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I have long held belief that working people and the middle class need to be supported and that the “license” for doing business in the United States was taking care of employees first and shareholders second. Our large middle class is what makes our country great. I have great respect for the symbiotic relationship between owners and laborers and feel both are noble occupations that need protected. Certainly the creativity of people like Bill Gates or Steve Jobs has made lives better for countless millions around the world. I am happy for their success. I am pretty sure they would also attribute part of their success to the people surrounding them.

One great thing about the United States has always been the ability of talented people to rise through the ranks of labor and assume management or even ownership status. In my opinion this process is fairly fluid in the United States though not entirely merit based. I am also acutely aware that the “road to success” for many people has been severely hampered over the years by their race, ethnicity or gender. I am also aware that not everyone can be a manager and that it is noble to work for the reward of a day’s pay. Many people find their primary satisfaction in life either doing something (a task or assignment) well at work and/or doing something meaningful outside of work such as volunteering.

When there are major labor management disputes I am aware that the bottom line is the ability to make a profit. Without profit nobody wins. In the case of publicly held positions the tension is between providing good services and not over taxing the public. But we should not forget public employees are good talented hard working people and they need to be protected. Of course the tax paying public also needs to be protected. What infuriates me is when an elected official reveals a nasty side in admitting confidentially that he has considered planting stooges at rallies to make it appear that people in labor are unreasonable or violent. I can say I have contempt for such people. Whatever appreciation I had for the goal of balancing a budget is clouded by my dislike of the person. Does this person not understand that he undermines democracy when he contemplates using illegal mean’s to meet his supposed worthy goal.

In Rotary we talk a lot about ethical behavior. There is a balance to be reached between management and labor and it must vary over time according to economic circumstances. Going about this in an ethical noble manner is what we expect.

Tom Cardwell

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians—Jerry & Helen Sellentine, Larry Byrnes and Alan Hirsch, all from Club 14, Gene Fredrick, Lincoln East and Carl Olson, Laramie Wyoming.

Guests— Brett Baker, city of Hickman Administrator and our speaker Tim Hess.

CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Neal Lyons
Brad Carter
Jenny Cardwell
Jane Krenke



Future LSR Programs

- 3/11/11 Tamar Tatuli Chubabria -The Republic of Georgia
- 3/18/11 Molly Brummond- Young Professionals Group
- 3/25/11 Dr Ellen Weisinger, Sr. Vice Chancellor at UNL
- 4/08/11 Parviz Jamalox, Exchange Student from Tajikistan.
- 4/15/11 Scholarship Day

Events & Projects

- MARCH** Literacy Month
- 3/12/11 Chili Feed
- 3/26/11 End Polio Now Event
- 3/29/11 Salute to Business- Honoring Assurity Life. NO MEETING AT THE KNOLLS ON APRIL 1st
- 5/21/11-5/25/11 Rotary International Convention- New Orleans.

HAPPY DOLLARS (For Hunger Plus)

Jenny Cardwell, Logan Otto, Alan Hirsch, Carl Olson, Scott Delisi, Mary Simmons and Gene Swinton.



Notes & Announcements

Chili Benefit—The annual Chili Feed is scheduled for Saturday March 12, 2011 at the home of John and Nancy Herdman. Anyone who wants to compete in the Chili cookoff should contact John. Those competing should bring their chili by 5:00. Social and judging will start at 5:30. \$25 donation per person – ANYONE is welcome – not limited to Rotary Club Members. We will have celebrity judges representing our District and other Lincoln Clubs. .

Scholarship Day— Items are needed to fill the back packs that are given to the scholarship contestants and their counselors. Coordinate with Bryan Block.

District Conference—Mark your calendars for the District Conference to be held May 6th and 7th at the Coco Key Water Resort at 72nd & Grover in Omaha. The major awards are presented on Saturday night. Friday lunch and Saturday night Lincoln South rotary will present a Paul Harris Fellow to the speakers. See page 5 for a registration form and page 6 for the Agenda. Remember there is NO MEETING AT THE KNOLLS on Friday the 6th.

End Polio Now—The four Rotary Clubs of Lincoln combine energies for a joint event to END POLIO NOW. This is a fundraising event on Saturday, March 26, 2011. We need volunteers!

It takes the entire club - all of our various activities - to make us a successful club. And, it takes all of Rotary pulling together to keep making progress toward eradicating polio. This is EASY. We are positioned inside the Super Saver Store at 27th & Pine Lake. We will have table-top posters and buckets - people can drop in donations. The more the merrier - bring your children, spouses. With enough volunteers, we can have multiple members working together making the time more enjoyable. PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY. (Yes - this Rotary volunteer event gives you an attendance credit.) Volunteers are needed for 1 hour shifts at Super Saver – 27th & Pine Lake

Please contact Shahid (kamal.mshahid@gmail.com) or Nicki Klein (nklein2@neb.rr.com) to volunteer.

March Birthdays

Joyce Michaelis
Ardel Harger
Sandy Taylor
Nikki Isemann
Bernie Poppe



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!*

**QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
ARTICLES?**

**Contact Newsletter
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Tim Hess of Black Hills Energy was our speaker. Tim's topic was natural gas powered vehicles. Tim drives a Chevrolet Malibu that has been converted to run on natural gas as well as regular gasoline. The technology to fuel vehicles by natural gas is well developed and natural gas is currently used to many types of vehicles including cars, pickup trucks, semi-trucks, and delivery trucks.

