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## LINCOLN SOUTH RECEIVES DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANT

District Foundation Chair, Bob Collins presented President Elise with Lincoln South Rotary's District Simplified Grant. Proceeds of the grant will be used for the Voices of Hope project to refurbish the child care room at the facility.



## HAPPY DOLLARS (For Emergency Relief)

Clay Ehlers, Jenny Cardwell, Nicki Klein, Madeline Otto, Bob Vrana, Bill Grosskurth, Craig Madson, Gene Swinton and Roger Vicroy.



## CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Scott Delisi  
Craig Madson  
Clay Ehlers



## September Birthdays

Scott Delisi  
Joyce Schmeckle  
Shahid Kamal  
Logan Otto  
Carl Olson



### [Future LSR Programs](#)

- 10/7/11 Lori Seibel "Community Health Endowment of Lincoln"
- 10/14/11 Danny Lee Ladley— Mary Reipma Ross Theatre
- 10/21/11 Chris Sommerich, Nebraska Humanities Council "What Nebraska High School Students Think of US Foreign Policy"
- 10/28/11 Chief Jim Peschong, LPD- "What's happening at LPD"
- 11/4/11 Rod Bates General Mgr. NETV
- 11/11/11 Jarryd Widhalm— Rotary Ambassadoral Scholar.
- 11/18/11 Barb Bartle and GSE Team- "Rotary Group Study Exchange Team 2012 to India"
- 11/25/11 NO MEETING— HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- 12/2/11 Topher Hansen "CenterPointe"
- 12/9/11 Nick Cusick, Healthy U— Workplace Wellness Programs

### [Events & Projects](#)

- 10/14/11 Club 14 Auction at the Lincoln Station (benefits Boys & Girls clubs) \$75/ticket
- 10/21/11 LSR Foundation wine tasting fundraiser at the home of Joyce & Bill Schmeackle.
- 11/5/11 RESCHEDULED Membership Seminar at Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha.

## Notes & Announcements

**Membership Seminar RESCHEDULED**— The membership seminar has been rescheduled for Saturday November 5th at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Attendees receive free tickets to the zoo for their family on the day of the seminar.

**Rotary Leadership Institute** — next session is October 15, 2011 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lincoln. Lincoln South Rotary will pay the registration fee for any member interested in participating. The institute offers a leadership course in three full day parts (Parts I, II, III). Those completing each part are eligible for the next part. The courses are designed to provide Rotary knowledge and to develop leadership skills for voluntary organizations. Contact Elise or Nicki if you are interested.

**Lincoln South Foundation Fundraiser**—The LSR Foundation wine tasting is scheduled for Friday October 21st at the home of Joyce and Bill Schmeackle. Tickets are \$25 apiece with all proceeds going to the Lincoln South Foundation to be spent on local projects to benefit the community. (*See Flyer on page 4*)

**Lincoln South Foundation Grant Recipients**— All Lincoln South members are encouraged to consider community service projects that might benefit from a mini-grant from the Lincoln South Foundation. The grants are \$500 and are made to 5.01 (c)(3) non profit organizations in the community. Applications are due 9/30/11. If you have a recommendation, please contact Lance.

**Football for Foundation**—Phil Maddern was the winner of the weekly football for foundation pick and chose to have \$20 contributed to the Lincoln South Foundation.

**Dictionary Project**—Volunteers are needed for marking and packing dictionaries for delivery on Tuesday 10/18 at Greens Plumbing. Let Clay Ehlers know if you can help. Deliveries will take place from 10/19 through 10/28. Sign up sheets will be available at the meeting.

### 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>

## Visiting Rotarians and Guests

**Rotarians**— Bob Collins from Council Bluffs, Anita Crisp from Club 14, Bill Grosskurth from Albert Lea Minn and Suzanne Sughroue from Club 14 and our speaker.

**Guests**—Madeline Otto, guest of Logan Otto.

**2011-2012 Club Goals**

1. *Attain & Maintain 55 total members.*
2. *Increase number of female members & young professionals.*
3. *Hold periodic club assemblies.*
4. *Incorporate "New Generations" into current club service projects.*
5. *Maintain 100% sustaining membership in the Rotary Foundation.*
6. *Have a rewarding, unforgettable year!*

**QUESTIONS?  
COMMENTS?  
ARTICLES?**

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**PROGRAM**

Suzanne Sughroue, Development Director, Major and Planned Gifts for the Madonna Foundation. She is responsible for raising friends and funds for Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital.

While Madonna started out as a nursing home it has become a nationally recognized rehab center with prominent research institute. Suzanne showed the club a video describing the cutting edge technologies being developed at the research institute.

Several of the technologies illustrated included a robotic gait trainer (Lokomat) which re trains the brain with repetitive movement to get legs and arms working again after traumatic brain injuries; a body weight support treadmill system; the Bioness electric stimulation system which causes muscles to contract to



help regain their use and the Safelaser keyboard, the head tracking system and eye tracking system which allow patients to communicate via the computer using small head or eye movements.

Suzanne described the First Hope Initiative which is designing the patient room of the future where patients with limited mobility can control their own environment (lights, heat etc.) with technology.

The research institute recently did a technology transfer event with Clay Anderson as the host. Clay was excited about some of the technology and its potential use to keep astronauts fit in space. Anyone can sponsor a tech transfer event and the research institute will do an informational program for your group to describe the current tech projects going on at the institute.

**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 Valentinis at 70<sup>th</sup> & Van

**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—

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

## ***Lincoln South Rotary Foundation Wine Tasting***

***Friday, October 21***

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

\$25.00 per person

**Enjoy the tasting of five different wines with appetizers and desserts**

Rotarians and non-Rotarian guests welcome

**Proceeds will help fund a local nonprofit**

Location:  
Home of Joyce and Bill Schmeeckle  
6601 Crooked Creek Drive

South on 40<sup>th</sup> past Old Cheney  
left (east) on Faulkner - right on 41<sup>st</sup>  
right on Crooked Creek Drive]



**RSVP:**

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or sign -up at the Lincoln South Rotary meeting**