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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Please use the following link to find the most current message from President Clay Ehlers:

<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/6040/>

CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Brad Carter
Joe Roberts
Jenny Cardwell



HAPPY DOLLARS (For Polio Plus)

Brad Carter, Dean Heermann, Sue O'Connell, Jen Yung "Ryker" Lee, Scott Delisi, Joyce Schmeekle, Dick Miller, Don Anderson, Dick Wampler, Gene Swinton and Kay Wunderlich.



Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Steve Nosal our speaker.

**THE ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST
OF THE THINGS WE THINK SAY OR
DO:**

- ◆ Is it the TRUTH ?
- ◆ Is it FAIR to all concerned ?
- ◆ Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS ?
- ◆ Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned ?



8/7/15 Michelle Phillips, Principal Ruth Hill Elementary—Hill Nature Center & Outdoor Classroom

8/14/15 Bob Ferguson—Nebraska's Connection to the U.S. Stamp Program

8/21/15 NO MEETING AT THE KNOLLS-See District Conference Below

8/28/15 Official visit of District Governor Rod Bates.

Events & Projects

8/1/15 "Strike Out Polio" event at Salt Dogs game.

8/21/15-8/22/15 District Conference—Mid America Center in Council Bluffs.

9/11/15 LSR Foundation Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser at the home of Tracey McLain.

Notes & Announcements

Strike Out Polio—Mark your calendars for August 1st for the annual Strike Out Polio event at a Lincoln Salt Dogs game. This event is for all Lincoln Rotary clubs. Tickets are \$16 per person which gives you access to air conditioned club seating if you need it. Rotary receives 1/2 of the proceeds from the tickets sold by Rotarians to the event. You can also buy chances to throw out the first pitch for \$1 each. (or 8 for \$4). This effort helps the Rotary Clubs meet our goal of \$32 annual donation per member to the End Polio Now effort.

District Conference—August 21-22, 2015 at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs; inspirational speakers and opportunities to see what Rotarians are doing around the world; full day or full conference price then attend what you want / can. Lincoln South Rotary Club will be presenting a Paul Harris Fellow at lunch on Friday. Awards will be presented Friday night – and Lincoln South Rotary Club will likely be celebrating and award or two. www.rotarydistrict5650.org.

New Member Orientation—Darrel Huenergardt is organizing Member Orientation Meeting for the evening of Thursday, August 13. It will be held at Midlands Financial Benefits starting at 6:00. Any Rotary Member can attend but it is most important for members who have not yet attended an orientation to attend. Contact Darrel (huenlaw@gmail.com) for more information or to let him know of your attendance plans.

District Grant—Recipient this year is the Community Garden at Southern Heights Church at 40th & Old Cheney Road. Funds will go toward handicap accessible walkways.

Rotary Spouse of the Year—Outgoing president Jenny Cardwell made one last presentation for her presidential year. She gave a special Rotary Spouse of the Year award to her husband Tom.

QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
ARTICLES?

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PLACES TO MAKE UP

Tuesday 7 a.m.—Sunrise Rotary at International House of Pancakes at 4501 North 27th (27th and Superior Ave.)

Tuesday Noon—Lincoln #14-Nebraska Club at 13th & M.

Wednesday Noon—Lincoln East at Valentinos at 70th & Van Dorn

PROGRAM

2015-2016 Club Goals

1. *Location, Location, Location!*
2. *Increase Membership by 10%-Through both RECRUITING and RETENTION.*
3. *Rotary Foundation Support- \$9,200 for the club (at least \$200/member).*
4. *Promote Bequest Society Enrollment.*
5. *Earn Presidential Citation*
6. *Promote Speaker Appreciation.*

July Birthday

Kiley Wiechman



Steve Nosal, city horticulturalist with the Public Garden section of Public Parks spoke to the club about the Sunken Gardens. First he gave the club some history regarding parks and vegetation in Lincoln. Since Lincoln was on the prairie all the trees had to be brought in and planted. In the 1880's the Civic Improvement Society was formed with the goal to beautify and clean up Lincoln. After an international exhibition in 1898 which showcased ideas for gardens & plants, people began putting gardens in everywhere.



used a block design with like plants grouped together and watered everything with garden hoses. The garden underwent a major renovation in 2004 which added bathrooms, made the garden ADA accessible, added an irrigation system and created living ponds which have fish year round. Now the gardens are designed according to a different theme each year. 100's of volunteers come each spring to "wake up" the beds and again in the fall to "put the beds to bed". This allows the garden to operate on \$350,000 per year.

The Sunken Garden was created in the 1930's along with Pioneer Park and Bethany Park as a projects to employ people during the depression. The city hired gangs to install the garden in the winter of 1930. The garden originally had 2 fountains and was planted with mostly sculpted perennial bushes, trees etc. When the garden was flooded in 1960 most of the trees were killed so the plantings were converted to annuals.

Steve now designs the garden each year along with Alice Reed. They originally

Steve shared some of his secrets to maintaining the beautiful look of the garden year after year. A good mix of bacteria and fungus in the soil is the key to why the plants get so big. Every year they flip the soil, add compost and leave it over the winter. Then they rototill it in the spring. During the summer they mulch with grass clippings taking care that the clippings contain no pre or post emergent weed killers. The design for the year is painted on the soil with spray chalk and the volunteers come in and plant the whole garden in one day.

Rotary is on the Web!**Lincoln South-Meetings & Speakers**<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/6040/Speakers>**Lincoln South-Calendar of Events**<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/6040/Events/Calendar>**Rotary International—** www.rotary.org**District 5650—** www.rotarydistricts5650.org