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The news always fascinates me. Last week was dominated by stories of violence with a shooting in Omaha followed by the shooting in Tucson. There is much causal speculation and a tendency to lay blame when we encounter such awful events. The usual pattern for most of us is to experience a degree of anxiety as we realize the utter capriciousness with which good people are treated by the universe. This is a round-about way of saying that sometimes (actually often) bad things happen to good people. Sometimes repeatedly. So what shall we do? Some people say we should adopt a “get mine while I can” approach? We could do that, but does it lead to the kind of world we want? I like to think that although we can’t control our destinies we can “affect the margins”. In other words as a person who chooses to be concerned about others we can change a few lives for the better. We may not have the influence or charisma of Martin Luther King or Abraham Lincoln or Mother Theresa but we can each do something. As individuals we can comport in ways that treat others with respect and caring. By working together as Rotarians we develop synergy and really make some positive differences in the world. We don’t have to care but as Rotarians we have pledged to care. It can be fun of course working together but it is purposeful.

Tom Cardwell

## Visiting Rotarians and Guests

*Rotarians*—Lucy Buntain Comine, Bruce & Kim Remington, Bruce Boyer, Bill Schmeeckle and Larry Burns, all from Club #14.

*Guests*—Rod Steinhacher, guest of Nicki Klein, Barry Hershberger, guest of Elise White and Aaron Babcock, guest of Joyce Schmeeckle.

### CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Joe Roberts  
Logan Otto



## Notes & Announcements

### Future LSR Programs

- 01/14/11 *Marc Shkolnick, Manager Energy Service LES*
- 1/21/11 *Dr. Ilene Kurry—Brain Injuries*
- 1/28/11 *Tyson James—Waste Cap Nebraska*

### Events & Projects

- JAN *Rotary Awareness Month*
- 1/18/11 *Club 14 Nebraskan of the Year Luncheon*

**Nut Sales**—Nut and Chocolate Sales are in full swing. Sales kits are available that include one of each item (except coffee). Otherwise you can pick up items at the meetings or call Brad for special orders.

**End Polio Now Campaign**—Shahid Kamal reported that the 4 Lincoln clubs will again be collecting funds for the End Polio Now campaign at 6 locations in Lincoln on March 26, 2011. Collections will be at various Wal Mart locations and Russ's IGA. More details will be coming. Shahid reported that todate, Rotary has raised \$140 million of the \$200 million challenge from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

**Annual Foundation Drive**—The drive is in full swing through January 31, 2011. The goal is Every Rotarian Every year with all club members contributing \$100. Contact Joe Roberts with your contributions.

**Club 14 Nebraskan of the Year Luncheon**—Lincoln South has again reserved a table for 10 for the Luncheon. If you are interested in attending, please contact Joe Roberts by January 11, 2011. Tickets are \$25 apiece.

**New Officers & Board Members**—Congratulations to the new board members elected for a 2 year term: Dick Wampler, Joyce Michaelis and Brad Carter. Also thanks to Patrick Grewe who has agreed to serve as President after Elise White.

**Red Cross Appreciation Games**—See page 4 for a letter of thanks to all the Lincoln South volunteers who helped with the collections this year at the men's and women's basketball games.

### 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 70<sup>th</sup> & Van Dorn

*See pages 5 through 7 for pictures of the Holiday party.*

### HAPPY DOLLARS (For Literacy)

Joyce Schmeackle, Bill Schmeackle, Roger Vicroy, Dick Miller, Dean Heermann, Jenny Cardwell, Logan Otto, John Herdman, Pat Grewe, Jason Smith, Kim Remington and Bruce Remington.



### January Birthdays

Lance Odom  
Roger Vicroy  
Jenny Cardwell  
John Woodrich



### Lincoln South Rotary Clubrunner Links:

Meeting & speaker information:

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

Calendar of Events:

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

**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!*

Bob Caldwell, CEO of Hampton Enterprises spoke to the club about the new Arena project. When Hampton was preparing to submit its proposal to serve as construction manager on the project, they looked for a national partner with expertise in building similar projects. They teamed up with Mortenson Management out of Minnesota which has built arenas all over the US, each project coming in on time and on budget. In their proposal the Mortenson/Hampton team made the following promises: On time on budget, community involvement, quality and craftsmanship and positive community perception.



tractors for much of the work. To avoid overwhelming local contractors with such a large project, they have split it up into phases to avoid local capacity and manpower issues.

The initial time line for the project includes: design of the bowl, footings and foundation, environmental, subcontractor discussions, securing office space nearby for headquarters of the team and engaging subcontractors. It is anticipated that in late spring or early summer of 2011 the dirt work will begin.

The team will include 12-14 people from Minnesota representing intellectual capital and the trades and craftsmen will come from the Lincoln/Omaha area.

The projected end date is September 2013.

The focus will be on local participation but that is not always possible since some items such as stadium seats are not manufactured in Lincoln. They do plan however to the extent possible, to use local con-

**QUESTIONS?  
COMMENTS?  
ARTICLES?**

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**Rotary is on the Web!**

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District 5650—[www.rotarydistrict5650.org](http://www.rotarydistrict5650.org)  
Lincoln South Rotary—

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





Dear Volunteer,

Thank you for sharing your time with us on Saturday, December 11 to help raise money for the American Red Cross on Red Cross Appreciation Day Husker Basketball. Thank you for braving the cold, snowy day to volunteer your time. With your help, we raised \$3,740 in much-needed funds. During this time of year, every dollar makes a difference as Red Cross volunteers respond immediately to the scene of house fires and disasters, providing emergency, food, clothing and shelter to families left homeless.

The money raised by Pass the Bucket will be used in Southeast Nebraska to support disaster response, as well as lifesaving CPR/AED training, emergency military communications and critical volunteer services like our First Aid Team

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding this event, please contact me at (402) 441-6797 or [abela@usa.redcross.org](mailto:abela@usa.redcross.org). Your comments and suggestions ensure the event's ongoing success.

On behalf of all of those served by the Cornhusker Chapter of the Red Cross, thank you again for your assistance with this importance fundraiser. Without your hard work, this event would not be possible. I hope you enjoyed your experience and that you will be able to join us again next year.

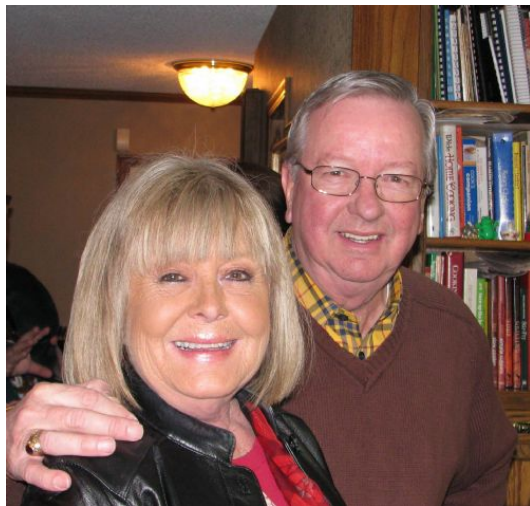
For more information on the Red Cross, please visit our website at [www.CornhuskerRedCross.org](http://www.CornhuskerRedCross.org). Become a fan on Facebook of the "American Red Cross - Cornhusker Chapter."

Sincerely,  
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