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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>

CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Brad Carter
Chris Dietz
Clay Ehlers
Jim Pattavina



Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians— Deb McCaslin from Broken Bow (also our speaker)

Guests—Claire Carter, guest of Brad Carter and Nate Sterner, guest of Clay Ehlers

HAPPY DOLLARS (For Emergency Relief)

Chris Dietz, Joyce Schmeckle, Dick Miller, Neal Lyons, Dick Wampler, Don Anderson, Craig Madison and Tracy McLain.



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>



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Future LSR Programs

- 6/1/12 NO MEETING AT THE KNOLLS— District Conference.
- 6/8/12 Group Study Exchange Team from India
- 6/15/12 TBA
- 6/22/12 Pat Grewe— Rotary International Convention 2012 Bangkok Thailand
- 6/29/12 TBA
- 7/6/12 Annual Meeting and Changing of the Guard

Events & Projects

- 6/1/12 & 6/2/12 District Conference— Embassy Suites Omaha

Notes & Announcements

Dues Statements— Annual Dues statements have been emailed to all members. Due date for payment is 6/10/2012

District Conference— Mark your calendars for the District Conference to be held at the Embassy Suites in Omaha on June 1st & 2nd. See page 4 for the Agenda. Register today at www.rotarydistrict5650.org. All new Paul Harris Fellows as well as those who have reached another level of giving are encouraged to attend the Foundation breakfast on Saturday 6/2/12 to take part in the awards ceremony.

GSE Team from India—Joyce Schmeckle announced that the GSE Team from India would be arriving soon. They will be at District Conference. They will also be the program for Lincoln South Rotary on Friday, June 8. Make sure you attend .

Foundation Promotion—Joe Roberts announced that the Foundation is running a promotion through July 1, 2012 whereby anyone who enrolls in the Rotary Direct program to automatically contribute to the Foundation will receive double recognition points. Use the following link to learn more:

http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/WaysToGive/Announcements/Pages/12march26_annnc_rotarydirect.aspx



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



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

Elise White introduced the speaker, Deb McCaslin. Mrs. McCaslin is currently the publisher of the Custer County Chief newspaper in Broken Bow. She is a past Rotary president. She is part of the chartering group for the new Rotary Club in Broken Bow. She has volunteered and traveled with Alliance for Smiles for the past six years. Alliance for Smiles is a Rotary based organization.

"Between the Fences" was the topic of Mrs. McCaslin's program. Between the fences conveys the meaning of where you are born, where you live, what is the color of your skin, what is the shape of your eyes or what language you speak. This is a story of children and their families looking for hope "because every child deserves a smile." This is a life changing event for the families served by this organization.

The Alliance for Smiles is a non-profit organization to provide free reconstructive surgery for children who are born with a cleft lip or palate. The Alliance is currently working in China, Philippines, and Africa. The countries in Africa include Ghana, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe. The Alliance has created smiles for nearly 3,000 children in those countries.

Other parts of the Mission statement are: to contribute to the economic well being of underserved communities by enabling cleft children to become productive members of society; to treat the whole child by establishing permanent treatment centers, to train and empower local medical professionals through education and exchange of ideas; and to unite medical professionals, Rotarians and other volunteers while building bridges of international friendship.

Cleft palate statistics include 1 in 700 in the United States, 1 in 280 in China and 1 in 1,000 in Africa. Many cleft babies go unreported because they do not survive so that the statistics may not reflect the actual numbers particularly in Africa. It is thought that cleft lips and palates are caused by environmental issues, smog, or other genetic problems.

An Alliance for Smiles medical team includes a pediatrician, a plastic surgeon, an anesthesiologist, surgical nurse, recovery room nurses, and a dental team. Volunteer positions are filled by Rotarians. Mission trips usually last two weeks. The Alliance may fund 4-6 trips per year at a cost of \$70,000 - \$100,000 per trip. Usually around 200 surgeries are finished at 8-10 per day during that two week period. Many families are turned away because all cannot be served that need to be served in that two week period.

In Africa, a Rotary group must sponsor a team. In China there is a lot of government regulation, and temporary licenses to practice must be issued.

Funding has been difficult for the Alliance for Smiles. Rotarians and Rotary groups are encouraged to participate in this international service project. Levels of giving can range from \$1,000 to \$80,000 depending on level of sponsorship.

A question and answer session for Mrs. McCaslin followed her presentation.

The website for Alliance for Smiles is: www.allianceforsmiles.org. Or you may contact them at:

Alliance for Smiles
2565 Third Street, Suite 237
San Francisco, CA 94107
415-647-4481



2012 DISTRICT CONFERENCE AGENDA

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

- 8:00..... Registration
- 8:15..... Continental Breakfast
- 8:45..... Conference Opening
- 9:00..... Assembly
 Rotary Organization
 District Committee Reports
 New Generations
 International Convention Report
 Public Relations
 Report Council of Governors
 Information Technologies
- 10:30..... Break
- 10:45..... Club Management
 District Projects
- 11:30..... Luncheon – Key Note Speaker,
 Columnist Brad Dickerson
 Recognition of Club Anniversaries
- 1:30..... GSE Inbound Team from India
- 2:00..... Family of Rotary Support
 Judy Vann
 Membership Development
- 3:00..... Panel Discussion – Project Potentials
- 3:30..... Business Meeting
- 4:15..... Recess
- 6:00..... No Host Reception
- 7:00..... Celebrating New Generations Banquet
 President-elect Dinner

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

- 7:45..... Registration
- 8:00..... Foundation Breakfast
 Memorial service
 Foundation Awards
 Foundation Program
- 9:00..... Morning Session
 GSE Team to India
 Ambassadorial Scholars
 GSE Outbound
 Rotary Alumni
- 10:30..... Break
- 10:45..... Rotary Leadership Institute
 Interact
 Rotaract
 RYLA, Tom Cardwell
- 12:00..... Luncheon – Key Note Speaker,
 Polio Activist, Ann Lee Hussey
- 1:15..... Parade of Future Rotarians
- 2:15..... Youth Exchange
- 2:45..... RYLA
- 3:00..... Rotaract
- 3:15..... Panel Discussion – Polio Plus
- 4:00..... Recess – Fun Frisbee Activity
- 6:00..... No Host Reception
 Lied Jungle Tour
- 7:00..... President’s Banquet
 “Rotary Out of Africa” – Comedian,
 Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald