

Welcome to Lincoln South Rotary

We are delighted to have you as our guest at Lincoln South Rotary. We want you to know you are welcome anytime and we would love to have you consider joining our group.

There are 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographic areas. Clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. As signified by the motto *Service Above Self*, our main objective is service – we work to improve our community, our nation, and humanity across the world.

Our Lincoln South Rotary Club was chartered in 1984. Our Club is composed of a diverse group of about fifty community members who work in a wide variety of professions but are united in their common desire of service. Likewise, we have a long tradition of participation and leadership in our multi-state Rotary International District 5650.

Our Club serves the community through numerous ongoing projects. To name just a few, these include:

- Providing dictionaries to elementary school students.
- Collecting donations for the Food Bank.
- Delivering Meals on Wheels to shut-in elderly community members.
- Awarding college scholarships to high school students.
- Providing grants to local nonprofit organizations, with emphasis on children and education.

A few years ago, our Club held an event at Kuck Motorsports, and this event allowed us to donate almost \$7,300 to Clinic with a Heart and added \$7,300 to our scholarship fund. Every year, we do at least one drive to help the Food Bank of Lincoln. In a recent 18-month period, we contributed over \$4,200 to the Food Bank and almost 2,300 pounds of food, which translates to over 8,100 meals. In the spring of 2021, we contributed \$12,450 to the Food Bank's capital campaign to expand its facilities to provide more assistance to people in our community who are food at risk. This included expanding refrigeration capabilities to provide more fresh foods and produce. Not long ago, we did a Tribute to First responders honoring those who every day put their lives on the line to keep us safe. Through that event, we donated \$1,000 to Shop with a Cop in honor of the Police Department, \$1,000 to Safe Kids of Lincoln-Lancaster County in honor of the Fire Department, and provided a grant of almost \$6,600 to Crime Stoppers for their work. In the spring of 2022, our club supported the Community Action's Early Head Start program which was expanding to serve an additional 72 infants and toddlers. We donated \$2,140 which enabled them to purchase 2 multi-child commercial strollers so necessary for their program. These are just a few examples of the types of projects undertaken by our club and the grants we give to various causes and nonprofit organizations in our community.

At the international level, we have been an active participant in the effort to eradicate polio world-wide . . . and we are almost there! We have an on-going relationship and mentoring program with people from the Republic of Georgia. And we have supported health, hunger, and water purification projects in Africa. Our club also actively participated in providing assistance to war-torn Ukraine.

Lincoln South Rotary has a relaxed and casual atmosphere. The group has fun and genuinely enjoys the camaraderie we all share. Business meetings are very short, and we allow the weekly guest speaker adequate time to share with the group. Likewise, we have some fun social events throughout the year. Here are the details of the Club:

- We meet from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. each Friday. (Meetings are in person and also available via Zoom.)
- The location of the meeting is at The Venue Restaurant, 4111 Pioneer Woods Dr. (in the strip mall near 70th and Pioneers Blvd.) in the private dining room behind the restaurant.
- Meeting fees are \$17, and that includes your lunch.
- Each week, we have a guest speaker which is the main focus of our meeting. The speakers come from a wide variety of professions, backgrounds, and share their expertise with us.
- Weekly attendance is not mandatory – we know business and personal issues are a reality that can conflict with a meeting. But we hope you enjoy the meetings enough that you want to come if possible.
- Annual dues are \$245, and the year runs from July 1 – June 30. (There is a \$25 one-time initiation fee.)
- You can be as involved as you want to be and as your schedule allows. You can help with a special project or serve in a regular capacity. You have plenty of choices.

We hope you will consider joining us as a member of Lincoln South Rotary. On the reverse side is an application form for you to complete. Or if you prefer, let us know and we will e-mail the application to you to fill out on-line. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact our Executive Administrator, Nicki Klein, at nklein2@neb.rr.com. Completed application forms and attached checks should be returned to Nicki Klein by mailing them to her at 2831 Kipling Circle, Lincoln, NE 68516. Just know that you are welcome to join us at any time. We would love to have you be a part of our wonderful Lincoln South Rotary family.