

# The Sower

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## **CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY**

Brad Carter Lance Odom Chris Dietz



## **Visiting Rotarians and Guests**

Rotarians—Barb Tyler, Club 14.

Guests—Pat Leach, speaker and guest of Bryan Block, Teri Pattavina, guest of Jim Pattavina, Sheila Odom, guest of Lance Odom and Clair Carter, guest of Brad Carter.

### HAPPY DOLLARS (For Polio Plus)

Happy Dollars to Polio Plus: Bob Vrana, Nicki Klein, Joyce Schmeeckle, Cheryl Brandenburgh, Dean Heermann, Clay Ehlers, Barb Tyler, Jim (Pattavina, Sheila Odom, Dick Wampler, Bernie Poppe, Craig Madsen, Logan Otto, Don Anderson, and Dick Miller.





Rotary is on the Web!

Rotary International— <a href="https://www.rotary.org">www.rotary.org</a>
District 5650—<a href="https://www.rotarydistrict5650.org">www.rotarydistrict5650.org</a>
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## **Future LSR Programs**

8/10/12 Leandro Carde, Inglewood CA Rotary

Club "Rotary's Travel & Hosting Fellow-

ship"

8/17/12 TBA

8/24/12 Lisa Johnson, Adjunct Professor Bus

Admin-SCC, "Business Ethics"

**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**

**District Foundation & Membership Seminar**—A Foundation and Membership Seminar is scheduled to be held August 11, 2012 at Quarry Oaks. Everyone is encouraged to attend. The topics will include the Future Visions Program which starts 7/1/13, District Simplified Grants and an update on Polio Plus. Cost is \$35 per person. And the club has agreed to pick up the registration cost for any Lincoln South member who wishes to attend.

Strike out for Polio—Nicki Klein announced that all 4 Lincoln clubs are coming together again to hold a Strike Out for Polio event at the Salt Dogs game on August 17, 2012. Tickets are \$16 and all proceeds from ticket sales will go to End Polio Now. You can also purchase chances to throw out the first pitch for \$1 (or 10 chances for \$5). See Nicki for tickets

**Club 14 Auction**—Barb Tyler announced that the annual Club 14 auction will be held October 12, 2012. They are selling raffle tickets this year to anywhere that United Airlines flies. The trip will be for 2 people and will include 7 nights lodging. Tickets are \$20.

**Fundraising Task Force**—President Pat Grewe reported that the fundraising task force has met and elected Kiley Weichman to be its chairwoman. More to follow on the future planning of fundraising for Lincoln South.

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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  $70^{\rm th}$  & Van Dorn

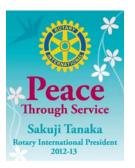
## **Lincoln South Rotary Clubrunner Links:**

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 fundraising event.
- 3. End Polio Now.
- 4. Earn the Presidential Citation.
- 5. Reinvigorate Vocational Service.
- 6. Have even more fun that last year!

## QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? ARTICLES?

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#### **PROGRAM**

Bryan Block introduced Pat Leach, who is currently the Director of the Lincoln Public Libraries since 2008. She has worked through various positions since 1979 in the library system. Her co-workers were hop-

ing that she would get the Director position because all of those that worked with her were very supportive. She also has done book reviews for twelve years. Pat is a fellow Rotarian from Downtown Club 14.

Pat's topic was "What's New at the Library." She feels that Lincoln is a city that values education and has strong institutions. She expects to see more space for people in libraries to utilize for tutoring, help with taxes, quiet reading and having a toy area for

children. She wants to work toward successful reading for children and families.

There are special programs for children such as toddler time. Miss Sue (Bryan Block's wife) is the rock star of the library. She reads to the children and gets them excited about books and reading.

There are seven branch libraries. Bennett Martin Library is the main one downtown. The library Board and a consultant are looking at how Pershing Auditorium could be utilized for a new library space.

The Lied Bookmobile is a new bus that serves the city and county for library services. This gift from the Lied Trust runs on compressed natural gas. It has skylights so sometimes the lighting is natural. This bus

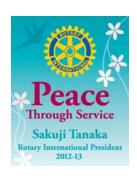
is an important outreach tool along with relationships with the Lincoln Public Schools, Jazz in June and the Malone Center.

The way to measure success in the library system is to evaluate who is using the library and services. One question to answer is: Where is technology going? Funding sources are getting tight. The library system receives dollars from the city, county and Keno funds. Some expenditures have had to be cut

back to meet budgets.

The next steps for the library will be to continue to evaluate services, use, technology, staffing, facilities management, space utilization and parking.

Pat stated that the passionate readers will be lifelong learners and members of the community who can support the library and its many services.



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#### **MEMBERSHIP MOMENT**

Bob Vrana is originally from Lincoln. He was a full time Nebraska National Guardsman for over 20 years, now retired. He has been a health care administrator and a television reporter. He is currently a part time HyVee employee. He stated that the most interesting place that he has been was his Guard assignment to Iraq. He was stationed near the Kuwait and Iran border and he was glad to do it. He joined Rotary to show the uniform of the National Guard and to show that they are regular folks. He also wanted to be involved in civic activities and participate in Rotary's community service mission. He has recently taken up motorcycling riding and belongs to the American Legion Riders. He has planned a trip to the four corners area at the end of August with fellow Rotarian Logan Otto and Chris Dietz's husband, Dave. He stated that it would be the Wild Hogs adventure



### **AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH**

Elise White reported that August is Rotary Membership Month and that during the month features of Rotary will be utilized such as the Membership Minute and the five Avenues of Service. Elise talked about the Rotary Community Service Mission. What would it take to change the world? Rotary's 1.2 million members believe it starts with a commitment to Service Above Self. Many members volunteer in communities at home and abroad to support education and job training, to provide clean water, combat hunger, improve health sanitation and eradicate polio.

In 1917 Rotary International President Arch C. Klumph proposed that an endowment be set up "for the purpose of doing good in the world." The mission of the Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, support of education and the alleviation of poverty.

Lincoln South Rotary Club has participated in many community service activities such as The American Cancer Society, Center for People in Need, Children of the Dump (Nicaragua), Clinic with a Hear, Dictionary Project, Food Bank of Lincoln, Girls Scouts Spirit, Hunger Plus, Lincoln Action Program, Lincoln Lighthouse, Salvation Army and Lincoln Literacy Council. There are many other organizations that have benefitted from the volunteerism of Rotarians form Lincoln South