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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

CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Brad Carter
Joyce Schmeackle
Scott Delisi



Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians—Pam Thompson and Bruce and Kim Remington from Club 14.

Guests— Clare Carter, guest of Brad Carter

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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Future LSR Programs

- 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.*

Notes & Announcements

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Committee—Rotary District 5650 annually selects a student (sometimes 2) to sponsor into the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship program. The four Rotary Clubs in Lincoln have participated in a "local selection" among the students applying through the Lincoln Rotary Clubs. After the students are interviewed they then proceed to the District level for consideration.

We are looking for a volunteer to serve on the Lincoln committee.

If Lincoln South Rotary is the sponsor club of the selected student, then you will also be asked to keep in contact with the Student and help them get answers to any questions that they may have along the way.

If you are interested in being the Lincoln South Rotary Club representative for this committee, the first responsibility is the Lincoln selection meeting which is July 10, 2011. Contact Elise ([click here to e-mail Elise](#)) to volunteer!

The Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas. The program that District 5650 participants in sponsors academic year scholarships for undergraduate students.

While abroad, scholars serve as goodwill ambassadors to the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that lead to a greater understanding of their host country.

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Jenny Cardwell was born in Lincoln. Her dad was in the Navy and she had 3 sisters. She met Tom at church and they have 3 kids, Dan, Jamie and Laura and 6 grandkids. She has a bachelors in social work and a masters in public administration. She has been the Funding Development Director for Girl Scouts for the past 13 years and has earned her Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) designation. She enjoys reading and travel and has been a member of Rotary



HAPPY DOLLARS (For Literacy)

Joyce Michaelis, Aaron Babcock, Jim Pattavina, Dick Wampler, Lance Odom, Dick Miller, Kim Remington, Ardel Harger and Scott Delisi.



June Birthdays

Patrick Grewe
 Jessica Kolterman
 Don Schoening
 Neal Lyons



PROGRAM

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!*

Pam Dingman, CEO of Engineering Design Consultants (EDC) was our speaker. EDC provides services in Nebraska and Iowa in civil engineering, surveying, land planning and construction administration. Pam told the story of how her firm became the only woman-owned civil engineering company in Nebraska. She had a dream against all odds to become an engineer and to own her own firm. She was born poor and received no support from her family but she was determined to go to college. She was the only woman in engineering school and ROTC. When she entered the work world, she had to overcome many gender stereotypes including that if she became pregnant, her career was over and that the woman on the staff should be answering the phone and doing the filing regardless of her degree.

She moved back to Nebraska and began working for EDC only to become the first woman stockholder of the

company. In 2003 she began the process of acquiring the company and by 2006 owned the entire company. She now serves many large clients including Offutt Air force base, Army Corp of Engineers, Hampton Construction and Omaha Sewer District.

She described some of the difficulties in being a woman engineer in a field dominated by men. Some companies have tried to hire all of her employees away from her and have stated to her that they will put her out of business. She was even the subject of a hate blog which attacked her personally but through it all, she is not willing to give up the fight. She still has many loyal private clients and also competes in the government sector.

Nebraska is somewhat behind other states in that 3-5% of engineering colleges are made up of women compared to 20-25% in surrounding states so there is still progress to be made.



**QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
ARTICLES?**

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