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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
Bob Vrana
John Herdman



HAPPY DOLLARS (For Polio Plus)

Bob Vrana, Scott Delisi, Dick Miller, Kay Wunderlich and Don Anderson



Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Dan Kistler and Jim O'Hanlon, proposed new members, and Glen Johnson 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 ?



Notes & Announcements

Rotary Leadership Institute—Schedule from 8am to 3:30 pm on Saturday October 17th in Des Moines Iowa. This is a great way to learn about the workings of Rotary and to prepare to be a Rotary Leader. Lincoln South pays the registration fee.

LSR Grant Applications—Lance announced that the Down Syndrome Association for Families of Nebraska has been selected as the recipient of the mini-grant for this year.

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. If you cannot attend, you can still donate wine for the wine pull or money for the cause

- 9/11/15 *Gina Cotton– Tabitha Foundation*
- 9/18/15 *Chris Figureida– Cycle for Heart*
- 9/25/15 *Tammy Ward– Seniors Foundation*
- [Events & Projects](#)
- 9/11/15 *LSR Foundation Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser at the home of Tracey McLain.*
- 10/17/15 *Rotary Leadership Institute—8 am to 3:30 pm in Des Moines Iowa.*



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.rotarydistrict5650.org

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.*

Glenn Johnson- General Mgr. Lower Platte South Natural Resources District was our speaker. Glenn's topic was the impact of the big rain storm that hit Lincoln in May 2015.

Lincoln is in the middle of a large watershed which drains into Salt Creek. The watershed has 10 core of engineer dams built in the 60's which have been estimated to save \$78 million in flood damage since they were built. Then there are 100 smaller dams built upstream to slow down the water before it gets here. There are stream gauges along the way to measure water levels etc.

The storm in May was a record setting storm which occurred as 2 events. One event hit at 8pm and the 2nd event hit at 2 am. The levels read by the stream gauges went from 3 ft to 28 ft in several hours. Flood stage is 20.5 ft. Four of the dams reached the highest levels since they were built and many of the smaller dams went through their emergency spillways. The rain created the most flow in Salt Creek since 1908. The water in the salt creek levee system which runs from Calvert in the south to Superior in the



north stayed within the levees. Also the work done on the Antelope Creek project paid off as it saved a lot of flooding.

The north bottoms and Haymarket Park flooded from the 2nd rain event since salt creek was already full. Glenn noted that when Haymarket Ball park was built, the parking lots were lowered to absorb any flooding from Salt Creek. Thus the flooding of the ball park was just from the rain

water.

Damage was not significant other than some erosion all along Salt Creek which will need to be repaired.

Glenn discussed the difference between a 100 year rain and 100 year flows. A 100 year rain is defined as more than 6 inches in 24 hours. The fact that the May rain was spread out between 8pm and 2am meant that we did not have 100 year flows as the water had more time to dissipate than if it would have all come down at once.

September Birthdays

Scott Delisi
Joyce Schmeckle
Carl Olson
Henrik Christensen

