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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

Brad Carter
Bob Vrana
Tom Cardwell
John Herdman



HAPPY DOLLARS (For Polio Plus)

Bob Vrana, Dick Morris, Tom Cardwell, Kay Wunderlich, Dick Wampler, Clay Ehlers and Jenny Cardwell.



Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Pam Dingman from Club 14 and our speaker, Roma Ahmudsen, Mary Anderson guest of Don Anderson, Carl Danzler, Kay Wunderlich's dad, Clare Ehlers, guest of Clay Ehlers and Peggy our Youth Exchange Student.

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

5/29/15	Allen Beermann—Former Secretary of State
6/5/15	Phil Tegeler—Current Trends in Substance Abuse in our Community
6/26/15	Changing of the Guard— LSR Annual meeting.
8/28/15	Official visit of District Governor Rod Bates.
<u>Events & Projects</u>	
6/6/15	Lincoln South Foundation International Dinner at the home of John Herdman
6/6-6/9/15	Rotary International Convention in Sao Paulo Brazil
6/27/15	District Day of Service Event at Mahoney State Park

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.

Lincoln South Foundation Fundraiser—Mark your calendars for the annual Lincoln South Foundation Fundraiser. This year we will be having an international dinner at the home of John Herdman on June 6th. Each person is asked to bring a unique international dish. There will be a competition in each category of appetizer, soup & salad and main course. (Please bring your dishes to be judged by 5:30 pm) Social at 5 pm with dinner at 6 pm. Cost is \$25/person. This fundraiser provides funds for the \$500 mini-grants.

Lincoln South Foundation Grants—Lincoln South Foundation is taking applications for mini-grants for the 2015 Summer grant awards. Applications are due May 29, 2015 by 5:00 pm. You can go to the website to obtain the application form.

Wayne Moore to be LSR 2016/17 President —The Lincoln South Board has designated Wayne Moore to serve as LSR president for the 2016-2017 Rotary Year. Congratulations Wayne and thank-you for your service to Rotary.

Day of Service Event— This is a District wide changing of the guard service event being held June 27th at Mahoney State Park involving several activities designed to be fun for families. Tom Cardwell needs help putting together one of the activities which is a Pirate scavenger hunt. Please contact Tom if you can help operate one of the stations. Admission to the day long event is \$35 for Rotarians and \$25 for guests. Kids 12 and under get in free. Lunch and dinner will be provided. The service project for the day will be filling backpacks with school supplies to be donated to the Salvation Army.

Youth Exchange—Clay Ehlers gave an update on Peggy, our Youth Exchange student who is about to leave on a bus trip around the US. He also indicated that next year District wide there will be 2 incoming and 2 outgoing students. If anyone is interested in being a host family for an incoming student, please contact Clay.

Strike Out Polio—Mark your calendars for August 1st for the annual Strike Out Polio event at a Lincoln Salt Dogs game. This event is for all Lincoln Rotary clubs. Tickets are \$16 per person which gives you access to air conditioned club seating if you need it. Rotary receives 1/2 of proceeds from the tickets sold by Rotarians to the event.

**QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
ARTICLES?**

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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

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!**

Pam Dingman, Lancaster County Engineer was our speaker. Pam is the first woman elected County Engineer in Nebraska. The main function of the County Engineer's Office is to design, construct, inspect, maintain and repair county roads, streets and bridges.

County maintained roads include 50 miles of dirt roads, 1,000 miles of gravel roads and 272 miles of paved roads. There are 306 bridges in the county and 80 of those bridges are greater than 50 years old. The oldest was built before 1900.

The County surveyor in the office makes and records land surveys, reviews land subdivision requests and land access approvals. The office also prepares plat maps and drawings and is the first county to use GIS to create maps. In fact they have created a database to use to document damage in emergencies such as floods to facilitate reporting to FEMA.

They have a maintenance department that is responsible for maintaining 18 buildings in 4 Districts as well as maintenance for all of the heavy equipment and vehicles in the County. They also make all of their own signs that are used throughout



the County. Pam indicated that sign vandalism cost the County \$26,000 last year. For safety reasons they need to get road signs back up as soon as possible once they are damaged or destroyed.

This year they will be focused on resurface projects and paving and grading projects. There is no budget for bridges this year even though there are 9 bridges in the County that need to be replaced. In fact the need is much greater in all areas than the available budget.

Pam spent some time talking about the recent flooding and showing photos of damage. 28 bridges in the County were damaged by the flood. She also discussed their Emergency Operations Center where she goes during such emergencies. She mentioned that the damage from the recent floods would have been much greater without the improvements done in connection with the Antelope Creek Project.

May Birthdays

Craig Madson
Short Heinrichs
Jim Pattavina



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