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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

Bob Vrana
Kay Wunderlich
Gene Swinton



HAPPY DOLLARS (For Polio Plus)

\$\$: Cheryl Brandenburgh, Lance Odom, Bob Vrana, Don Anderson, Kaye Wunderlich, Charlie Ogden, Gene Swinton, Clay Ehlers and Rob Gilkerson.



Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Charlie Ogden, Robert Athon, and Dave Livingston all from Club 14 and Alex Hintz and Rob Gilkerson, guests of Jared Reimers.

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 ?



8/14/15	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	
8/21/15-8/22/15	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

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.

Rotarian of the Year—Congratulations to Clay who was in the Neighborhood extra for Rotarian of the Year!

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.

LSR Grant Applications—Lance announced that the LSR Foundation is currently collecting grant applications for fall grant. You can find the grant application on-line or contact Lance and he will get one to you. The grant will be gifted at the Wine Tasting event on September 11th.

Annual LSR Foundation Wine-Tasting—The fall fundraiser for LSR Foundation will be held on Friday night, September 11th, at the home of Ron & Tracey McLain. Please RSVP to tracey.mclain@wfadvisors.com or call Tracey at 402-450-8928

Tickets are \$25/each. Guests are welcome

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.*

Michelle Phillips, Principal of Ruth Hill Elementary was our speaker.

Hill Elementary was the recipient of a LSR Foundation grant when they started the Hill Hawks Nature Center. Black Hills Energy and LSR Foundation were the first two donors to help launch the project. Black Hills Energy donated the trees.

The Hill Hawks Nature Center is an outdoor classroom. They started their fundraising with the Hawks Walk and the children raising funds with lemonade stands. The PTO really took charge and made it happen. The outdoor classroom is for the school and the neighborhood to enjoy. It backs up to a cul-de-sac. They put in pathways to the neighborhood so that everyone in the neighborhood can enjoy.

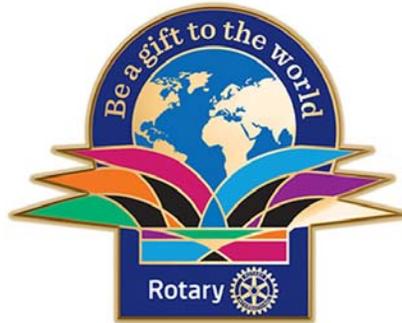
Michelle talked about the many benefits they see to hands on learning about nature. The benefits go beyond just academic

and offer both social and emotional benefits to the children as well. In the last 8 years, Hill has gone from having 12% of the children on free or reduced lunch program to having 40%. Much of that is due to the neighborhood being more rentals. Many of these kids do not have the luxury of green space at their home. The kids are fascinated by taking a tiny seed and watching it grow. Each grade has their own planter. They also have bird feeders.

The outdoor area includes an Art area, Garden area, Herb Garden, Messy materials area, and a gathering area where they hold classes. Michelle invited us all to stop by and take a look and enjoy.

August Birthdays

Bob Vrana
Gene Swinton
Corey Vandewege
Judy Krasomil
Bob Obst
Cheryl Brandenburgh



Rotary is on the Web!

Lincoln South-Meetings & Speakers

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

Lincoln South-Calendar of Events

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