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I have thought more than once about what we leave behind once we are gone (euphemism for dead). In looking through old family photographs I realize I don't know most of the people that were important to my parents growing up. I was fortunate to know one set of grandparents for 10 years and the other set for 34 years. My mom's mother (my grandmother) was the oldest in a family of 13 children. I met a few of my grandmother's siblings but have little recollection of them. Without photographs I would have practically no impression of them. Even so, I don't know what most of them stood for (their beliefs, values, did they have a sense of humor, did they play the piano, etc.) Have you noticed that most of the time in old photographs people were not supposed to smile. Were they all dour? I doubt it but it is hard to tell! On a humorous note most baby boys were dressed up like girls for family portraits. I never quite got that! Since I knew them longer I have pretty vivid memories of my paternal grandparents. They let us drink coffee when we were only 10 years old and would pile all seven of the grandkids in their car and take them for ice cream. They raised golden Retrievers, bought go karts and made a track for us to race them on, were ham radio operators, ornithologists and astronomers among other things. My grandmother was the first licensed female "ham" in Nebraska. Her call letters were WONAM (Not A Man) When we were older we would commonly play cards at their house until 3:00 a.m. Space permitting, I could go on for pages about their interesting lives. The point is my kids barely knew them. The amazing memories I have of my grandparents pretty much die when I die. That is true (I think) for most all of us. Once our grandkids are gone no one will know we existed except in some photographs. The point is (kids or no kids) while you are alive do some things that are memorable. Do some significant volunteer work. Write something insightful. Paint a picture. Do something intentional so that maybe you will be remembered in a good way. One thing you can do now is start keeping track of your family history and that of your parents and grandparents. Start a journal with pictures, letters and other memorabilia. What an amazing gift to give your children and their children. Rotary is one way to do something of value for others that leaves a good legacy. Rotary is also kind of a family and I think deep down inside we all want to leave a legacy.

Tom Cardwell

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians—Dennis Duckworth, Lincoln East.

Guests— Nate Blum, Carl Mesker, Dave Paul and Tamar Tatuli Chubabria, our speaker.

CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

John Herdman
Brad Carter
Jim Pattavina



Future LSR Programs

- 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
- 4/22/11 Morrie Enders, Ex Dir Lincoln Community Playhouse- "Don't Stop Believing-the eventful upcoming Season at the Playhouse"

Events & Projects

- MARCH** Literacy Month
- 3/12/11 Chili Feed
- 3/29/11 Salute to Business
- 5/21/11-5/25/11 Rotary International Convention— New Orleans.

HAPPY DOLLARS (For Child Mortality)

Joyce Schmeackle, John Herdman, Craig Madson, Patrick Grewe, Nicki Klein, Logan Otto, Nick Fanning and Dick Miller

**March Birthdays**

Joyce Michaelis
Ardel Harger
Sandy Taylor
Nikki Isemann
Bernie Poppe

**Notes & Announcements**

Daffodil Days—Nicki Klein reported that Lincoln South raised \$2,650 for the American Cancer Society Daffodil days. Thanks to all who sold daffodils.

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.)

What we need now: Volunteers March 26, 2011

1 Hour Shift - 11:00, Noon or 1:00 Shift open

Super Saver – 27th & Pine Lake

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

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!*

Our speaker was Tamar Tatuli Chubabria. Tatuli is from The Republic of Georgia and a student at Southeast Community College. She has been in Nebraska for 7 months. Her presentation was a review of the political environment in Georgia and a discussion as to why Georgia should be part of Europe and not Russia. The identity of Georgia is often confusing because it touches both the continent of Europe and Asia. This has made it difficult to define the role of the country – do they relate to Russia, Europe or Asia? Tatulli's presentation was about why she believes that Georgia should be defined as part of the Western Countries. Looking back in history:

-Europe started in Georgia; the remains of the oldest European were discovered in Georgia; believed to have lived 1.8 million years ago.

- Christianity, often thought of as a western religion, spread during the 4th century and was introduced as the state religion in 317 AD.

As just a matter of history, Tatuli mentioned that Georgia was the strongest during the reigns of King David the Builder and his great grand daughter the Female King Tamara. Throughout history, Georgia was controlled at various points by the Mongol Empire, Ottoman Empire and Persian Empire. During all of this Georgia retained its identity and religion.

Things took a turn in 1783 when the leaders of Georgia asked Russia for support. What they really wanted was a treaty where Russia would not violate the borders of Georgia. The Treaty of Georgievsk made Georgia a protectorate of Russia and was supposed to guarantee the safety of Georgians from surrounding muslim neighbors but Russia did not protect Georgia and it was consequently left Tbilisi sacked and Georgia ravaged by Persian invaders. Instead Georgia lost its identity – it was considered to be part of Russia and not named as an independent country. Georgia did gain independence again in 1918 but it only lasted for 3 years and then was enveloped into the new Soviet Union. Soviet leader Stalin was born in Georgia, but was not loyal to Georgia.

