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CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

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Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians—Barb Taylor from Club 14

Guests—Bob Chambers, guest of Dick Miller and Sue Nelson, former member.

HAPPY DOLLARS (For Polio Plus)

Elise White, Carl Zeutzius, Tom Cardwell, John Herdman, Logan Otto, Sue Nelson, Bernie Poppe, Don Anderson, Dick Miller, Neal Lyons, Glenn Friendt, Carl Olson, Dick Wampler and Bob Vrana



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 Clubrunner Links:

Meeting & speaker information:

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

Calendar of Events:

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Future LSR Programs

- 10/11/13 Paul Cammack, Black Hills Energy—
"Natural Gas Vehicles"
- 10/18/13 Larry Ruth, Director Subdistrict 4 on
"Lower Platte South Natural Resource
District"
- 10/25/13 James Kalish, UNL Dept of Entomology—
"Backyard Farming"

Events & Projects

- 12/6/13 Annual Holiday Party at the home of
Bob & DeEtta Vrana

Notes & Announcements

Rotary Foundation District Grant Check— The Rotary Foundation (TRF) has been supporting clubs in their projects in local communities by returning TRF funds to the Districts to distribute to the Clubs. Lincoln South Rotary Club has a strong tradition of participating in the District Grant programs and have helped many local organizations and projects such as Northeast Family Center, Lincoln Light-house, Salvation Army and Voices of Hope. This year the club participated with other clubs and got grant funds for the Dictionary Project as well as to build a Music Playground at the YMCA Camp Kitaki. The club also applied for, and received, \$1,000 to support the High School Scholarship program. Nicolette "Nicki" Klein, District Grants Chair presented the \$1,000 check to President Bob Vrana. (See pic below)



ABC'S OF ROTARY— THE 4-WAY TEST

One of the most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics in the world is the Rotary "4-Way Test." It was created by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor in 1932 when he was asked to take charge of the Chicago-based Club Aluminum Company, which was facing bankruptcy. Taylor looked for a way to save the struggling company mired in depression-caused financial difficulties. He drew up a 24-word code of ethics for all employees to follow in their business and professional lives. The 4-Way Test became the guide for sales, production, advertising and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company was credited to this simple philosophy. Herb Taylor became president of Rotary International during 1954-55. The 4 -Way Test was adopted by Rotary in 1943 and has been translated into more than 100 languages and published in thousands of ways.

The message should be known and followed by all Rotarians. "Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

October Birthdays

Ryan Spaulding
Glenn Friendt



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PROGRAM

2013-2014 Club Goals

1. *Attain & Maintain 50 total members.*
2. *Continue to Build on our successful fundraising events.*
3. *End Polio Now.*
4. *Earn the Presidential Citation.*
5. *Successfully utilize the Future Vision Grant Program to enhance our service projects.*
6. *Continue our exceptional Rotary Foundation giving.*

Paul Cammack from Black Hills Energy was our speaker. Natural Gas Vehicles were first introduced in the late 80's/early 90's. But everyone took a temporary break from production and promotion due to lagging technology of the vehicles and stations, and high prices. Both of these have improved and therefore we are seeing more advancements again today.

**Why Natural Gas?**

It is very clean – it is a methane compound so is one of the simplest of the fuels. There are 30% fewer greenhouse gasses than gasoline or diesel. Also, Natural Gas is abundant. A few years ago there was talk of running out, but technology has changed and the product is now readily available. Prices are low and stable. The price difference between natural gas and traditional fuel throughout the country ranges from 20-50%. In Nebraska Natural that difference is about 50%. Most customers find that they can pay off the cost to convert a vehicle to natural gas in 1.5 to 2 years due to the savings on the cost of fuel. Natural Gas is American fuel. 98% of the natural gas that we use is from North America – it is our fuel – supports our jobs – is good for our economy.

There are a few types of Natural Gas Vehicle (NGV) systems:

Dedicated – powered only by natural gas; in the City of Lincoln the BookMobile is a dedicated NGV. Werner Truck-

ing (out of Omaha) is running two trucks that are dedicated NGVs. Bi-fuel – can run on natural gas or gasoline. These vehicles have two fuel tanks. You fill them both up and, when you run out of natural gas, it automatically switches over. Duel fuel – blended natural gas and diesel. The benefit is that it cleans up emissions and it provides more HP and torque. These vehicles still have a diesel engine, but are popular due to the higher HP and torque. It also helps people that have anxiety over the availability of natural gas where they are traveling. Mileage is

about the same with Duel fuel as with straight gas.

The cost to convert vehicles is about \$10,000 for light to medium duty vehicles. For large vehicles it can be from \$30,000 to \$45,000. Though it sounds like a high price to pay, depending on the miles you drive and the mileage of the vehicle, it can be paid back in 1.5 to 2 years as mentioned earlier. The high price of conversion is because the tanks are expensive. They are designed for military use with thick walls – they are heavier and safer. Also, every conversion has to be tested by the EPA.

You are able to buy a new vehicle today that is natural gas ready (mostly ¾ ton pickups). You will pay the manufacturer for the conversion – just like you would if converting a vehicle you already own. The infrastructure for fuel dispensing is improving. Over the road trucking companies are embracing natural gas, so stations are expanding to accommodate those needs. Home fueling appliances are currently about \$5,000 and then an additional \$1,000 to \$2,000 to install. But, there are new ideas coming forward and we should see a dramatic drop in those costs very soon.

**QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
ARTICLES?**

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