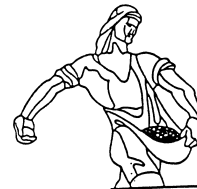




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CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Brad Carter
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Clay Ehlers



Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Don Kucera from Club 14, Jean Wampler, guest of Dick Wampler, Ryan Phillips, guest of Tom Buescher and Kerry Winterer, our speaker.

HAPPY DOLLARS (For Polio Plus)

Clay Ehlers, Joyce Schmeackle, Bernie Poppe and 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

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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Future LSR Programs

- 1/24/14 Nicki Klein- "Getting the Most out of the new Club, District and RI websites.
- 1/31/14 Heidi Daubendiek, Cornhusker Council BSA "What Scouting Is"
- 2/7/14 Andrea Riley, RN- "Ending Polio and Giving Kids a Shot at Life.
- 2/14/14 Damon Hershey-"The Bicycling Scene in Lincoln"

Events & Projects

- 12/1/13-1/24/14 Rotary International Foundation Drive
- 2/4/14 Club 14 Nebraskan of the Year Luncheon at the Embassy Suites.

Notes & Announcements

Club 14 Nebraskan of the Year— Joe Roberts reported that Lincoln #14 Rotary Club is holding their Nebraskan of the Year lunch on February 4, 2014 at Embassy Suites. Ron Hull (formerly of NET) is the honoree. If you are interested in attending and sitting at a table with other Lincoln South Rotary Club Members, contact Joe Roberts.

Scholarships—Lincoln South will again be awarding scholarships to high school seniors. On the day of the presentations our club always provides gift bags for the 4 finalists along with their counselors. Bryan Block is looking for donations for the gift bags by 2/28/14. *(For more details see flyer on downloads list on home page of website.)*

Foundation Drive—Joe Roberts reported that the annual Foundation Drive ends on 1/31/14. The club goal is every Rotarian every year giving \$120 or \$10/month. You can contribute by check, monthly bank draft or credit card. See Joe if you have not yet contributed.

ABC'S OF ROTARY— MORE ROTARY FIRSTS

- Rotary became bilingual in 1916 when the first club was organized in a non-English-speaking country— Havana, Cuba.
- Rotary established the "Endowment Fund" in 1917, which became the forerunner of the Rotary Foundation.
- Rotary first adopted the name "Rotary International" in 1922 when the name was changed from the International Association of Rotary Clubs.
- Rotary first established the Paul Harris Fellow recognition in 1957 for contributors of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.
- The Rotary club which first held meetings on a weekly basis was Oakland, California, the Number 3 club.

January Birthdays

Lance Odom
Don Anderson
Jenny Cardwell



THE ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK SAY OR DO:

- Is it the **TRUTH** ?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned ?
- Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS** ?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned ?

PROGRAM

2013-2014 Club Goals

1. *Attain & Maintain 50 total members.*
2. *Continue to Build on our successful fundraising events.*
3. *End Polio Now.*
4. *Earn the Presidential Citation.*
5. *Successfully utilize the Future Vision Grant Program to enhance our service projects.*
6. *Continue our exceptional Rotary Foundation giving.*

Kerry Winterer, CEO of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (“DHHS”) was our speaker. DHHS is by far the largest state agency in number of Full Time Equivalent Employees. In 2007 all departments in State government that had anything to do with the health and welfare of people were combined into DHHS. It now has 6 operating divisions: Behavioral Health, Children & Family Services, Developmental Disabilities, Medicaid & LT Care, Public Health and Veterans’ Homes. The Children and Family division is the largest. This structure is unusual and does not exist in most states. All division heads are still appointed by the governor but report to the CEO. Kerry indicated that the Federal Government figures more into the activities of DHHS than the state does since so many of their programs are regulated by the Federal government.

DHHS has 3 priorities: Customer Service, Better integration of services across divisions and Accountability. This is very challenging and communication between divisions is key. It is important to push ownership of the programs to those who are administering the programs to achieve accountability. DHHS has recently created its own Internal Audit department which reviews and tests both the financial status and performance of programs.

Kerry talked a little bit about changes in the child welfare system in Nebraska. Previously the state stepped in immediately and took custody of kids identified as high risk. This resulted in a lot of state wards. Now they are finding more ways to keep the kids in their homes.

Medicaid expenditures have gone up 3% in Nebraska compared to other states which have had double digit increases. 40% of live births in Nebraska are paid by Medicaid. The Affordable Care Act is proposing to expand Medicaid in each state with the Federal Government paying 100% of the additional cost for 5 years and 90% thereafter. Even though Nebraska has chosen not to participate in the expansion, its costs related to Medicaid will still go up due to increased eligibility criteria for existing groups.

He left us with the thought that DHHS is made up of good people, doing good work and asked us not to believe everything we read since DHHS has been in the news a lot lately.



**QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
ARTICLES?**

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