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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Please use the following link to find the most current message from President Jenny Cardwell:

<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/6040/>

CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Tom Cardwell
Lance Odom
Dave Hilsabeck
Bob Vrana
Nicki Klein



HAPPY DOLLARS (For Polio Plus)

Kay Wunderlich, Clay Ehlers, Tom Cardwell, Jenny Cardwell, Lance Odom and Bob Vrana.



Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Charlie Ogden of Club #14, Claire Ehlers (daughter of Clay).

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 ?



Notes & Announcements

4/10/15	Annual Scholarship Presentations and Selection
4/17/15	Sara Browning, Nebraska Extension—Green Lawns/Great Plants
4/24/15	Career Day; Dr. Paul Illich, President SCC
5/1/15	Susan Rouch—Nebr. Dept of Economic Development
5/8/15	Lt. Governor Mike Foley
Events & Projects	
4/21/15	Drawing for Grocery Grab
4/28/15	Grocery Grab Shopping Spree

**QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
ARTICLES?**

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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards(RYLA) – Rotary District 5650 has help the RYLA camp for the last few years and Lincoln South Rotary has always sent a few students. RYLA is open to Juniors in High School and some students feel that the program has such a major impact . . . maybe even has changed their life. Tom Cardwell is the Rotary District 5650 Chair of RYLA and we also have a number of others members who volunteer for the event. This year it will be from April 17 through April 19 at Camp Kitaki.

Grocery Grab—a major fundraiser for our scholarship funds is the Grocery Grab. This is an opportunity for someone to "run around the Russ's store at 33rd & Hwy 2 and get as many groceries as they can in 3 minutes (maximum \$1,000). Raffle tickets are sold by Lincoln South Rotary Club members and at all Russ's stores. The tickets are \$10 each (Lincoln South Rotary Club Members can sell them at 3/\$25). Club members are asked to check out a packet of tickets to sell. Drawing will be 4-21 (so ticket stubs and money should be returned at Rotary 4-17); the Grab is April 28. See Nicki Klein .

District Grants— the Board of Lincoln South Rotary again approved funds for a project this year. If approved, the District will match the funds 1 to 1. If anyone has suggestions or ideas for grant projects (can be a project of any amount up to \$3,000), contact Nicki Klein or Wayne Moore, who will be coordinating the District Grant process for the 2015-16 Rotary Year. To see some of the projects of our club using District Grant funds, [click here](#). In addition, for the 2014-15 Rotary Year, we are working with Southeast Community College to create a Veteran's Resource Center (we are providing computers and other room equipment). Campus in Lincoln.

Rotary International Presidential Citation— Every year, the President of Rotary International outlines a challenge for Clubs. The purpose is to help clubs be effective, successful, and ensure that Rotary stays vibrant. The Presidential Citation changes every year to fit with the theme and the goals of the Rotary International President. Lincoln South Rotary Club uses the Presidential Citation as well as the Rotary District 5650 Goals to set our goals for the Rotary Year. We have been successful in meeting the Presidential Citation challenge EVERY YEAR FOR THE PAST 19 YEARS. We are happy to announce that AGAIN for the 2014-15 Rotary Year, we have met the challenge. To see what the challenge included this year, [click here](#). We also learned that we are only one of a handful of clubs in the District that was able to meet the challenge this year. CONGRATULATIONS to President Jenny and all of Lincoln South Rotary Club! To see the entire award history (since we have been tracking) of Lincoln South Rotary Club and Members, [click here](#).



Members that continually contribute to The Rotary International Foundation are recognized for each \$1,000. At \$1,000 a member becomes a Paul Harris Fellow. A special lapel pin is awarded to those who have attained a Paul Harris Fel-

low. With each additional \$1,000 a new pin with various precious stones is awarded. Today we recognize Lance Odom for the level of Paul Harris Fellow Plus 3 (PHF+3) which is for a total giving of \$4,000.

Congratulations Lance!

Rotary is on the Web!

Lincoln South-Meetings & Speakers

<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/6040/Speakers>

Lincoln South-Calendar of Events

<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/6040/Events/Calendar>

Rotary International— www.rotary.org

District 5650—www.rotarydistrict5650.org

PROGRAM

2014-2015 Club Goals

1. *Earn the Presidential Citation.*
2. *Attain & Maintain 55 total members.*
3. *Successfully utilize New Grant Program by submitting 1 District Grant and 1 Global Grant.*
4. *Increase \$ raised from Golf Tournament and Grocery Grab by 5% over prior year.*
5. *Increase Rotary Foundation giving to \$9,300 with 100% participation.*
6. *Continue to participate in End Polio Now giving at \$32/member level by using Happy \$ and participating in End Polio Now events.*
7. *Continue to have Club participation at District Level.*
8. *Host a Rotary Days event with other clubs in Lincoln.*
9. **HAVE FUN AS ROTARIANS IN SERVICE TOGETHER!**

This year we are hosting a Youth Exchange student from Taiwan. Peggy Chuang has been staying with the Clay Ehlers family for about 4 months. She is attending Southeast High School and is scheduled to stay through the school year and then will participate in a Rotary trip with other Rotary Youth Exchange students from the area which will give them an opportunity to see more of the United States (from coast to coast).