Natural Gas is the three E's fuel:

1. Economic, natural gas is clean, abundant and reliable
2. Energy security, natural gas is well concentrated in the US and in North America, reduces our dependency on foreign oil.
3. Environment, natural gas is one of the cleanest burning fossil fuels with only ¼ the emissions of diesel fuel and 1/3 the emissions of regular gasoline

There are approximately 11 million vehicles currently operating on natural gas. Majority of the vehicles are in Europe. Approxi-

mately 120,000 vehicles are propelled by natural gas in the US. A gallon of natural gas (the equivalent to a gallon of gasoline) cost approximately \$1.50 today and the mileage from a natural gas powered vehicle is almost identical to a gasoline power vehicle.



The wide spread use of natural gas to power vehicles

is held back primarily due to lack of refueling facilities. Currently there is only one refueling location in Lincoln. Black Hills Energy is promoting the use of natural gas to business with vehicle fleets to assist with the expansion of refueling locations. A refueling station can be installed at homes that use natural gas for heat. A home fueling station costs about \$6,500. Additionally, a natural gas vehicle costs about \$6,000 more than a like gasoline powered vehicle



Rotary is on the Web!

Rotary International— www.rotary.org
District 5650— www.rotarydistrict5650.org
Lincoln South Rotary—

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

ANNUAL FOUNDATION DRIVE

Joe Roberts, chair of the annual Lincoln South Fundraising Drive reported the following results of the drive:

- 98% participation
- Expected Total Contribution of approximately \$9,800 versus a goal of \$8,500 (Includes the \$1,000 club donation for the District Conference speaker not yet contributed)
- PolioPlus contributions year to date \$740
- 17 members contribute via TRF Direct (34%)
- 2 new Paul Harris Fellows— Dave Hilsabeck and the District Conference speaker.
- Lincoln South has bestowed 96 Paul Harris Fellows and has achieved an all time giving total of \$143,000.

WAY TO GO LINCOLN SOUTH!!

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



“B” ROTARY
Rotary District 5650 Conference and Assembly
Friday, May 6th and Saturday, May 7th, 2011
 CoCo Key Water Resort - Hotel - Convention Center
 (formerly Holiday Inn), 3321 S. 72nd St, Omaha, NE 68124 (72nd & I-80)



Member Name _____ Call Name _____
Last First Middle Initial

Rotary Club of _____ Rotary Title _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail Address _____

Is this Your First District Conference Attendance? Yes No Is this Guest's First Time Attendance? Yes No

Spouse or Guest Name _____ Call Name _____
Last First Middle Initial

Is Spouse or Guest a Rotarian? Yes No If yes, Rotary Club of _____

“BUILDING COMMUNITIES”

	Number Attending	Amt Per Person	Total Due
Registration Fee (Admission Button and Door Prize Eligibility)	_____	\$5.00	\$ _____
Friday, May 6th All meetings and meals for one day	_____	\$75.00	\$ _____
Saturday, May 7th .. All meetings and meals for one day	_____	\$75.00	\$ _____

“BRIDGING CONTINENTS”

	Number Attending	Amt Per Person	Total Due
Friday, May 6th			
Breakfast	_____	\$15.00	\$ _____
District Luncheon w/ Mike Kelly of the Omaha World-Herald.....	_____	\$25.00	\$ _____
Governor-elect's Dinner w/ RI Representative, Mr. Rick Tinucci	_____	\$40.00	\$ _____
Saturday, May 7th			
Foundation/Memorial Breakfast w/ Bagpipes.....	_____	\$20.00	\$ _____
Lunch w/ Youth Exchange Students returned from Japan	_____	\$15.00	\$ _____
Governor's Dinner w/ Mr. Howard Buffet.....	_____	\$45.00	\$ _____

“BIGGER, BETTER, BOLDER”

Payment Totals:

DEADLINE EXTENDED!
NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 28, 2011

Total Registration Fees	\$ _____
Total From “Building Communities”	\$ _____
Total From “Bridging Continents”	\$ _____
Total prior to Convenience Fee (credit cards only - see below)	\$ _____

PAYMENT BY CHECK:
Make Checks Payable to:
 Rotary District 5650 - District Conference
Mail (or e-mail) this form with your payment to:
 Erin Oberhauser
 17010 K St.
 Omaha, NE 68135
exec@rotarydistrict5650.org

PAYMENT BY PAYPAL:
 PayPal invoices will be sent to the e-mail address listed above for Credit Card/PayPal Account payments. You must have a PayPal account. There will be a \$0.45 - \$4.95 convenience fee charge* per registrant on all PayPal payments.
 *Convenience fee is approximately 2.9% plus \$0.30 per transaction.

Questions? Contact Peggy Carrell, 402-926-6428

HOTEL

Reservations: Call 402-393-3950, option 2. Mention Rotary District Conference for special rate of \$79.00 + taxes. Also ask about family discounts for Water Resort and Game Room. <http://www.cocokeywaterresort.com/omaha>

