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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
Bernie Poppe
Brad Carter



HAPPY DOLLARS (For Polio Plus)

Bob Vrana, Jenny Cardwell, Darrell Huenergardt, Dave Hilsabeck, Ryker Lee, Robert Athen, Don Anderson, Joyce Schmeekle, Nicki Klein and Brad Carter,



Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Charlie Ogden & Robert Athon from Club 14, Gina Cotton guest of Kay Wunderlich and Daniel Kistler guest of Matt Horak.

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 ?



8/21/15	NO MEETING AT THE KNOLLS-See District Conference Below
8/28/15	Official visit of District Governor Rod Bates.
9/4/15	Glenn Johnson- General Mgr. Lower Platte South Natural Resources District.
9/11/15	Gina Cotton- Tabitha Foundation
9/18/15	Chris Figureida- Cycle for Heart
9/25/15	Tammy Ward- Seniors Foundation
<u>Events & Projects</u>	
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. 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—Member Orientation was held August 13 organized by Membership Chair Darrell Huenergardt. Thank you to Joe Roberts and Midlands Financial Benefits for hosting the event and providing the food and drink. New members are required to attend one of these meetings, but anyone is welcome to attend

LSR Grant Applications—Lance announced that the LSR Foundation is taking applications for mini-grants (\$500) for local non-profit organizations focusing on youth; deadline Friday, 9-4 at Noon. Applications are on the club website as a download file ([click here](#)) and can be found on the Lincoln South Rotary Club Foundation page

Annual LSR Foundation Wine-Tasting—annual Wine Tasting to be 9-11 at the home of Tracey McLain; \$25 per person includes various wines, appetizers and deserts; optional “wine pull raffle” – every ticket is a winner. Details are on the club website – see the home page story or the event on the calendar; RSVP to Tracey 402-450-8928 or tracey.mclain@wfadvisors.com

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.rotarydistricts650.org

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.*

August Birthdays

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



Bob Ferguson came to us through the Humanities Nebraska Speaker's Bureau. Bob has a B.A. in History and an M.A. in Education from the University of Rochester, N.Y. He was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Colombia, taught high school social studies, and recently retired as the Program Assistant for Humanities Nebraska. He has been a stamp collector for many years.



Bob's focus for the meeting was on stamps depicting the State of Nebraska or information about Nebraska / Nebraskans. Bob displayed the stamps on TV screens which made the colors stand out and you could see the stamp details. But, he started by showing us a Rotary Stamp from the 50 year anniversary of Rotary International in 1955. He pointed out that we can no longer get a commemorative stamp for Rotary, citing this statement in the guidelines "Due to the limitations placed on annual postal programs and the vast number of such locales, organizations and institutions in existence, it would be difficult to single out any one of the following for commemoration: government agencies, localities, non-profit organizations, associations, and similar entities. Stamps or stationery items shall not be issued to honor religious institutions or individuals whose principal achievements are associated with religious undertakings or benefits."

There is a Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee appointed by the Postmaster General. The Rotary Stamp is an example of an engraved, single color stamp. The engraving method begins with the creation of a "master die" in which the design of the stamp is engraved, in reverse. This is a hand process, in which the engraver is carefully cutting a mirror image of the original drawing for the stamp. After the die has been completed, a transfer roll consisting of soft steel wrapped around a rod is created. This roll is then used to create the stamp.

Many look at stamps as mini works of art. When they are created, the artist creates a full-size painting or drawing. They are then reduce in size to make the stamps.

We also learned about the first day cover - a stamped envelope, postal card or other postal

material that was processed and cancelled at the post office where the stamp was issued. The cancellation is often designed for the occasion and frequently will say "First Day of Issue". Often included is additional artwork (cachet) added to the envelope, complementing the stamp subject.

Focusing on Nebraska and how our state has been represented on stamps, Bob shared . . .

Arbor Day was the subject of a stamp in 1932 which was the 60th anniversary of Arbor Day. 1932 also happened to be the 100th anniversary of the birth of J. Sterling Morton who founded Arbor Day. The first day cover for this stamp was Nebraska City.

Fort Kearney was depicted in a 1948 engraved 3 cent stamp. Fort Kearney is one of the first of many forts set up to protect settlers along the Oregon Trail. It was the first fort after St. Louis along the trail where provisions could be purchased. The first day cover shows the cancellation of Minden, Nebraska.

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of Nebraska becoming a territory there was a stamp issued in 1954. It was an engraved stamp and the first day cover was in Nebraska City, the first city established in the Nebraska territory.

In 1962 there was a 4 cent stamp in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Homestead Act. There was a ceremony at the Homestead National Monument, the first day cover has a Beatrice postmark. It has been noted that Norway used the same image on a stamp depicting immigration to America.

Nebraska State History has been depicted on stamps commemorating every 50 years. These have included many pioneer themes and iconic images from Nebraska. Our next one will be in 2017. There hasn't been any information about the design of the stamp.

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In 1982 State Birds and Flowers were created and sold in 50-stamp sheets. The original art was water color paintings done by a father and son team (Arthur and Alan Singer) from New York.

In 2001 there was a 70 cent Air Mail stamp with the picture of the Nine Mile Prairie. This stamp was created from a photograph by Michael Forsberg. Nine-Mile Prairie is a 230-acre tallgrass prairie owned by the University of Nebraska Foundation. The prairie is preserved in its natural state and used for educational purposes.

There was a series of stamps issued in 2002 titled Greetings from America. These stamps were created from color illustrations by an artist from North Carolina. The Nebraska stamp carried a pioneer theme.

The Flags of our Nation stamps were issued in 2010.

There are a number of people with ties to Nebraska depicted on stamps. Bob mentioned these people from the Nebraska Hall of Fame that are on stamps:

George Norris
General John Pershing
Willa Cather

Father Flannigan
William Jennings Bryan
Red Cloud
Buffalo Bill Cody – 2 stamps

Others born in Nebraska, but not in the Hall of Fame:

Harold Lloyd of silent films born in Burdard
Malcolm X born in Omaha
Henry Fonda born in Grand Island

We had a short discussion about the Nebraska Hall of Fame process. The purpose of the Nebraska Hall of Fame is to bring public attention to, and officially recognize, people who, in their lives, have achieved prominence and who were outstanding Nebraskans. Nebraskans mean those (1) who were born in Nebraska; (2) who gained prominence while living in Nebraska, or; (3) who lived in Nebraska and whose residence in Nebraska was an important influence on their lives and which contributed to their greatness. Inductees are added every 5 years with the next selection in 2019. Any citizen can nominate candidates.

It so happens that District Governor Rod Bates is on the Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission.

