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Dear Lincoln South Members and Friends,

It was wonderful to have so many people attend our club meeting last Friday on September 19<sup>th</sup> and I expect a good crowd this Friday as well. Keep bringing guests with you to learn more about Rotary.

Thank you to Clay Ehlers, President-Elect, for running the meeting this week since I will be gone. The choice-- stay for the Rotary meeting or go to Italy on vacation? I imagine that all kidding aside, we may very well run into Rotarians there even without attending a make up meeting.

We won't have a plane full however like we did when we went to Sydney for the convention the end of May. Everywhere we looked we ran into Rotarians!

As always we have lots of exciting things happening with our club. Thank you so much to Tracey and Ron McClain and all of the members of Lincoln South Rotary Foundation for the wonderful wine tasting fundraising event which was held on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. It was great to hear from Stephanie Geery Zink from the Lincoln Community Playhouse on the Penguin Project and how our grant will be used to help children with disabilities participate in theatre. It sounds like a wonderful program and the dollars will be well used. To see the photos from the event go to our club web site at [www.lincolnsouthrotary.org](http://www.lincolnsouthrotary.org)

To find out more about the penguin project check out the Lincoln Community Playhouse's web site at

<http://www.lincolnplayhouse.com/education/penguinproject.html>

### New Community Service Project During October

We are raising money and diapers for Early Head Start for the Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties. All during October you can bring monetary gifts and packages of diapers with you to the club meetings. Please see the attached flyer that explains how important these gifts will be for children. We are also in the process of arranging to have a presentation at an upcoming club meeting.

Each year, Community Action serves over 12,000 individuals struggling in poverty and the costs range from \$70 to over \$200 each month. The cost of diapers may use up 20% of their monthly budget. The need is great and Lincoln South Rotarians can help those less fortunate.

Please give your cash contributions and diapers to Sue O'Connell, Brad Carter, Nicki Klein or me.

Thank you for your help with this new project.

### Check out our web site for all of the details on the following events:

Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, Rotary Music Playground Ribbon Cutting and Dinner

Tuesday, October 7, Dictionary Labeling Project

Saturday, October 18, Rotary Leadership Institute

Please try to be involved in as many of our events and service projects as you are able to. Thank you so much for all that you do for Rotary and the World. And remember to be kinder than expected or necessary. The World needs more Rotary kindness and Service Above Self.

Yours in Rotary, Jenny

## Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Robert Athan and Roger Moody – Lincoln #14, Jim Wunderlich, Kay and Kurt Vorheis—guests of Kay Wunderlich .

### [Future LSR Programs](#)

9/26/14 TBD- "The Keystone XL Pipeline-Pro"

10/3/14 Jessica Kolterman- Trip to Africa

### [Events & Projects](#)

9/19/14 LSR Foundation Wine Tasting at the home of Tracey McLain.

10/7/14 Dictionary Project Labeling Party (Details to follow)

10/18/14 Rotary Leadership Institute- Omaha

10/23/14 New Member Orientation at Midlands Financial 7101 South 82nd Street- 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

## Notes & Announcements

**Membership:** There will be a New Member Orientation 10-23-14 starting at 11:30 AM at Midland's Financial Benefits (Joe Roberts' office). Lunch will be provided. [Click here](#) for the information on the club website. More details will be sent specifically to new members and their sponsors. All members are welcome to attend.

**Rotary Leadership Institute:** - Lincoln South Rotary Club has a strong tradition of participation in RLI and supporting our members and their Rotary experiences. RLI is one way to do that. Lincoln South Rotary Club will pay the \$85 fee for any club member interested in participating in RLI. Contact Nicki Klein or Jenny Cardwell. RLI provides an opportunity to learn about Rotary, use and enhance your Leadership skills, make new friends and build partnerships and get more out of Rotary.

**YMCA Rotary Music Playground Ribbon Cutting and Open House:** - Lincoln South Rotary was one of the clubs that supported the multi-club project to build a music playground at the YMCA Camp Kitaki. The project was led by Lincoln East. There will be a ribbon cutting and grand opening celebration on Sunday, September 28. This is a family-friendly event, dinner is free for kids and only \$5 for adults. RSVPs are needed.

**Annual Dictionary Project:** - Lincoln South Rotary Club, along with the other three clubs in Lincoln, will purchase and deliver dictionaries to all of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in Lincoln. First is the packaging party at Green's Plumbing on October. In the next couple of weeks after that Rotary members will contact schools and deliver the dictionaries. The coordinator is Clay Ehlers - contact him for details and to sign up to help

**Diaper Drive** - We are introducing a new service project to Lincoln South Rotary Club - raising money and diapers for Early Head Start for the Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties. All during October you can bring monetary gifts and packages of diapers with you to the club meetings. Each year, Community Action serves over 12,000 individuals struggling in poverty and the costs range from \$70 to over \$200 each month. The cost of diapers may use up 20% of their monthly budget. The need is great and Lincoln South Rotarians can help those less fortunate. Please give your cash contributions and diapers to Sue O'Connell, Brad Carter, Nicki Klein or Jenny Cardwell.

