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CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Cheryl Brandenburgh
Elise White
Pat Grewe



Visiting Rotarians and Guests

John Dean, guest of Pat Grewe, Kay Wonderlich and Damon Hershey our speaker.

HAPPY DOLLARS (For Polio Plus)

Brad Carter, Clay Ehlers, Jim Pattavina, Joyce Schmeekle, Gene Swinton, Dick Wampler, Lance Odom and Tom Boesher.



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:

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

Future LSR Programs

- 2/21/14 Deon Franklin Bahr- "I've Got All My Marbles"
- 2/28/14 Deb Schorr- Lancaster County Commissioner—"Program for Adult Recidivism Reduction"
- 3/7/14 Annual Scholarship Awards
- 3/14/14 John Neal, Lincoln Public Schools—The Capital Career Center"
- 3/21/14 Dr. Bob Rauner—"Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln"
- 3/28/14 John Gale, Nebraska Secretary of State—"Nebraska's Role in the World"

Events & Projects

- 3/20/14 New member orientation at Midlands Financial Benefits from 12-1:30.
- 3/22/14 Lincoln South Chili Feed Fundraiser at the home of John Herdman.
- 4/8/14 Salute to Business at Pinnacle Bank Arena. Cost \$30/person. NO MEETING AT THE KNOLLS ON FRIDAY 4/11/14

Notes & Announcements

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 details see flyer on downloads list on home page of website.*) Volunteers are also needed for the day of the presentations to keep time, escort the candidates, count votes etc. Let Bryan know if you can help.

Salute to Business—Joe Roberts reported that the Salute to Business which is sponsored by all Lincoln clubs is April 8, 2014 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Pinnacle Bank Arena. Tabitha has been selected as the honoree. Lincoln South is putting together a table if you are interested in attending. This will count as our regular meeting that week so we would like to see a good turnout.

Souper Bowl Food Drive—Dick Wampler reminded everyone that we are collecting cash and food for the Souper Bowl Food Drive for the Food Bank through Friday February 28th. You can bring your donations to the meeting. So far we have collected 24# of food and \$170 cash.

Lincoln South Foundation Chili Fundraiser—The annual chili feed fundraiser for the Lincoln South Foundation is scheduled for Saturday March 22nd at the home of John Herdman. Cost is \$25/per person and if you prepay your admission you receive 3 votes in the chili contest versus only 1 vote if you pay at the door. You can also buy additional votes for \$10 apiece.

Mini Grant Applications—Lincoln South Foundation is accepting applications for \$500 mini-grants which are funded by the Chili fundraiser. The primary focus is on entities that support children and education. If you know of a good candidate please share an application with them.

Membership—Membership chair Darrel Huenergardt reported that there will be a new member orientation on March 20th at Joe Robert's office (Midlands Financial Benefits) 7101 S. 82nd St, Suite B from 12-1:30. All members are welcome to come.

District Conference—Joyce Schmeackle who has agreed to serve on the district conference committee announced that she needs volunteers to help organize the event. Anyone interested should contact Joyce.

February Birthdays

Pat Haverty
Nicki Klein
Dick Miller
Elise White
Dick Wampler
Sue O'Connell



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.*

Damon Hershey spoke to the club about the bicycling scene in Lincoln. In 2009 Lincoln applied to the League of American Cyclists to get a Bike Friendly designation. In 2012 they got the designation at the bronze level. A number of changes were made between 2009 and 2012 which helped them to get the designation including the addition of a bike corral downtown which provides for indoor bike parking, bike racks on city buses, various trail projects such as the Antelope Valley and Haymarket trails as well as a complete streets policy which gives safe access to all users, including cars, bikes and pedestrians.

The city has recently received a \$10,000 grant for a protected bikeway along N street which will connect the Antelope Trail in the east to the Haymarket trail in the west. In 2012 Lincoln came in 3rd in a National Bike Challenge with 1,100 riders logging 634,300 miles.

1% of riders, use bikes as their primary source of transportation, 6% are confident riding their bikes in most situations, 30% absolutely will not ride under any circumstances and 63% are interested in riding bikes but are concerned about safety. Studies were done in New York city that installation of protected bike lanes was good for local business. Think about it. When you are in a car it is harder to make spur of the moment stops but when you are riding your bike you are more likely to make more frequent impulse stops.

In Lincoln the bike trails are maintained year round by the Parks and Recreation Department and many times are cleared in the winter before streets are cleared.

The next goal for the city is to achieve the Platinum designation from the League of American Cyclists.

**QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
ARTICLES?**

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ABC'S OF ROTARY
EXCHANGE OF CLUB BANNERS

One of the colorful traditions of many Rotary clubs is the exchange of small banners, flags or pennants. Rotarians traveling to distant locations often take banners to exchange at “make up” meetings as a token of friendship. Many clubs use the decorative banners they have received for attractive displays at club meetings and district events.

The Rotary International board recognized the growing popularity of the banner exchange back in 1959 and suggested that those clubs which participate in such exchanges give careful thought to the design of their banners in order that they be distinctive and expressive of the community and country of which the club is a part. It is recommended that banners include pictures, slogans or designs which portray the territorial area of the club.

The board was also mindful of the financial burden such exchanges may impose upon some clubs, especially in popular areas where many visitors make up and request to exchange. In all instances, clubs are cautioned to exercise discretion and moderation in the exchange of banners in order that the financial obligations do not interfere with the basic service activities of the club.

Exchanging club banners is a very pleasant custom especially when a creative and artistic banner tells an interesting story of community pride. The exchange of banners is a significant tradition of Rotary and serves as a tangible symbol of our international fellowship.