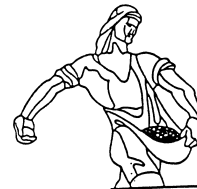




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### CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Jenny Cardwell  
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 Bob Vrana  
 Jason Smith  
 Chris Dietz



### Visiting Rotarians and Guests

*Rotarians*—Don Kucera and Charley Ogden from Club 14 and Jerry Moshulam from Sebastopol, California.

*Guests*—Ellie Connot, guest of Jason Smith, Clair Carter, guest of Brad Carter, Juli Austin, Delrosa Riege, and Janet Palmtag, guests of Chris Dietz .

### HAPPY DOLLARS (For Polio Plus)

Neil Lyons, Short Heinrichs, Joyce Michaelis, Bob Vrana, Jessica Kolterman, John Herdman, and Joyce Schmeackle.



Rary is on the Web!  
 Rotary International— [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)  
 District 5650— [www.rotarydistrict5650.org](http://www.rotarydistrict5650.org)  
 Lincoln South Rotary—

### Future LSR Programs

- 7/20/12 LSR Board Meeting-10:30 at the Knolls
- 7/20/12 District Governor Dick Galusha
- 7/27/12 Justin McDowell- "Ignite Lincoln"
- 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.
- 8/11/12 District Membership Seminar-Quarry Oaks Golf Club; 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

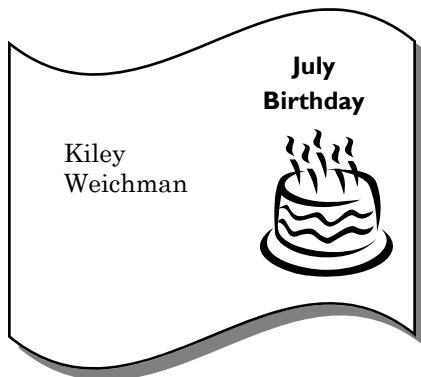
## Notes & Announcements

**Official District Governor Visit**—District Governor Dick Galusha will make his official club visit on Friday, July 20. He will meet with the Board at 10:30 a.m. that day. Rotarians are encouraged to bring a non Rotarian to the meeting, someone who has made a difference in the community.

**Fundraising**—There will be a Fundraising Taskforce organized for Lincoln South Rotary. Members are encouraged to join this group and discuss future fundraising projects.

**Membership**—Membership Chairman is Elise White. The focus toward membership will be attendance, recruitment and retention

**District Foundation & Membership Seminar**—Nicki Klein reminded the group that there is a Foundation and Membership Seminar to be held August 11, 2012 at Quarry Oaks. Everyone is encouraged to attend



Jerry Moshulam from Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary Club in California presented a banner to President Grewe

### 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 70<sup>th</sup> & Van Dorn

### 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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**2012-2013 Club Goals**

1. *Attain & Maintain 52 total members.*
2. *Hold a successful fund-raising event.*
3. *End Polio Now.*
4. *Earn the Presidential Citation.*
5. *Reinvigorate Vocational Service.*
6. *Have even more fun than last year!*

**PROGRAM**

Chris Dietz introduced Janet Palmtag from Nebraska City. Janet attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and majored in business. She currently owns a real estate firm in Nebraska City. She is a Nebraska City Rotarian and is currently serving as District 5650 International Service Chair under the leadership of DG Dick Galusha.

Janet's topic for the program was her month of volunteer service in India through the Vidya Foundation. The Mission Statement of Vidya Foundation is: Our mission is to educate and empower less privileged through integrated methods to initiate and implement progressive social change.

Janet's first impressions were of the bikes. There are many unusual bikes. While she was visiting New Delhi she attended a Rotary meeting. The local group is very active in trying to alleviate poverty. New Delhi has a population of 16 million.

The population of India is 1.3 billion people compared to the United States where there are 313 million people. There are 5,700 children under the age of five that die every day due to issues of poverty. Thirty percent of the population lives in poverty while 55 % of children are malnourished. The BBC claims that 77% of the population of India lives in poverty.

She worked in the slums and had many interesting experiences. She shared a shower with a lizard that she nicknamed Sanjay Gupta and she cautioned that one shouldn't drink the water in India. Many of her companions got sick from the water. The slums were an eye opening experience as they are filled with garbage and filth. Food was prepared three times a day for the volunteers. It was authentic Indian food and it was delicious.

Traffic signals are just a suggestion and not enforced. They use rickshaws as taxis.

There is the pungent smell of litter everywhere as there is nowhere to go with garbage and waste. The utilities are unreliable although the country is working on trying to improve that issue. The subway is one of the best and very clean. It has public restrooms which are hard to find in India.

Janet originally was to teach entrepreneurship. She felt it was more beneficial to teach English rather than business skills as those pupils already had some innovative business skills. The girls that were sent to school were very clean and attentive. They were thrilled to be in school.

Many children are sent into the traffic to beg. In India, begging is illegal but not enforced. Education is compulsory but again, not enforced. Teachers are not trained and do not teach very well. The government funds both private and

public schools.

Janet felt like the people of India were very spiritual. However, she was informed that there is a lot of corruption that must stop and the effects to the country by corruption are devastating. It is the first recorded area to have human civilizations and all religions were born there. The religion practiced there is Hindu. It is illegal to kill a cow as they are sacred. In Hindu there is one supreme being and 33,000 deities. There is a strong belief in reincarnation and that a person will come back better than the previous life.

Janet concluded by stating that many are trapped in poverty in India. There is gender inequality and women will buy into that because they do not know any different. The caste system is a problem because citizens are not allowed their full potential and are trapped. There is so much corruption that it may cause India to experience an economic collapse. It is important that social change happen in India.

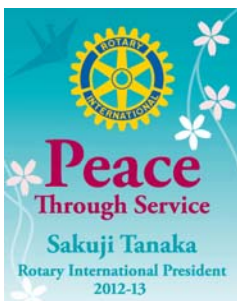


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*Welcome to Lincoln South Rotary Matt, Ryan, Sue and Cathy !*