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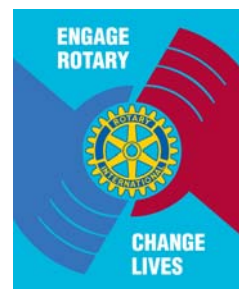
Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians—Robert Athan from Club 14.

Guests—Julie Smith our speaker.

HAPPY DOLLARS (For Polio Plus)

Brad Carter, Jenny Cardwell, Clay Ehlers, Glenn Friendt, Don Anderson, Gene Swinton, Bryan Block and Cheryl Brandenburgh



Lincoln South Rotary Clubrunner Links:

Meeting & speaker information:

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/speakers.asp?cid=6040>

Calendar of Events:

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/events.asp?cid=6040>

Future LSR Programs

- 8/23/13 *Bridges to Hope*
- 8/30/13 *District Governor Jim Griesen— Official Visit 2013-2014 Rotary Year*

Events & Projects

- 8/17/13 *Foundation Seminar— Quarry Oaks*
- 9/20/13 *Annual LSR Foundation wine tasting at the home of Tracey McLain*

Notes & Announcements

Foundation Seminar— Joe Roberts announced that there will be a Foundation Seminar featuring past Rotary International President Ray Klingensmith Saturday, August 17 8:30 to 2:00; followed by a Membership Seminar until 4:30. The club will pay for any member interested in attending.

The District has asked each club to contribute \$1,500 to Polio Plus during this Rotary Year. The club already has \$837.50 from the Happy \$\$\$ collected last year and our share of the Strike Out Polio game in July, 2013.

LSR 30 Year Anniversary— Brad Carter announced that a 30 Year Anniversary Party is currently being planned. Committee members Brad Carter, Cheryl Brandenburg, Dean Heerman and spouse of President Bob Vrana met and set the date as Friday, April 25, 2014 at The Knoll's. The current plan is to have the social at 6:00 and the meal at 7:00. Other details will be provided as they develop.

LSR Foundation Wine Tasting—The annual wine tasting to raise funds for the Lincoln South Foundation is scheduled for Friday September 20, 2013 at the home of Tracey McLain. More details to follow

Membership—Darrel Huenergardt, Membership Chair, again welcomed our newest club member Glenn Friendt. Darrel mentioned the club has a goal to reach, and maintain, a membership of 50 by the end of this Rotary Year.

August Birthdays

Bob Vrana
Corey Vandewege
Judy Krasomil
Samip Patel
Bob Obst
Gene Swinton
Cheryl Brandenburg



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 70th & Van Dorn



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 ?

PROGRAM

2013-2014 Club Goals

1. *Attain & Maintain 50 total members.*
2. *Continue to Build on our successful fundraising events.*
3. *End Polio Now.*
4. *Earn the Presidential Citation.*
5. *Successfully utilize the Future Vision Grant Program to enhance our service projects.*
6. *Continue our exceptional Rotary Foundation giving.*

Julie Smith, Executive Director Volunteer Partners: <http://www.volunteerparkers.org/> was our speaker. Julie is a lifelong resident of Lincoln. She attended Lincoln Southeast High School and the University of Nebraska. Julie has always been passionate about serving Lincoln. She has served on the Board of the Food Bank of Lincoln for many years and enjoys being involved in public projects involving art and fundraising. She has two boys.



Julie opened by admitting that she loves talking about service to the community and is very impressed with what our Rotary Club and Members are already doing.

She stated that people are often very surprised at how many volunteer opportunities there are.

We often find it a little over whelming - there may be dozens of agencies looking for volunteers; you could find online service opportunities; or you may have a desire to help the people who live next door.

You know what issues you are passionate about. You want to do something to help. But how do you decide on a service activity?

Your service activity should be something you will enjoy doing. It's an opportunity to use your passion and skills to help others (or to develop your personal or professional skills), meet others, and make a difference in your community. Here are a few things to think about:

- What do you most enjoy doing with/for others?
- What do you want to accomplish?
- What kinds of service projects or activities would you like to do?
- How much time do you have to devote to service?

To carry out the Mission of Volunteer Partners, they have developed three specific program focus areas.

- Foundation Activities: 1. Connecting, 2. Volunteer Management Training 3. Community Volunteer Recognition
- Program Activities: 1. Board Diversity and Training, 2. Business Professional Volunteers, 3. Corporate Volunteer Council, 4. Emergency Volunteer/Citizen Corps Program, 5. Youth Volunteer Program.
- Future Development Possibilities: 1. Centralized Opportunity Database, 2. Volunteer Background Checks.

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Rotary is on the Web!
 Rotary International— www.rotary.org
 District 5650—www.rotarydistrict5650.org
 Lincoln South Rotary—
<http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/homeS.asp?cid=6040>

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 COMMENTS?
 ARTICLES?**

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PROGRAM (CON'T)

They rely heavily on technology and found that the website may get 40,000 hits on an annualized basis.

Volunteer management is a valuable service as it assists agencies in the management of volunteers from recruitment to evaluation. They can provide assistance in an advisory capacity to comprehensive instruction. Among the training topics you will find recruitment, background checks, supervision and recognition.

Julie talked about an interesting and little-known program called Business Professional Volunteers. This is a specialized set of volunteers who have expertise, education and/or experience in business operations. The concept includes opportunities recent graduates and seasoned professionals in:

Accounting/Finance

Business Law

Facility Maintenance/Management

Human Resources

Information Technology

Marketing

Risk Management

Volunteer Partners is responsible for organizing the volunteers in the event of a disaster. They collaborate extensively with Emergency Management, Red Cross, Salvation Army and other organizations. They use the Citizen Corps program which includes components of 1. Emergency Volunteer Centers, 2. Cert Training and 3. Preparedness Education and Awareness.

Examples of volunteer connections they have recently made:

Rocking babies

Shoveling snow

Planting gardens

Feeding kittens and puppies

Doing taxes

Handing out food

Traveling to Haiti, New Orleans and Hallam, Selling clothes at Good Will, Helping Drug Addicts, Mentoring Foster Children, Thanking Veterans, Teaching Senior Citizens about health insurance, Drive Cancer Patients to chemo treatments.

During the Question and Answer period, she provided this additional information:

It is often difficult for High School students to volunteer as many non-profits do not allow people under 18; volunteer partners can help kids connect.

Current value of volunteers can be reported at \$17.10 per hour.

Organizations need to be 501c3 to post volunteer needs.

Volunteer Partners does not screen the volunteers – each organization has to do that.

They do try to help anyone that calls – if someone needs volunteers and they are not a non-profit, she may be able to suggest alternatives.

Most unusual placement was a recent emergency simulation of a plane crash.

They are located in the Lincoln Community Foundation Building.

They have one full-time employee (Julie) and two part-time paid employees.