Peggy's presentation included information about Taiwan and what she has learned about Lincoln, Nebraska. She pointed out the location of Taiwan (eastern of mainland China) and she pinpointed her home city of Hualien City which is on the east side of Taiwan.

She shared that the Taroko National Park is near where she lives. Taroko means magnificent and beautiful. The park is famous for the marble canyons and her photos proved that the park was aptly named.

Peggy compared Taiwan to Nebraska:
Differences – though we both grow delicious crops, Nebraska is famous for corn and Taiwan has abundant fruits
Similarities – we both drive on the right side of the road
Favorite Food – in Taiwan she likes bubble tea and dumplings, in Nebraska she likes French fries and pizza

Things that we should know:
 Taiwan has the most convenience marts of any country – there is one on every country. There are no public garbage cans and they don't put their garbage "on the curb"; the garbage trucks play music (much like our ice cream trucks) so that people know they are arriving and people come out of their homes with bags of garbage to put on the truck. They eat with chopsticks and use bowls for all of their foods.

There are many temples in Taiwan. The sight and smell of incense is everywhere. The currency exchange rate is currently about 100 Taiwan Dollars for \$3.00 USA.

There are some very big names in manufacturing in Taiwan. Giant Manufacturing Co., which makes bicycles and the Acer company which specializes in advanced electronics are two of the companies based in Taiwan.


The traditional festivals in Taiwan include:
Traditional Festivals
Chinese New Year

According to tales and legends, the beginning of the Chinese New Year started with a mythical beast called the Nian (The monster). Nian would come on the first day of New Year to eat livestock, crops, and even villagers, especially children. To protect themselves, the villagers would put food in front of their doors at the beginning of every year. It was believed that after the Nian ate the food they prepared, it wouldn't attack any more people. One day a villager decided to get revenge. A god visited him and told him to put red paper on his house and to light firecrackers. The villagers then understood that the Nian was afraid of the color red. When the New Year was about to come, the villagers would hang red lanterns and red spring scrolls on windows and doors. People also used firecrackers to frighten away the Nian. From then on, Nian never came to the village again. The Nian was eventually captured by Hongjun Laozu, an ancient Taoist monk. The Nian became Hongjun Laozu's mount, and the adults give the children red envelope filled with money.

Lantern festivals
 This day farmers pray for good harvest days and pray for peace. People write down their wishes on lanterns and light the traditional lanterns. They eat tangyuan which is made of sticky rice and sesame and is very sweet and delicious.

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April Birthdays



Dave Hilsabeck
 Tom Cardwell
 Joe Roberts

Mid-autumn festivals

This day we celebrate the autumn harvest, so we also called this day harvest festival, and we eat moon cake and barbecue, and watch the full moon on that day.

Dragon Boat festivals

This day we celebrate the anniversary of Qu Yuan's death who is an Ancient Chinese Poet. Local people used rice dumpling to feed the fish so the fish don't eat his remains. So on that day we eat rice dumpling and we have a dragon boat race to celebrate his death.

Peggy showed us photos of her family of 12, many that live in the same home. She had photos of her Grandfather and Grandmother, her parents and younger brother then other Aunts and Cousins all living in the same home. They also have 2 dogs.

Her family is currently hosting two exchange students (they are there at different times) – one from Brazil and one from Mexico.

The students that she is close with here in Nebraska include a friend from Germany and one from Japan.

She really enjoys watching football and hockey. The thing that surprised her the most is that everyone needs to see a doctor to get contacts.

She enjoys shopping and had a chance to visit The Mall of America.

Her favorite class is American Experience class.

She is interested in continuing her studies and becoming a Travel Agent. Her mother is an accountant and her father is an engineer.

PLACES TO MAKE UP

Tuesday 7 a.m.—Sunrise Rotary at International House of Pancakes at 4501 North 27th (27th and Superior Ave.)

Tuesday Noon—Lincoln #14-Nebraska Club at 13th & M.

Wednesday Noon—Lincoln East at Valentinos at 70th & Van Dorn