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CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Brad Carter
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Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Wally Fowler from Daybreak Rotary Club in Lake of the Ozarks, MO.

HAPPY DOLLARS (For Polio Plus)

Jenny Cardwell, Joyce Schmeekle, Jason Smith, Neil Lyons, Dick Miller, Dick Wampler, Brad Carter, Wally Fowler



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

- 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—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.

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 Schmeeckle 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.

Daffodil Days—Nicki Klein reported that members need to place your final orders today for the American Cancer Society’s Daffodil Days. They will be delivered to club on March 8th.

Banner Exchange—The club did a banner exchange with Wally Fowler from Daybreak Rotary Club in Lake of the Ozarks, MO.

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.*

Leah Arington with Theatre Arts For Kids was our speaker. Leah grew up in Elkhorn, NE. Her mom was President of the Community Theatre which is where she got her start in theatre. Leah went to New York to college studying classical voice & Opera. She came back in the summer and started a summer program for kid's theatre to earn money. She graduated in 2000 and was going to be an opera singer. Those plans changed when she was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. The cancer reshaped her goals and she decided to start teaching. She went back to New York, then to California and directed many children's theatre productions. She received her Master's degree in stage directing. She moved to Florida where she met her husband. Her husband got a job at UNL which is what brought them to Lincoln.

Theatre Arts For Kids primarily focuses on 3 areas: 1) Musical classes primarily the age group is 7 – 15. She has

one group called the "Rising Stars" for ages 4 – 6. 2) Workshops and reviews and 3) Shows. Why theatre for kids? There have been studies that show kids score higher on tests such as ACT who have been involved in the Arts. Theatre gives kids confidence, discipline, accountability and structure. Kids actually crave structure. Leah has worked on numerous occasions with kids with special needs. She instructed a blind girl during her time in California. That girl is now at UCLA and wrote a musical which is being shown at UCLA.

Leah has also started a Children's Chorus which meets on Tuesdays. They do their own fundraising and also are out in the community doing philanthropy. The chorus is for ages 7 – 17. Leah's Theatre Arts for Kids is in the process of becoming a 501c3.

**QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
ARTICLES?**

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