09 *Red Cross Appreciation game Collections. Nebraska vs Iowa State.*
- 4/23 to 4/24/10 *District Conference- Omaha Old Market Embassy Suites*

Notes & Announcements

Youth Exchange Host Families Needed!—The club has decided to participate in the Youth Exchange again this year and host a student from Taiwan. Brad Carter and his family have agreed to be the 1st host family but we still need a family for the second and last few months preferably in the Lincoln East High School area. Call Tom Cardwell if you can help. Remember the families do not have to be Rotarians.

Speakers 2009/2010—Patrick Grewe has agreed to organize the speaker calendar again next year. He needs everyone's help for speaker ideas and is asking that each member sign up for one or more weeks to arrange for the speaker. Sign up sheets will be available at the meetings.

Red Cross Appreciation Game—The Nebraska/Iowa State game on October 24th has been designated as the next Red Cross Appreciation Game. Brad Carter will have sign up sheets at upcoming meetings.

Strike Out Polio Benefit—Shahid Kamal encouraged everyone to attend the Polio fundraiser at the Omaha Royals game on Sunday August 23rd. (See flyer attached to the newsletter email.)

Ambassadorial Scholars—Nikki Isemann met with Rachel Beth Anderson on the 23 of July in San Francisco. Rachel leaves in January for her posting in Cairo, Egypt. On Wednesday, August 5 Nikki will meet with our potential Outbound Ambassadorial scholar for some interview advice

New Member Orientation—There will be a new member orientation on Wednesday August 26th at Butherus-Maser & Love at 4040 A Street. New members are encouraged to attend to find out more about Rotary and Lincoln South. Member Sponsors are also invited to attend in support of the new members. Lunch will be served so RSVP is essential Please contact Bryan Block at bryan@bmlfh.com or call him at 488-0934 if you plan to attend.



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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!*

Our own Tom Cardwell spoke to the club on Friday about the Divine Child Orphanage in the Republic of Georgia. Tom took his first trip to Georgia with a University of Nebraska exchange program and fell in love with the country.

He told the club a little bit about the country which is between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea. It was the 2nd country in the world to adopt Christianity. Due to its strategic location on a very lucrative trade route, the country has been conquered over 40 times! It was absorbed by Russia in the 17th century. There are 4.6 million people in the country and even though the median age is 38.6, there are more centenarians per capita in Georgia than anywhere in the world. 84% of the population is Georgian with Azeri's, Armenians and Russians making up bulk or the rest of the population. It produces many products including grapes, fruits, hazelnuts,, metals, machinery, aircraft and chemicals.

The country has many problems such as a decaying infrastructure, un-

employment, inconsistent utility service and substance abuse.

The Divine Child Orphanage was formed by Kevin & Susan Pierce from Virginia who adopted several Georgian children in 1995. When they visited the country, they saw a great number of children in need and started the orphanage. The orphanage takes kids ages 5-17 and currently



houses 40-45 children.

When Tom first visited the orphanage it had no heat and the bathrooms were in very bad shape. A heating system was installed last year but the needs are still great. For example their goals include a new roof, upgrading the toilets, building showers for the kids, purchasing a bus to transport the kids to school, medical care and library books, just to name a few.

Lincoln South chose the orphanage as it's child mortality project last year and gave \$500 to the facility which was used toward the heating system. Tom encouraged the club to consider the facility again this year for a project.

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

LINCOLN SOUTH MEMBERS RECOGNIZED FOR FOUNDATION GIVING.

Joe Roberts was inducted into the Paul Harris Society which was formed in 1988 to recognize those Rotarians who donate \$1,000 each year to the Annual Programs Fund.

Nicki Klein was recognized with a 3 sapphire pin signifying that she has reached the \$3,000 level of giving to the Foundation.

Congratulations Joe and Nicki and thank you for your dedication to Rotary!

ROTARY MINUTE

Facts about Rotary International:

Since the 1st donation to the Foundation of \$26.50 in 1917, it has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion!

In 1985 there were 350,000 polio cases in 125 countries. Thanks to the efforts of Rotary International, in 2009 there have been 289 cases worldwide!

We have raised \$90.7 million toward the \$200 million challenge grant from the Gates Foundation. I have no doubt that we will reach that goal with 3 years to go.

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DISTRICT FOUNDATION SEMINAR



District Simplified Grants



Top clubs in per capita
Foundation Giving



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