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The District 5650 Conference in Omaha wound down yesterday evening after a great weekend that included several interesting presentations. The most inspirational moment for me personally was seeing Youth Exchange students from a number of countries march in to the assembly hall and then sit with Rotarians at their tables. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to sit next to a young inbound student from Denmark who told me about her year in the United States and how great it was to be placed with her host parents. She was bright and articulate and mentioned she was fluent in English and French as well as her native Danish. She is also contemplating learning yet a fourth language. Also at my table was a young out bound student who is hoping for his placement to Japan to be finalized soon. Because of earthquakes and flooding and subsequent nuclear reactor related problems there is a chance he will have to accept an alternative country placement. It wouldn't matter so much except that he is studying Japanese and wants the opportunity for immersion in that culture.

I also witnessed an interesting presentation on water projects in Zambia and Polio eradication efforts around the world. The key note speaker on Saturday night was Howard Buffett Jr. who serves as the US Director of Agricultural Development for the U.S. Dept. of Defense. My opinion is that his program is critical to peace in the world because it is focused on basic but underappreciated economic development activities in places like regions of Afghanistan. Without going in to too much detail, he and his staff are providing training and technical expertise to vastly improve farm production, "value added" enterprises and helping people work together in cooperatives to improve their lives.

I believe we are doing a lot of things through Rotary that matter. Some are small and some are quite large but they are all important. The nice thing about Rotary is that we will never have the kinds of accountability problems some well-known (almost cult like) figures have had with their humanitarian projects because Rotary demands accountability. Clubs and districts are well aware of the requirements of Rotary grants and must be diligent in project management or face sanctions up to and including decommissioning as a club. It was refreshing to see what we accomplish in the world with little fanfare but lots of caring and concern.

Tom Cardwell



Notes & Announcements

Future LSR Programs

- 5/13/11 *Shawna Kolbeck, Director of Trio Student Support Services at SCC.*
- 5/20/11 *Frank Chambers-Community Resource Development*
- 5/27/11 *Fariq Tuayev from Baku in Azerbaijan*
- 6/3/11 *Pam Dingman- CEO of Engineering Design Consultants.*
- 6/10/11 *Jessica Kolterman- Legislative Update*
- 6/17/11 *Pat Ohmberger, President of Nebraska Realtors- Housing Economy in NE and the US*
- 6/24/11 *Darren Macfee- ED Lincoln Children's Museum- Upcoming renovation at the museum.*
- 7/1/11 *Barb Bartle- President Lincoln Community Foundation*
- 7/8/11 *Changing of the Guard*
- Events & Projects**
- 8/26/11 *District Governor Bob Perrin Official Visit.*

Lincoln South Rotary 11th Annual Golf Outing— The golf outing is scheduled for Friday May 13th at the Highlands Golf course with a 12:30 shotgun start. Please contact Carl Zeutzius if you have any items for pin prizes and door prizes. Volunteers are also needed for the day of the event. If you can't participate in the golf portion, come on out and have dinner at about 5:00 pm.



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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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>

DISTRICT CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to Lincoln South on winning the Presidential Citation and #2 Club in the District!

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!*



Nicki Presents PH Fellow to Howard Buffet



Tom Presents PH Fellow to Mike Kelly



Elise & Tyler with DGE Bob Perrin & Roxy Perrin

**QUESTIONS?
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ARTICLES?**

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



Lincoln South is #2



Tom with DG Roger Carrell & Peggy Carrell



President-elect Elise at work



President-elect Elise at Assembly

