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

CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Chris Dietz
Brad Carter
Lance Odom
Bernie Poppe



Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians—Bruce Remington

Guests—Jessica Kennedy and Bruce Reiker, our speaker.

HAPPY DOLLARS (For Health & Hunger)

Brad Carter, Bob Vrana, Chris Dietz, Bernie Poppe, Craig Madson, Lance Odom, Scott Delisi, Pat Grewe and Joyce Schmeackle



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>



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Future LSR Programs

- 3/23/12 LSR Annual Scholarship Awards
- 3/30/12 LSR Board meeting— 12 pm at the office of Elise White
- 3/30/12 NO MEETING— (Annual Rotary Salute to Business on 3/27 will count as regular meeting)
- 4/6/12 TBD
- 4/13/12 UGRAD Student from Southeast Community College— International Student Perspectives.
- 4/20/12 Kyla Wize, National Park Board- “Food-Our Fundamental Right”
- 4/27/12 Dr. Juliann Sebastian— Dean UNMC College of Nursing “UNMC Cancer Center”

Events & Projects

- 3/27/12 Annual Salute to Business at the Cornhusker Marriott. Doors open 11:30.

Notes & Announcements

Salute to Business—This event which is sponsored by all 4 Lincoln Rotary clubs is scheduled for Tuesday March 27, 2012 at the Cornhusker Marriott. The Lincoln South table is filled but you can still attend. Cost is \$25 per person. Please see Joe Roberts if you are interested in attending. The honoree is Crete Carrier. This will count as the regular Lincoln South meeting that week so there will be NO MEETING ON FRIDAY MARCH 30TH. *See flyer with details on page 4.*

LSR Annual Scholarship Awards—Tom Cardwell of the Scholarship Committee reported that the committee met and selected four applicants with one alternate. The committee consists of Tom Cardwell, Chris Dietz, Ryan Spaulding, and Gene Swinton. The scholarship selection will be made on Friday, March 23 during the regular club meeting. **Please note that the meeting will start promptly at noon to give the applicants time to give their speeches. Everyone needs to have their food and be seated by noon.**

Golf Outing— Mark your calendars for Friday May 11th for the Lincoln South Golf Outing. Proceeds are used to fund the annual scholarships. More details to follow.

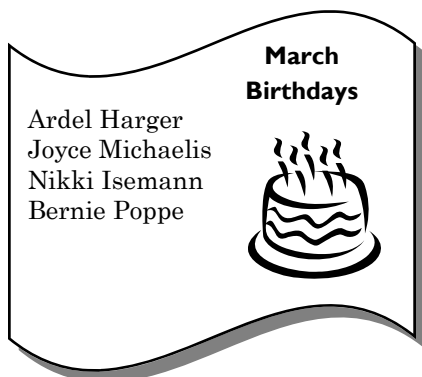
See pages 5 and 6 for pictures of the Lincoln South Foundation Chili Fundraiser held on Saturday March 17th.

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



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2011-2012 Club Goals

1. *Attain & Maintain 55 total members.*
2. *Increase number of female members & young professionals.*
3. *Hold periodic club assemblies.*
4. *Incorporate "New Generations" into current club service projects.*
5. *Maintain 100% sustaining membership in the Rotary Foundation.*
6. *Have a rewarding, unforgettable year!*

**QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
ARTICLES?**

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PROGRAM

Bruce Reiker from the Nebraska Hospital Association spoke to the club about the Insurance Exchanges which are part of the new healthcare reform law that was signed into law 2 years ago.



The Nebraska Hospital Assn. represents 89 hospitals in Nebraska which treat 10,000 patients per day. They have 43,000 employees and as such are interested in the details of the healthcare reform law not only from the prospective of providers of services but also as employers who provide benefits to their employees.

Bruce compared implementation of the law to designing a jet airplane. We have an engine in 2010 but no fuselage and no wings. We are all on the plane but we are building it as we go since many of the regulations which control how the plan is implemented are still being written.

Some of the changes in the bill include:

Expanding coverage to 32 million people, Expanding Medicaid to cover those incomes 133% above the federal poverty limit, eliminating pre-existing conditions, penalties for those who do not purchase insurance, changes to the delivery system including value-based purchasing programs, accountable care organizations and health insurance exchanges.

By 2014 Health Insurance Exchanges will become the exclusive vehicle for providing subsidized insurance coverage to those with incomes of 133% to 400% of the federal poverty limit. This translates to an income near \$90,000 for a family of 4 which means that 71% of Nebraska households would qualify for the subsidy. Each state must establish an exchange or the federal government will do it for them.

The NE Dept of Insurance, legislature and various stakeholders including the NE Hospital Association are working to determine priorities and to develop a plan for a Health Insurance Exchange for the state. There are many questions yet to be answered such as:

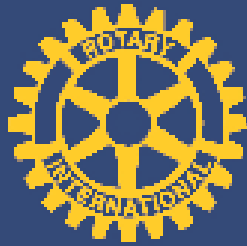
Should the state form an exchange or let the federal government do it? - How should it be governed? - What are the costs and sources of funding? - What are applicable timelines? What process should Nebraska use to form the exchange etc.

The Supreme court will be looking at the constitutionality of the healthcare reform act this summer. There are 19 questions before them but the main issue is the health insurance mandate. There is a possibility that the decision could be pushed forward to 2015 since the penalties will not kick in until that point.

The state has to declare by 1/1/13 if it is going to form its own exchange. Then the exchange has to be fully operational by 1/1/14 and 100% self sustaining by 1/1/15.



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Salute to Business

Save the Date

20th Anniversary

Salute to Business Luncheon
honoring:



Tuesday, March 27, 2012
Cornhusker Marriott Hotel
\$25
Corporate tables available
Doors open at 11:30



