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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



I was musing recently about a concept called "social privilege". The idea is that if you grow up in a culture where you are the dominant group socially, politically and economically you might have relatively easy access to a lot of advantages. I am talking about access to better schools, better jobs, more upscale neighborhoods, etc. We can all think of exceptions to this "sweeping generalization" but I think there is some truth to it. What does this have to do with Rotary?

As Rotarians we tend to have more resources than the average person in the community. As committed Rotarians we have a duty to use our talents and resources for the betterment of humankind. We should be humble about it because it could all be taken away tomorrow. At the same time we should dutifully seek opportunities that stretch us and require a bit more from us in terms of our giving especially perhaps our service work. Granted we are a diverse club (age wise) and some people have more time to commit than others. So my message is that individually we should set a personal goal of service that stretches us a bit. If things have come easily for us or even if we had to work pretty hard for what we have we can't be satisfied with the status quo. We are Rotarians out building communities and bridging continents!

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CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

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Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians— Don Kucera and Mike Smith from Club 14.

Guests—Matt Romsek, guest of Tracey McLain and Jim Linderholm our speaker.

HAPPY DOLLARS (For Emergency Relief)

Elise White, Brad Carter, Patrick Grewe,
Tracey McLain, Ardel Harger, Short Heinrichs,
Nicki Klein, Phil Maddern and Scott Delisi.



- 8/6/10 Jeff Maul, Ex Director Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau— Economic Issues Facing Lincoln, Impact of Special Olympics
- 8/13/10 Katie Tauer, chairperson GoLincolnGo— Upcoming Events and Organization Changes.
- 8/20/10 Group Study Exchange Team from Pakistan.
- 8/27/10 Lincoln South Board meeting— 10:45 AM The Knolls
- 8/27/10 Rotary District 5650 Governor 2010-11 Roger Carrell— Building Communities, Bridging Continents.

Events & Projects

- 8/6/10 Lincoln South Rotary Foundation Board Meeting (10:45 at the Knolls)
- 8/28/10 District Foundation Seminar in Lincoln
- 10/8/10 Club 14 Annual Auction at the Lincoln Train Station.



Notes & Announcements

GSE Team from Pakistan— The Group Study Exchange Team from Pakistan will be in Lincoln from August 17-21 and will be presenting to our club on Friday August 20th. Host families are still needed for the Group Leader and a female team member. See Tom Cardwell if you are interested.

Club Service Teams 2010/2011—There will no longer be designated club service teams for each Friday but a general pool of volunteers. Therefore everyone who signs up must be available to help at any meeting they are attending. Sign up sheets will be passed around at the next several meetings.

2010-2011 Officers & Board Pictures—After the District Governor visit on August 27th photos will be taken of the Officers and Board for the new year so please plan to attend.

Speakers—Jason Smith has graciously agreed to coordinate speakers for the 2010/2011 Rotary year and he is asking for speaker ideas from members. If you have anyone in mind please contact Jason at jsmith@lcoc.com

Club 14 Annual Auction—Joe Roberts announce that the Club 14 annual auction will be held October 8th at the Train Station. Cost is \$75 per person and the beneficiaries will be Madonna and The Gathering Place. Lincoln South will not commit to a table until at least 10 members have signed up so contact Joe if you are interested in attending.

Visitors from Georgia— *See page 4 for information regarding host families needed.*

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

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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PROGRAM

2010-2011 Club Goals

1. *Club Strength— Leave the club better than when I took office.*
2. *Club Growth— Attain and maintain membership of 55.*
3. *Support Polio Eradication.*
4. *Support critical project in one of 3 areas; Health & Hunger, Water or Literacy.*
5. *Maintain 100% sustaining membership in the Rotary Foundation.*
6. *Achieve the Presidential Citation*
7. *HAVE FUN!*

Jim Linderholm was our speaker on Friday. In addition to working for Alfred Bennish & Company (formerly HWS consulting), Jim is the chair of the Greater Lincoln Workforce Investment Board an agency created by the City of Lincoln to monitor workforce issues. The Board oversees the one stop career center located in Golds Galeria which houses most federal and state jobs programs.

The Board formed partnerships in 2008 with economic development and educational entities and applied for a Greater Lincoln Regional Innovation Grant. They developed a regional plan with the goal to “Enhance the pipeline of skilled workers and become a Talent Magnet”. Since 25% of the metro Lincoln workforce comes from a 60 mile radius around Lincoln, a regional approach is crucial to retaining talent in the region. Nebraska is in the top 10 in the union in educational attainment and in the bottom 10 in talent retention.

The first project undertaken was Project Lead the Way which has been recently implemented by the Board in the 6 Lincoln high schools. The project allows students to take innovative technical

courses and get exposure to industry to learn more about their field. For

example they are currently working with UNL to offer dual credits with the engineering department. Students get hands on experience with CAD software (Computer Aided Design) and get the opportunity to gain high level math

and science skills. The students are also able to take visits to engineering firms in the area where they gain invaluable experience and develop contacts in the design field. Students can apply for college credits at many colleges in Iowa, Kansas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and Wisconsin. UNL is still not fully accredited in the program.

The long term goal of the project is to grow to outside the Lincoln region since the entire region is important in keeping talent in Nebraska. Joint marketing in all counties is important, not just in Lincoln.



**QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
ARTICLES?**

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

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

TRIP TO GEORGIA

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TOM CARDWELL:

Lincoln South Rotary is hosting a group of eight people from the country of Georgia from August 15th through August 31st. They will be staying downtown at Suburban Suites and participating in activities planned by Rotary and some individuals at the University of Nebraska (Del Harnisch, Miles Bryant and Joe McNulty).

There are actually three adults in this group including Dr. Rita Prokopenko (and hopefully) Tamar (Tako) Bantsadze, a monitor (from the ministry of education) and 5 high school students. All of the students are studying English language in Georgia and I am told this group is quite proficient. The three adults are female. Only one of the five high school age students is female.

I have a request...

Would you be interested in hosting a person on one of two weekends (or both) during their stay? The weekends are August 21-22 and August 28-29. You would be responsible for feeding them, transporting them and entertaining them. There are some group activities planned such as a possible swimming date at Mahoney Park the first weekend and a Rotary Birthday Party on the evening of August 22.

Hosting is a lot of fun and in this case the commitment is very time limited.

Let me know please.

Thanks,

Tom Cardwell

2009/2010 Award

Thanks to Elise White for serving on the board and organizing the District Simplified Grant mini golf course project

