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Greetings Rotarians!

While I was unable to attend our District's conference earlier this month, I am very pleased to congratulate you all on being recognized by the District once again. This year our very own Tom Cardwell won outstanding district chair for his work in chairing the District's first RYLA (Rotary Leadership Awards) camp. Congratulations Tom-- you very much deserved this recognition! I am also pleased to announce that our club was given the Change-maker award by Rotary International, for fulfilling the criteria set out by RI for what makes an outstanding club. And finally, the District once again confirmed this year, what I have known all along-- that we are the number one club in the District! I am so proud to be a member of this outstanding club and want to thank you all for your work this year making our club even better, and most importantly, making the world a better place through Rotary's mission.

Elise M. W. White
President of Lincoln South Rotary

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians— Barb Tyler, Don Kucera and Kevin Wales from Club 14, District Governor Bob Perrin from Omaha Suburban, and Jim Pink from the Seward Rotary Club.

Guests—Clair Carter, daughter of Brad Carter and Kathy Behrns, guest of Joyce Schmeackle .

HAPPY DOLLARS (For Emergency Relief)

Jessica Kolterman, Joyce Schmeackle, Bernie Poppe, Barb Tyler, Brad Carter, Gene Swinton, and Bob Vrana .



CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Chris Dietz
Jessica Kolterman
Brad Carter
Bernie Poppe



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

- 6/29/12 *Outbound GSE team to India*
- 7/6/12 *Annual Meeting and Changing of the Guard*
- 7/13/12 *Janet Palmtag— Dist Chair International Service; “Vidya Foundation Entrepreneur Development for Women in India”*
- 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

- 8/11/12 *District Foundation Seminar-Quarry Oaks Golf Club; 8:15 am to 2:30 pm.*

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 on that day our Rotary Club members 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.

Change to Happy Dollars—President Elect Patrick Grewe announced that through a Board decision that all of the future happy dollars collected will go to Polio Plus beginning in July 2012. He stated that there is a strong international push to get polio eradicated in the remaining four countries

LINCOLN SOUTH WINS AWARDS!

District Governor Bob Perrin presented the club with 2 awards: The Rotary Presidential Citation and the award as Club Number 3 in the District for per capita giving to the Rotary Foundation



Congratulations Lincoln South!



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!*

PROGRAM

Bob Vrana introduced our own Pat Grewe who was our speaker for the meeting. Pat is a Vice President of Personal Trust for US Bank. His topic was the Rotary International Convention that was held in Bangkok, Thailand on May 6-9, 2012.

Bangkok has been the capital city of Thailand now for more than two centuries. The name "Bangkok" means "City of Angels." It is located in the central part of the country.

Bangkok is an administrative, economic, and cultural center for Thailand. It is a major commercial and transportation center of Southeast Asia. It has a population of over 11 million people and is the largest city in Thailand.

Pat stated that the plane trip from Chicago to Seoul was over 14 hours. From Seoul to Bangkok was another 5 hours in the plane. He was very impressed with the service from Korean Airlines personnel although it was very hard to sit for that many hours in a plane. Convention delegates had excellent hotel facilities but the bus rides to and from meetings were a half an hour to an hour each way.

Thai currency is called the Bok. Thirty Bok is equivalent to one dollar. They have a picture of their King on their currency and he is in his eighties. He is

very well regarded by the Thai people.

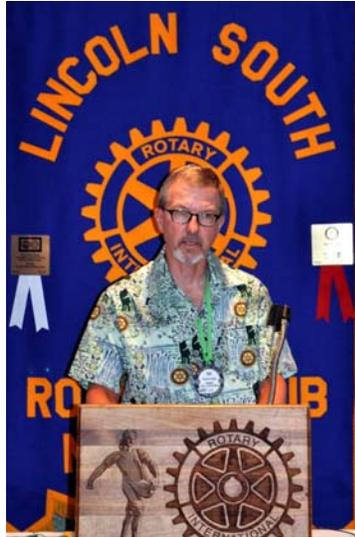
Part of Pat's program was a slide presentation of what he and his wife, Mary, saw while they were in Thailand. Traffic is very heavy. There are motorcycle taxis where the drivers wear vests to distinguish them from other drivers. Motorcycles tend to weave in and out of traffic.

Outside of Bangkok there is a park dedicated to preserving the Thai cultural heritage called the Ancient City. It takes up around 320 acres of land and has reproduced important buildings from around Thailand. There are over 100 monuments collected or reproduced. Some of these no longer exist in Thailand, only in this park.

Pat enjoyed the scenery and horticulture of Thailand. He showed slides of water lilies, bonsai trees and tree carvings. He found the Thai people to be very nice and gracious.

Around 80 percent of the population is Buddhists. They are very devout and serious about their faith. Many Thai men serve as monks sometime during their life. It may be a very short time or it may be a lifetime of religious service.

The theme for the RI Convention 2012 was "Peace Through Service." Over 35,000 Rotarians attended the convention. One of the highlights of the convention for Pat was meeting other people from around the world. He stated that it was "awesome."



**QUESTIONS?
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