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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



It is a honor to be the Lincoln South Rotary president for 2010-2011. I hope I will be able to continue the fine legacy that Tracey McLain has left me and has herself continued from past administrations. Our club is a bit special and demands excellent leadership.

The Rotary theme for 2010-2011 is Building Communities - Bridging Continents. Of the themes in recent years I like this one the best. It seems to capture the essence of Rotary for me; that being a strong emphasis on both local and international service. For me I will admit a desire to promote international friendships during my year as president while recognizing local service is also important. We are fortunate as Rotarians to have the honor of serving others. Swedish psychiatrist and author Axel Munthe wrote: "What you keep to yourself you lose, what you give away, you keep forever". I hope that we will continue in 2010 to be a club that is active and involved in the world and that we leave the planet a better place than when we entered it.

We are off to a good start for 2010-2011. Nicki Klein reports that we did not lose a single member this year when we requested the annual dues payment. That is amazing and commendable. It tells me we have a group that is dedicated to and embraces Lincoln South's legacy. That legacy is evident in year after year being a top contender for District 5650 club of the year. The last two years we have been the top club in the district and it did not occur in a vacuum. It was based on the sum total of our service. We have active members that want our club to stand for something. So for a moment we should be a bit proud but then it is back to work! :) My hope is that during this next year we will be even better and add a few more members to our roster of dedicated Rotarians. As they say in Georgia "mzad var" (I'm ready) and "tsavidet" (lets go!).

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2009/2010 Mottos & Slogans

Rotary International– The Future of
Rotary is in Your Hands

CLUB SERVICE TEAMS

On Duty

Brad Carter
Jessica Kolterman
Roger Vicroy
Teresa Harms



Scheduled for 7/2/10

Elise White
Bryan Block
Dave Hilsabeck
Samip Patel

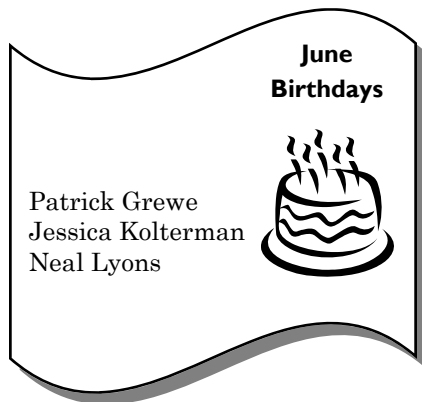
- 7/2/10 Toby Antonson— Salt Dogs
- 7/16/10 Lincoln South Board Meeting 10:45 AM at the Knolls
- 7/16/10 Changing of the Guard
- [Events & Projects](#)
- 8/28/10 District Foundation Seminar in Lincoln

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians— Lucy Buntain Comine, Vi See, and Bill Schmeeckle all from Club #14

HAPPY DOLLARS (For Emergency Relief)

Roger Vickroy, Clay Ehlers, Joyce Schmeeckle, Cathy Schultz, Dick Wampler, Jenny Cardwell, Bernie Poppe, Tracy McLain, Pat Grewe.



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 70th & Van Dorn



Joe Roberts presented Don Schoening with his new member information and pin.

Welcome back to Lincoln South Don!



Rotary is on the Web!

Rotary International— www.rotary.org
District 5650— www.rotarydistrict5650.org
Lincoln South Rotary—

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

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 Jessica Kolterman who took notes for the newsletter this week

PROGRAM

The program was presented by Dawn Rocky who spoke to the club about CASA which stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates.

There are over a million victims of abuse or neglect every year in America. All of those children need permanent homes. The courts decide their fate, and CASA steps in to help advocate for the child. There are over 950 CASA organizations in America, located in 49 states.

CASA in Nebraska has 501(c)3 status, and in addition to grants and donations, it also receives some county money here in Lancaster County.

Three reasons children are taken out of the home: Substance abuse, domestic violence, and mental health issues.

The Nebraska CASA Association works with the National CASA Association to support the development, growth, and continuation of local CASA programs which recruit and train CASA volunteers who speak in court for the best interests of abused and neglected children.

Why CASA?

- CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate.
- Court Appointed Special Advocates are volunteers who are appointed by judges to speak in court for a child's safety and well-being.
- Children assigned to a CASA volunteer are victims of abuse or neglect.
- CASA volunteers come from all walks of life. About half of all CASA volunteers are employed full-time.
- CASA volunteers are well trained and supported by competent and professional staff.



- Judges, attorneys, child welfare workers and parents overwhelmingly report that CASA volunteers make a difference with the children they serve.

- Children with a CASA volunteer are half as likely to spend time in long-term foster care, defined as more than three years in care.

- Cases involving a CASA volunteer are more likely to be permanently closed. Fewer than 10% of children with a CASA volunteer re-enter the foster care system.

CASA advocacy saves taxpayer dollars. If the median length of stay were shortened for children in foster care by just one month, it would realize a savings to Nebraska taxpayers of approximately \$12.5 million per year.

CASA in Nebraska

- As of December 31, 2009, 404 CASA volunteers were advocating for 674 of Nebraska's abused and neglected children.
- As of December 31, 2009, 1436 children are on a waiting list for CASA services.
- The average annual CASA program cost per child served is \$1,020.
- The average annual CASA program cost per volunteer is \$2,450 (for recruitment, training, supervision, and continuing education).
- 20 local CASA programs are currently serving 37 counties in Nebraska.

CASA has been in Nebraska for over 20 years

ROTARY MINUTE



Winds of change



On the Web
Screenshots and
news from
Rotary districts
Ray Klingensmith at:
www.rotary.org
president

What an amazing world! Advances in technology are happening so quickly that they cause unseen changes in our businesses and professions. Yet about one-third of the world's population is still living at a subsistence level with little change in their lives. It is a stark contrast and a cause for concern.

Rotary has both a distinguished heritage and a bright future. My primary task as president is to enhance the vitality and viability of Rotary clubs and to enable them to succeed in the midst of societal changes. This is an important task because it is the clubs that address and alleviate the real problems of society and thereby make the world a better place.

Winds of change was a new and significant phrase when I was a Rotary Scholar in South Africa in the early 1960s. It is serendipitous that the phrase that was first publicized in my host city of Cape Town is now applicable to Rotary as we contemplate the changes in society that dictate some corresponding changes in our organization. The phrase is now better known as *winds of change*.

We are currently enjoying a culture of innovation at Rotary International. We have the ability to look at all of our programs and practices to see if they can be improved, even as we steadfastly maintain our core values. I hope many Rotarians will take advantage of this opportunity to identify and implement improvements in their clubs and districts as well.

Rotary lives and breathes in our 33,000 clubs, and it is the clubs that improve lives by *Building Communities - Bridging Continents*. If we succeed in helping clubs to become Bigger, Better, and Bolder in the next year, then it will be clear that the best days of Rotary are still ahead. We are fortunate to be Rotarians! Together, we can make the world a better place!

Ray Klingensmith
RAY KLINGENSMITH
President, Rotary International

Lincoln South Rotary Clubrunner Links:

Meeting & speaker information:

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

Calendar of Events:

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