Two regions of Georgia are still fraught with conflict (exacerbated by Russia) but are recognized as autonomous – Ossetia and Abkhazia. In those regions in the 1920s and 1930s, there was mass murdering and deportation to Siberia. During WWII 300,000 Georgians died. In 1978 Russia tried to introduce Russian as the state language in Georgia but it me with mass protests. In 1989 Russia sent troops to Georgia to gain control. After that, some leaders felt that Georgia needed to be independent – not be influenced by either the West or Russia. 1992 – Georgia became a member of the North Atlantic Cooperation Agreement and the EU recognized Georgia's independence. There was a civil war in 1992-1993 when the Ethnic Abkhasians were at war with the ethnic Georgians. Eduard Shevardnadze became the president of The Republic of Georgia in 1995. He was the first Secretary of the Georgian Communist Party and earlier had tried to keep the affiliation with Russia. 1992 – Georgia was accepted to the Council of Europe who saw the importance of the country's location and the future of pipelines and transportation.

The Rose Revolution meant a change of power in Georgia in 2003. This was after protests over elections. At that time, President Eduard Shevardnadze was forced to resign. Mikheil Saakashvili became president with 96% of the vote. Corruption was reduced, better jobs became available. 2005 – President Bush shows support of Georgian government and the U.S. sent support. 2007 unrest again with street protests. There was a call for Saakashvili to resign. He shut down the media and sent policy to dismantle the crowds, often with the use of tear gas. In 2008 Saakashvili agreed to another election which he handily won. But, there are still questions as to the authenticity of the election process. Saakashvili is to be President until 2013. Also in 2008 Georgia was denied membership to NATO – the leadership was fearful of irritating Russia due to their claims on Georgia. It was in August of 2008 that Russia declared war on Georgia and crossed over the borders at Gori. Bush and Condoleezza Rice continued to show support for Georgia. A peace agreement between Georgia and Russia has been signed but Russia has not upheld their side of the treaty. Protests erupted again in 2009. They took the protests out of the streets and into a stadium to ensure an accurate count to prove the numbers of people involved. They want Saakashvili to leave office before 2013.

**QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
ARTICLES?**

**Contact Newsletter
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Again the U.S. shows support when Joe Biden visits Georgia in 2009.

There are still a number of Georgians who speak Russian due to the number of years that Georgia was under Russian influence. But, Georgian students are no longer going to Russia to study – they are trying to break ties as they believe that Georgia should be a part of Europe.

Sandy was born and attended school in Omaha. She worked in Washington State and also Minnesota where she was introduced to Rotary. She was interested in the International focus of Rotary and was active with International students, including being a host mom

She has been at Bryan LGH for over 10 years. When she moved to Lincoln, she was invited to join Lincoln South Rotary by Joe Roberts. Sandy is a Past President of Lincoln South Rotary.

Sandy has one son and three grandchildren. She announced that she will soon be retiring and moving back to Omaha.

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE



NEWEST PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Dave Hilsabeck was formally inducted as our newest Paul Harris Fellow



Congratulations Dave!

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



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>



“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:

Total **Registration Fees** \$ _____

Total From **“Building Communities”** \$ _____

Total From **“Bridging Continents”** \$ _____

Total prior to Convenience Fee (credit cards only - see below) \$ _____

DEADLINE EXTENDED!

NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 28, 2011

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>

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

AGENDA

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Friday:

8am..... Registration
 Continental Breakfast
 9am..... Assembly with District Governor Elect-Bob Perrin
 10:30 am..... BREAK
 10:45am..... Council on Legislation by Merle Jansen
 Rotary 106 Test by Yolanda Hoffman
 11:45..... BREAK
 12noon..... Lunch
 Emcee - Dave Goldstein
 Guest Speaker: Mike Kelly, columnist with Omaha World-Herald
 Burke High JROTC Color Guard-Jim Murphy
 Special Presentation to Steve McCollister
 District Awards
 1:30pm..... ADJOURN
 2:00pm..... District Well Project in Zambia with Chuck Erickson
 230pm..... Rotary Leadership Institute with Nicki Klein
 3:00pm..... BREAK
 3:15pm..... Business Meeting
 4:15pm..... BREAK
 6:00pm..... Cocktail Hour with Dave Gerard at the piano
 7:00pm..... District Governor-elect's Dinner
 Guest Speaker: Rick Tinucci, Rotary International President's Representative
 Introduction of Presidents-elect
 District Awards
 9:30pm..... ADJOURN to Hospitality Room

Saturday:

8am..... Registration
 8:30am..... Rotary Memorial Breakfast
 9:30am..... Memorial Service with Dr. Peter Heineman playing the Bag Pipes
 10:30am..... BREAK
 10:45am Polio Presentation by Gretchen Bren, Roxy Orr, Bob Perrin and Kris Winter
 11:45am..... Lunch Emcee - Bob Collins
 Guest Speaker: Rick Tinucci, Rotary International President's Representative
 Introduction of Presidents
 Presentation by the Group Study Exchange Team from Pakistan
 1:00pm..... BREAK
 1:30pm..... Programs from Outbound Students to Japan and our Inbound Students
 3:00pm..... Inviting Clubs to Present their Projects
 4:15pm..... ADJOURN
 6:00pm..... Cocktail Hour-with Steve Thornburg and Jazz Ensemble
 7:00pm..... District Governor's Dinner
 Cadwalder Presentation
 Special Guest Speaker-Howard Buffett
 District Awards (top 10 club awards; not to be missed)
 10:00pm..... ADJOURN to the Hospitality Room

During the conference: Participate in the Silent Auction; Visit Club booths; Win Door Prizes