**Scholarship Recipient:** Elise White heard from a student that was awarded one of our high school scholarships a few years back. He is getting ready to graduate and has had a very successful college experience. We were told that winning our scholarship - proving that he could be successful - was a huge help in motivating him to pursue his career.

**QUESTIONS?  
COMMENTS?  
ARTICLES?**

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**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**

**2014-2015 Club Goals**

1. *Earn the Presidential Citation.*
2. *Attain & Maintain 55 total members.*
3. *Successfully utilize New Grant Program by submitting 1 District Grant and 1 Global Grant.*
4. *Increase \$ raised from Golf Tournament and Grocery Grab by 5% over prior year.*
5. *Increase Rotary Foundation giving to \$9,300 with 100% participation.*
6. *Continue to participate in End Polio Now giving at \$32/member level by using Happy \$ and participating in End Polio Now events.*
7. *Continue to have Club participation at District Level.*
8. *Host a Rotary Days event with other clubs in Lincoln.*
9. **HAVE FUN AS ROTARIANS IN SERVICE TOGETHER!**

Our primary speaker was Robert Latimer, Land Manager TransCanada. He was joined by Mark Johnson, Projects Team member who focuses on addressing non-landowner audiences.

Robert started by thanking Rotary for the work that we do. He has a niece who was a recent Youth Exchange Student.

The head office of TransCanada is in Calgary, Alberta, Canada but they have a large footprint in the United States. They have had a Nebraska presence since the early 1980 when they took over ownership of the Northern Border Pipeline.

TransCanada has the most significant pipeline network in North America and 40% of all natural gas used goes through their pipelines. They are involved in other aspects of power with 21 different power plants including hydro, solar, wind, simple cycle, combined cycle and natural gas-fired cogeneration plants.

Basic description of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline project is:

The Keystone XL Pipeline is a proposed 1,179-mile crude oil pipeline beginning in Hardisty, Alberta in Canada and going through Nebraska to Steele City. Besides transporting crude oil from Canada, the Keystone XL Pipeline will support the growth of crude oil production in the US by providing more access to the large refining markets found in the Midwest and along the Gulf Coast.

To date there has been a total investment of \$15 billion. Once built the pipeline would carry 1.4 million barrels a day.

A primary goal of the presentation was to dispel myths about the proposed Keystone XL pipeline.



*Will the pipeline be safe?*

They will use satellite technology to monitor operations at 20,000 different points along the pipeline. TransCanada has agreed to provide more safety procedures to provide more confidence. Even though the monitoring is done in Canada they are required to adhere to the US standards.

We may not even know that there is a pipeline near us. In Lancaster County there are 7 various pipeline Networks.

Some carry natural gas, gasoline and some even hazardous products. They may be in our backyard – but they are a silent, safe means of transporting product

*What are the economic benefits to the US?*

There will be 9,000 construction jobs created. When asked whether those jobs are permanent we were told that many are temporary – that is the nature of construction projects.

Someone also pointed out that it was recently reported in the Lincoln Journal Star that the jobs created will only be about 1/3 of what TransCanada has reported. The presenters responded that the actual number is admittedly difficult to project.

They stated that some of the crew would indeed move in for the project, again that is the nature of these types of construction projects – a very mobile workforce.

It is anticipated that there will be tax revenues to 27 counties along the pipeline route.

*We have heard that the oil will be exported to China.*

Oil will be transported to the Gulf Coast – not to be exported but to go to refineries. Currently we are importing crude oil to the Gulf Coast from Venezuela and the Middle East. The crude from Canada and also North Dakota will be less expensive and will benefit North America.

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**September Birthdays**

- Scott Delisi
- Joyce Schmeackle
- Henrik Christensen
- Logan Otto
- Carl Olson



## PROGRAM (CONT.)

The Keystone XL pipeline will be bad for the environment  
There have been five different impact studies and all have had reported that there will not be a significant negative impact on the environment.

When asked why they did not build the pipeline right next to the one that already exists, they responded:

The rights of way to use the land may not extend far enough so they would still need to disturb people and land

The current rout is shorter – more “as the crow flies” than the current pipeline

There is a plan to route through the Bakken area of North Dakota; there is not currently an economical way to pick up that oil and this pipeline would provide that support.

What if the Supreme Court decision does not end up in their favor? They will try another approach and keep moving forward.

### CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Elise White  
Sue Nelson  
John Herdman  
Bob Vrana  
Nicki Klein



### HAPPY DOLLARS (For Polio Plus)

Craig Madson, Dick Miller, Cheryl Brandenburgh, Dick Wampler, Kay Wunderlich, Kurt Vorheis, Dave Hilsabeck, Tom Cardwell, Kiley Wiechman, Gene Swinton, Terry Kurtenbach, Sue Nelson and Sue O'Connell.



### 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 70<sup>th</sup> & Van Dorn



### Rotary is on the Web!

**Lincoln South-Meetings & speakers**

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

**Lincoln South-Calendar of Events:**

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

**Rotary International**— [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

**District 5650**—[www.rotarydistrict5650.org](http://www.rotarydistrict5650.org)