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Rotary International— www.rotary.org
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<http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/homeS.asp?cid=6040>

CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Chris Dietz
 Bob Vrana
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 Bernie Poppe



Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians— Susan O'Connell from the Friend Rotary Club, and District 5650 Governor Dick Galusha and wife, Pat.

Guests—Kathy Behrns, guest of Joyce Schmeeckle .

HAPPY DOLLARS (For Child Mortality)

Bob Vrana, Logan Otto, Dick Wampler, Aaron Babcock, Clay Ehlers, Joyce Schmeeckle, and Pat Grewe.



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>



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[Future LSR Programs](#)

- 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
- 7/20/12 LSR Board Meeting-10:30 at the Knolls
- 7/20/12 District Governor Dick Galusha
- 8/3/12 Pat Leach, Director of Lincoln City Libraries "What's new at the Lincoln Libraries"

[Events & Projects](#)

Notes & Announcements

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

Official District Governor Visit—District Governor Dick Galusha will make his official club visit on Friday, July 20. He has asked that day for our Rotary Club members to bring an honored guest who is not a Rotarian to the meeting. He stated that they be someone from the community who has made a contribution to society.

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

June Birthdays

Pat Grewe
Jessica Kolterman
Don Schoening
Ryan Lindbeck
Neal Lyons



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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

Jenny Cardwell introduced Tom Cardwell and the Tbilisi Academia Rotary Club in the Republic of Georgia which included the GECAP mentors and mentees through a Skype conference. It was 9:30 p.m. in the Republic of Georgia when the program began here at 12:30 p.m.

The Georgian Education Career Assistance Program (GECAP) was proposed as a mentoring program for internally displaced students from Georgia. The majority of students are from Sukhumi University in Tbilisi. The western region of Georgia was composed of two groups of people: ethnic Abkhazian which spoke Abkhaz, a language related to north Caucas languages and Georgians from the province of Mingrelia. Both populations got along well for many years and Abkhazia was considered to be a part of Georgia.

Abkhazia was first officially folded into Georgia but later declared to be a separatist region. Separatist intentions of the ethnic Abkhaz people were determined to be done by Russia to keep Georgia unstable. Georgia has long wanted to be free of Russian domination.

In 1991 Russia sided with the ethnic Abkhaz people and forced 230,000 Georgians to leave Abkhazia. Many died or became refugees in other parts of Georgia. They are considered internally displaced people because they are displaced from an area that is considered part of their country. Now they have been displaced at least seventeen years. It has been difficult to find gainful employment and improve their lives.

The mentoring program is a matching grant project between the Lincoln South Rotary and the Tbilisi Academia Rotary. Currently there are 47 students matched with 24 mentors.

Activities have included weekly meetings between mentors and mentees, large group meetings, and mentor/student trainings. They have recently discussed a research piece about social capital which is the idea of working together for a common cause. This is a new concept for the Georgians.

Comments by the mentees included the following: "very inspirational experience," "hope to have a long relationship with my mentor," and "glad for the opportunity to participate."

The mentors expressed appreciation for the program in that it will help mentees achieve great success in their lives, and that there is good coordination of this project.

Maia Beradze-Jonsson, PhD is the Director of the GECAP Mentoring Project. She thanked the Lincoln South Rotary Club for helping with this interesting and important project. She thanked Tom Cardwell for his help in making the project a reality and implementing the project. Tom has been very dedicated to getting this project off the ground.

She stated that at first they were skeptical about finding mentors as this is not normally done in the Republic of Georgia. But they got more than expected and were really grateful for the participation. She again thanked the Lincoln South Rotary Club for helping with this international project.

A question and answer session followed the program.

