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## CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Brad Carter  
Clay Ehlers  
Joe Roberts  
Chris Dietz



## Visiting Rotarians and Guests

*Rotarians*— Vi See from Club 14 ,our speaker .

*Guests*— Ed Nix, guest of Don Anderson

## HAPPY DOLLARS (For Polio Plus)

Clay Ehlers, Logan Otto, Dick Wampler,  
Pat Grewe, Lance Odom, Traci McLain,  
Dean Heermann, Joyce Schmeckle, Don  
Anderson and Ed Nix .



## 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>



**Rotary is on the Web!**

**Rotary International— [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)  
District 5650—[www.rotarydistrict5650.org](http://www.rotarydistrict5650.org)  
Lincoln South Rotary—**

### Future LSR Programs

- 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**—Joe Roberts announced that the Club 14 Annual Auction is one of the top 3 auctions in Lincoln and they have raised over \$100,000 with this effort. The auction has been moved to Pershing and will be held October 12 at 5:30 p.m. The tickets are \$75.00 and you are encouraged to attend .

**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 Annual Wine Tasting**—October 19 will be the date of the annual wine tasting fundraiser at the home of Joyce and Bill Schmeeckle. The featured wines will be from South America. All proceeds benefit the Foundation. To date 5 grant applications have been submitted for consideration for funding by the Lincoln South Foundation. (*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](mailto:patrick.grewe@usbank.com)

**Rotary Leadership Institute**—Nicki Klein reminded the group of the Rotary Leadership Institute. Rotarians are encouraged to attend the three sessions of the Institute. The next session will be held on October 13 at the Dundee Presbyterian Church in Omaha. Lincoln south will pick up the registration cost for any members who wish to participate. See Nicki Klein if you are interested.

**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 that last year!*

**PROGRAM**

Nicki Klein introduced Vi See, the Executive Director of the Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties. Vi has previously served as Executive Director of the Girls Scouts-Homestead Council. Her volunteer experience includes Meals on Wheels, President of Community Action, CASA of Lancaster County Board of Directors and as a member of the Lancaster County Workforce Development Board.



Vi stated the mission of the Community Action Partnership: "We empower people struggling in poverty to reach their full potential and achieve self reliance."

Community Action Partnership is celebrating its 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It is providing a great service to low income people, according to Vi.

The philosophy of this group is in the strategic planning, which includes moving individuals to self reliance and providing food, housing and other basic services.

They began to develop a case management approach utilizing the economic variables to self sufficiency. As the client exits the program, the plan is to leave them more self sufficient, empower, them, make them capable and remarkable, and take the journey in small steps. It is an agency that helps people do the hard stuff.

Community Action Partnerships has twenty programs that include emergency services, child and family development, homelessness prevention, employment and training, money and savings programs, community and housing services.

The Volunteers In Tax Assistance is a national program funded by the IRS. Community Action Partnerships has been involved for four years. The IRS goal is to increase quantity and quality of returns. They will only do simple returns. There are sixteen sites and they target low income taxpayers, veterans and non English speaking citizens.

The 2012 tax season outcomes were:

5001 returns prepared with 937 paper returns included. 57 beehive returns completed. Total refunds equaled \$6,350,395 which increased spending in the local economy. 230 volunteers utilized with a total of 5000 volunteer hours

Vi asked the group to consider volunteering in the following areas: tax preparers, site coordinators, greeters, and beehive support. Training for volunteers takes place in December and January. Tax season is from January 15 through April 15.

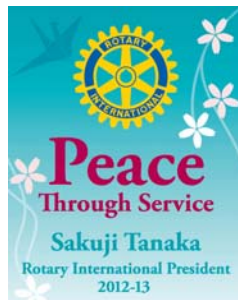
The Community Action Partnership also teams up with UNL, Wesleyan University and Union College for volunteers.

**QUESTIONS?  
COMMENTS?  
ARTICLES?**

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**September Birthdays**

Scott Delisi  
Joyce Schmeekle  
Logan Otto  
Carl Olson

### MEMBERSHIP MINUTE- GENE SWINTON

Gene is semi retired. He taught at Nebraska Wesleyan University. He has worked in commercial real estate, a computer software company and in the insurance field. He is currently self employed by building vacation websites and photographic websites. He likes to take research trips to fall destination and beaches. He loves to take photographs wherever he goes. He was born in Hunter, Kansas and graduated in a class of 11. His Dad farmed and ran an implement business. His favorite places to go include Switzerland, historical places and lighthouses. His favorite place in the United States was the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, South Carolina. He joined Rotary because several members from the downtown club wanted him to start a new Rotary morning club.



He stated that mornings were difficult to get members to attend so Lincoln South moved to noon meetings. He "almost" learned to solo fly an airplane and took some lessons. But his Mother didn't like it and his summer job in an electronics store forced him to go other

### 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

# *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](mailto:joyce@schmecklerresearch.com)  
or sign -up at the Lincoln South Rotary meeting

