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Greetings Rotarians! The Lincoln South Rotary Foundation has selected the winner of its mini-grant application. The winner this year is the Foster Care Closet. I would venture to guess that many of you have never heard of the Foster Care Closet, but it is an organization that does wonderful things within our community. The Foster Care Closet is a non profit organization that helps meet the needs of children, from infancy to age 19, who are wards of the State of Nebraska. It works in conjunction with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Children and Family Services to work with children in the foster care system. They provide foster children with clothing, shoes, and other items completely free of charge. Since it opened, nearly 1,000 children have received nearly 12,000 items from the foster care closet. The need for this type of service is great and is increasing. Since 2006, they have had a 47% increase in items donated, while during the same time period have seen a 58% increase in the number of foster children in need of clothing. I often work with children who utilize the Foster Care Closet and can say that they provide these kids with more than just clothing. The children are so excited to receive clothes and shoes that are new or gently used as it helps them to fit in with their peers at school, which lifts their self esteem during a very turbulent time in their life. For many kids, they are so excited just to own something that is theirs! This is a great organization and I am very proud of our club for supporting their mission.

Elise M. W. White
President of Lincoln South Rotary

HAPPY DOLLARS (For Child Mortality)

Joe Roberts, Joyce Schmeekle, Tom Cardwell, Logan Otto, Bob Vrana, Nicki Klein, Roger Vicroy, Don Anderson, and Cheryl Brandenburg .



CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Chris Dietz
Brad Carter
Bernie Poppe
Roger Vicroy



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Future LSR Programs

- 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, Pres, IMSCORP- Healthcare Reform and Controlling Employer and Employee Healthcare Costs*
- 12/16/11 *Marcia Matthies, Anglers of the Blue Moon- Developing a Handicapped Fishing Pier on Bowling Lake*

Events & Projects

- 10/21/11 *LSR Foundation wine tasting fundraiser at the home of Joyce & Bill Schmeekle.*
- 11/12/11 **RESCHEDULED AGAIN- Membership Seminar at Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha.**

Notes & Announcements

Membership Seminar RESCHEDULED— The membership seminar has been rescheduled AGAIN for Saturday *November 12th* 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.

Lincoln South Foundation Fundraiser—The LSR Foundation wine tasting is scheduled for Friday October 21st at the home of Joyce and Bill Schmeekle. 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— The Lincoln South Foundation Board announced that the \$500 mini grant will be given to the Foster Care Closet to purchase holiday gifts for teenagers

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—Don't forget the dictionary packaging at Green's Plumbing on Tuesday, October 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Annual Nut Sales—Scheduled to begin Friday 10/28/11. Nuts and other products will be available at the meeting to be picked up for sale.

LSR Board Elections—Nicki Klein reminded members that an election will be held for new LSR board members. She and Tom Cardwell are co chairing this committee

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians—Bruce Boyrer of Club 14

Guests—Nancy Dyas, guest of Jenny Cardwell; Tony Michaelson, guest of Short Heinrichs; Laurie McAdams, guest of Bryan Block and Alex Shada our speaker

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>

PROGRAM

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!*

Jenny Cardwell introduced Alex Shada, Director of Public Relations for the Lincoln Food Bank. Mr. Shada had previously worked for Cedars as a communication and public relations director. He is married to Megan and has two children. He is from Wahoo and is a former Husker player.



The Lincoln Food Bank serves a 16 county area, but the primary service area is Lincoln. There is a daily truck taking food supplies to communities in southeast Nebraska.

Some interesting annual facts on the Lincoln Food Bank program:

- 8,117,291 pounds of food
- 17,347 meals served daily
- 8,100 people served each week
- 22,862 volunteer hours
- 1367 total volunteers

He stated that the volunteers are a valuable resource. And the current goal of the Food Bank is to increase the amount of annual food to 11 million pounds.

In 1982 the Lincoln Food Bank was formed. It distributed 53,000 pounds of food. In 1997, it distributed 2.8 million pounds of food. By 2011, it was distributing 8 million pounds of food.

The Paper Plate Campaign was an effort to have clients tell the Food Bank what the food distribution program meant to them. These clients are in very serious circumstances, many for the first time.

Food insecurity means that people do not know where the next meal is coming from. In Nebraska about 11.8 % or 208,930 people do not know where their next meal is coming from. The numbers for Southeast Nebraska is 11.8 % or 50,940 people. Childhood food insecurity in Southeast Nebraska is 20.2% or 20,140 children.

The Backpack program is in its 8th year. The program distributes food in backpacks every Friday for 30 Lincoln Public schools, 5 parochial schools, and 39 rural schools. It is an important resource for families that are in some dire circumstances. In Southeast Nebraska there are 12,000 students who qualify for free and reduced lunch .

The contributors to the Food Bank include Walmart, HyVee, food drives, and private donations.

In conclusion, Mr. Shada stated that the Lincoln Food Bank would welcome donations and volunteers to the program.

**QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
ARTICLES?**

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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



Rotary is on the Web!

Rotary International— www.rotary.org
District 5650—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 40th past Old Cheney
left (east) on Faulkner - right on 41st
right on Crooked Creek Drive]



RSVP:

**Joyce Schmeeckle – 402.525.5407, joyce@schmeeckleresearch.com
or sign -up at the Lincoln South Rotary meeting**