



# The Sower

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



August 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 was a difficult day for me. It was the two year anniversary of the invasion of Georgia. That day in 2008 Russia invaded Georgia coming within 20 kilometers of Tbilisi, bombing and occupying Gori, Poti, Senaki, Vaziani, Marneuli and Zugdidi. Russia says that the war started when Georgia bombed Tskhinvali the capital of South Ossetia (in north central Georgia near the Russian border). However the EU report delivered by Swiss Diplomat Heidi Tagliavini on Sept. 30 2009 indicated that Russia had engaged in "severe long standing provocations prior to the war". It is clear that the European Union treaded lightly in its report in an effort to avoid disruption of energy supplies that much of Europe depends on from Russia. After the hostilities ceased 850 people had died and 35,000 had been displaced. Virtually all of those displaced were Georgians so any ethnic cleansing was of Georgians not Ossetians. Over 10,000 Russian troops are still occupying South Ossetia and Abkhazia two years after the war ended in violation of International Law. Most simply put Russia doesn't like Georgia because it is very western oriented. The road from the Tbilisi International Airport is George W. Bush Avenue. Georgians love the United States and all of its freedoms.

The reason I mention this incident is that the day the war started I was distraught, actually beside myself; with worry about friends in Georgia that I was afraid would be killed. I was thinking of Sandro (whom we had as an exchange student) and his family, of Salome (who was a student at my college) and her family, of Joseph, of Nino, Pavle, Tea, Eka, Giorgi and many others I knew and cared for and thought might die. I can imagine it was even worse for Lali Gogheliani, Rector of Georgian Technical University who was visiting Southeast Community college on August 8<sup>th</sup> 2008 and discussing possibilities of future collaboration. So why do I bring this up? Well the reason I was so worried about the disruption of peace in Georgia was because I knew people there and loved them dearly. It made me very motivated to encourage peaceful resolutions to political problems. Every time a Rotarian travels to another country and makes close friends there I think it makes lasting peace a bit more probable. When we host a GSE team it helps promote peace. Youth exchanges (in and outbound) help promote peace. In each of these cases good friendships are made and they endure. One of the many reasons Rotary is important to our world and future is the call to action to bridge continents

Tom Cardwell

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### CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

John Herdman  
Dave Hilsabeck  
Nikki Isemann  
Jessica Kolterman



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

8/28/10 District Foundation Seminar in Lincoln

10/8/10 Club 14 Annual Auction at the Lincoln  
Train Station.



### HAPPY DOLLARS (For Child Mortality)

Scott Delisi, Dean Heermann, Joyce Schmeeckle, Nicki Klein, Jim Pattavina, Dick Wampler, Roger Vicroy, Craig Madson, Lance Odom, Dave Hilsabeck, Don Schoening, Tom Cardwell and John Herdman.



## Notes & Announcements

**Red Cross Appreciation Game**— The September 11th football game with Idaho has been designated for the Red Cross Collections this year. Game start time is 11:30 AM so volunteers must check in by 10:30 AM. Volunteers must sign up by August 25th so if you are interested, be sure to sign up at one of the next 2 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](mailto: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**—Tom & Jenny Cardwell are hosting a reception for the visitors from Georgia on August 27th. More details to follow. *See page 4 for information regarding host families needed.*

## Visiting Rotarians and Guests

**Guests**—Shannon Kimmerly, guest of Nikki Iseman and Chad Hood and Katie Tower our speakers.

### 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!*

Chad Hood and Katie Tower spoke to the club about the "Go Lincoln Go" group. They were formerly the Up-downtowners. The mission/goal of the group is to make Lincoln a place where people love to live, work, and play. They feel they add the "Sparkle and Pizazz" to the community.

Founded 1984, the group is a branch of the Downtown Lincoln Association, but recently has started to expand their efforts to be more city-wide. Currently they are involved in Celebrate Lincoln, the Downtown Performance Series, the Star City Holiday Parade, and other downtown programs. They also host a monthly social/luncheon. They support ongoing efforts to educate members and the public about all the possibilities in Lincoln. They are also involved in charity work and organize and produce events with other civic organizations. A 501(c) 3, they are funded by memberships and sponsorships. Currently, they have approximately 200 members and provide over a 1000 volunteers to events every year. They look forward to hosting new events as the new arena takes shape, and as Antelope Valley and Union Plaza get up and running.

Although the Star City Holiday Parade will not be happening this year due to the loss of the city funding due to budget cuts, the group hopes to host a different Christmas event in the downtown area.



### QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? ARTICLES?

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### THANKS!

Thanks to Jessica Kolterman who took notes for the newsletter this week

### 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—

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



## VISITORS FROM 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*

## 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

