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CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

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Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians— Darrel Huenelgardt from Kimball, NE and John Duling from Lincoln East.

Guests—Ned Sharp, guest of Bob Vrana and Mike Boyle our speaker.

HAPPY DOLLARS (For Polio Plus)

Lance Odom, Gene Swinton, Cheryl Brandenburgh, Cathy Behrns, Clay Ehlers, John Herdman, Joyce Schmeckle, Brian Block and Craig Madsen.



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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Rotary is on the Web!

Rotary International— www.rotary.org
District 5650—www.rotarydistrict5650.org
Lincoln South Rotary—

Future LSR Programs

- 9/28/12 Vi See, Exec. Dir. Community Action Partnership of Lancaster & Saunders Counties—Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.
- 10/5/12 Andrea Eschen, PR Coordinator for Nebraska Organ Recovery
- 10/12/12 Lance Odom, Prof. Development Mgr. "Duncan Aviation-Update on Activities and Expansions"
- 10/19/12 Jessica Kolterman- "November General Election Ballot"
- 10/26/12 Scott Wieskamp, Director of Facilities & Maint.- LPS, the new District Office
- 11/2/12 Gretchen Bren, Dist. 5650 Polio Plus Chair- Polio Eradication-We are this Close.
- 11/9/12 Robert Rapp, Dist. 5650 Group Study Exchange Chair—The GSE Program
- 11/16/12 Jim Griesen, District Governor Elect - The Rotary's Future Vision

Events & Projects

- 10/12/12 Club 14 Annual Auction.
- 10/13/12 Rotary Leadership Institute at Dundee Presbyterian Church in Omaha
- 10/16/12 Dictionary Project Labeling Party at 5:30 pm at Greens Plumbing & Heating at 4200 North 48th St.
- 10/19/12 Lincoln South Foundation Annual Wine Tasting at the home of Joyce & Bill Schmeeckle.
- 11/20/12 Jeff Raikes— Grand Island Country club.

Notes & Announcements

Club 14 Auction—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.

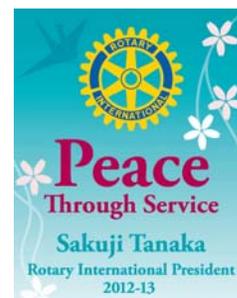
Red Cross Appreciation Game—Each year the Red Cross is allowed to solicit contributions to their program at a UNL Home football game and one home men's and women's basketball game in return for the services that Red Cross provides at these UNL sporting events. One of the Lincoln South Rotary projects is to form a team to help pass the collection buckets during half time. The football collections will be on October 27 for the Nebraska vs. Michigan football game. Brad is still looking for volunteers over the age of 16.

Lincoln South Foundation— Please remember that the Foundation is accepting grant applications in the amount of \$500.00 due by September 30, 2012. The purpose of the grant program is to provide financial support for programs, projects, and individuals through small non-profit organizations within our community.

Lincoln South Foundation Fundraisers—October 19 will be the date of the wine tasting at the home of Joyce and Bill Schmeeckle. The featured wines will be from South America. (*See page 5 for flyer with details.*)

Dictionary Project—All Lincoln Rotary clubs will once again be participating in the Dictionary Project which distributes dictionaries to all 4th graders in the city of Lincoln. Volunteers are needed for the labeling party where Rotary labels are placed in each dictionary and they are sorted by school. The party is scheduled for 5:30 pm on Tuesday October 16th at Greens Plumbing and Heating at 4200 North 48th St. Please contact Clay Ehlers if you can help.

Joint District Event—District 5650 and District 5630 in western NE are together sponsoring the speaking engagement of Jeff Raikes at the Country Club in Grand Island on November 20, 2012 which will include a buffet. Watch for more information on the District website. There may be an opportunity to car pool for members who are interested in attending. If you have any interest, contact Pat Grewe at patrick.grewe@usbank.com



2012-2013 Club Goals

1. *Attain & Maintain 52 total members.*
2. *Hold a successful fund-raising event.*
3. *End Polio Now.*
4. *Earn the Presidential Citation.*
5. *Reinvigorate Vocational Service.*
6. *Have even more fun than last year!*

PROGRAM

The speaker was Mike Boyle, Vice President and Plant Manager for Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corp. in Lincoln. Mike is a native of Lincoln, graduating from Lincoln Southeast and UNL before beginning his career at Kawasaki 28 years ago.

Kawasaki was founded in 1876 in Japan by Shozo Kawasaki as a shipbuilding business. The company is still headquartered in Japan and Kawasaki Heavy Industries is divided into seven divisions:

- Shipbuilding
- Rail cars
- Aerospace
- Gas Turbine
- Plants and Infrastructure
- Engine and Motorcycles
- Precision Machines

Additionally, the company has several other joint ventures and subsidiaries including companies that make and install wind turbine equipment, mine identification equipment and the logistics company K-Line. Kawasaki is on every continent and has 33,000 employees.

Lincoln has two operations including consumer products (ATVs, Jet Skis, Utility

vehicles) and rail car. Additionally, the Lincoln plant oversees operations of the Kawasaki engine plant in Marysville, Mo. which makes small engines for a number of companies including John Deere, Husqvarna, Exmark and Kawasaki competitors.

The Lincoln plant sits on 332 acres in northwest Lincoln near the Lincoln Airpark and currently employs 1,937 people, 550 of which are in rail car. The company began in 1974 as a motorcycle assembly plant but no longer produces motorcycles (motorcycles are now made in Japan and Taiwan). The company produced vehicle No. 3,000,000 in 2010 and Mike attributes the success of the

plant to the flexibility and production of the Lincoln workers.

The recession hit Kawasaki hard with significant drops in production. However, the company has increased R&D, automation and added new products to help offset those losses and has cut costs both internally and through suppliers. Consumer products currently produces about 40,000 vehicles per month.

The rail car division continues to be strong with the recent addition of a new contract from Washington D.C. The rail car division opened in Lincoln in 2001 and has two fabrication and two assembly lines as well as testing facilities allowing for several contracts to be fulfilled at once. Each car costs an estimated \$2.8 million to produce.



**QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
ARTICLES?**

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September Birthdays

Scott Delisi
Joyce Schmeackle
Logan Otto
Carl Olson

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE- SHORT HEINRICHS

Short is a Research Professor at the Department of Entomology at the University of Nebraska. He is a consultant for Intsormil* with sorghum and millet projects in Africa and Central America. He just got back from their International conference and will return to Germany next week to start to work on next year's conference.

Short is from Henderson Nebraska which is home to many Ukraine settlers. He learned early on what a value the land was due to the Ogallala Aquifer in the area. The first irrigation well was dug there by hand and now It is one of the richest counties in Nebraska for crop production.

He is proud of the gold medal that he earned for High Jump in May of 1957 competing. The competition was held at what is now the north end of the UNL football stadium.

Short wanted to join Rotary because of the International focus of the organization.

*The mission of Intsormil is to enhance the research capacity of agricultural research institutions in food deficit countries and to focus this increase capability on ensuring national food security through the alleviation of constraints that limit the sustainable production of sorghum, millet and other grains



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

Lincoln South Rotary Foundation Wine Tasting

Proceeds will help fund a local nonprofit

Friday, October 19, 2012

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

\$25.00 per person

Rotarians and non-Rotarian guests welcome

South American Wine Tasting Plus Appetizers and Desserts

Event will be held at the home of Joyce and Bill Schmeckle, 6601
Crooked Creek Drive

RSVP to Joyce Schmeckle - 402.525.5407 joyce@schmecklerresearch.com
or sign -up at the Lincoln South Rotary meeting

