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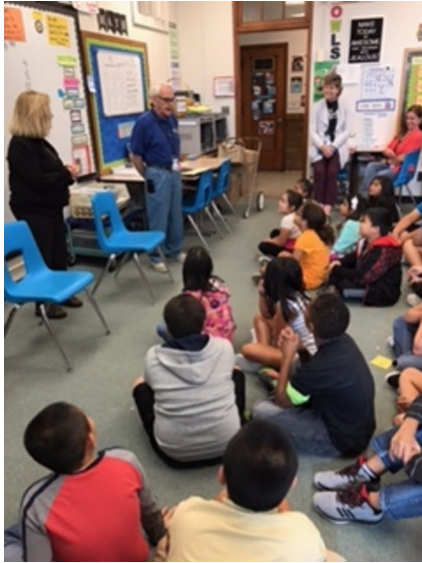
### **This Week at Rotary #14: October 24**

This Tuesday is World Polio Day! Join us to celebrate the work that has been done by Rotary International to eradicate polio around the world, the contributions made by our club and our continuing efforts to achieve global success.

Our program speaker, Dr. Caitlin Pedati, a medical epidemiologist with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services in the Division of Public Health, will provide an overview of polio including historic clinical impact and initial recognition, the development of the inactivated and oral vaccines, the importance of organizational partnerships for eradication efforts, the current status of polio as a health threat, and the ways in which lessons learned from polio can inform public health responses against other emerging health issues in her presentation, "Polio: Past, Present and Future."



**Dictionary Project Completed!**



Regina Werum, Dictionary Project Committee Chair, reported to the club at last week's meeting on the successful execution of our 2017 effort.

This year, the three Lincoln-based clubs delivered almost 4,000 books to fourth graders at 39 public and 22 private elementary schools. Many thanks to Rotary #14 Committee members and the volunteers who helped at the Labeling Party (Special thanks to club member, Peggy Green, who hosts the party!) and those that delivered dictionaries to the schools.

## Rotary Youth Exchange FAQ with Bob Rauner

*Can the son or daughter of a Rotarian be a Rotary Youth Exchange student?*

The short answer is YES! Many of the most active Rotarians in the R program are such strong supporters of the program because of their own experiences with Rotary Youth Exchange, either because of their own son or daughter's experience or because of their experiences as a host parent. In fact, there are quite a few Rotarians who joined Rotary because they themselves were an exchange student, hosted exchange students or because of their son or daughter's experiences with the program. The one caveat is that the expectations of a Rotarian are a little higher. The current district 5650 policy states:



The children of Rotarians are eligible to apply to be Rotary Youth Exchange Students. However, the Rotary District 5650 Rotary Youth Exchange committee expects these Rotarians to make a personal effort and commitment to support Rotary Youth Exchange in two ways:

1. If their local club hosts a student the year before their son or daughter's exchange, Rotarian parents of a prospective Rotary Youth Exchange student will either host an incoming student or find at least one other family to serve as a host parent unless they have already hosted previously.
2. Rotarian parents of a prospective Rotary Youth Exchange student will commit to hosting an incoming student and/or finding host parents for the year of their son or daughter's exchange.

The rate limiting step for how many students we can sponsor from our club and district is the supply of host parents, so Rotarians whose son or daughter wishes to go on exchange are expected to "pay forward" as host parents. This approach is how Lisa and I got involved with youth exchange. Six years

ago when our oldest daughter Robin told us she wanted to be an exchange student, we decided the best way to learn about the program was to host students in our home. We hosted Sarah from France and Takahiro from Japan which gave Robin, Lisa and I a great way to see if this kind of experience was right for our own daughter, leading to her application and successful exchange in Spain the 2013/2014 school year (pictured are Robin, Lisa and our current host son Kenshiro from Kanazawa, Japan).

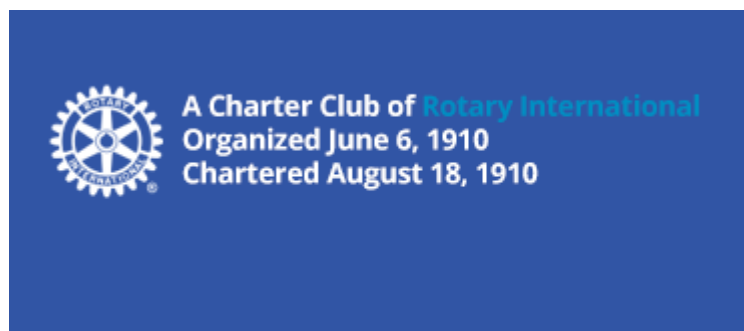
If you have any questions, contact Bob Rauner, Lincoln #14 and Rotary District 5650 Youth Exchange Chair ([brauner@healthylincoln.org](mailto:brauner@healthylincoln.org)).

## Personal Concerns

John Wolter, Past President and Past District Governor, is reportedly doing well living at The Monarch hospice care center. His church is organizing rides for John's wife, Doris, who visits him daily and needs transportation back to her residence each evening. If you are willing to help, please contact Marsha Dunn at (402) 484-6407 or by email at [mmdunn54@yahoo.com](mailto:mmdunn54@yahoo.com). Questions? Contact club member Jean Lovell.

## Upcoming Events

- **October 24:** **NEOS Meeting** at Arnold's Tavern, 6113 Havelock Ave
- **October 31:** **Business Networking** is next week! If you haven't registered yet, sign up online [here](#) or fill out a paper registration form at the meeting on Tuesday. Each Rotarian is asked to pay \$10 for lunch, which is provided on site. Any questions? Contact [Mick Hale](#), Chair.
- **November 16: Everett Thanksgiving Party.** From now until November 15th we will be collecting new and gently used items for our families at Everett to receive as a Thanksgiving treat. We will be collecting items on a weekly basis and storing them in the Rotary closet at US Bank. On the 15th, we will meet at US Bank, load up cars and drive over to Everett to help setup their Thanksgiving "Store". Review all the items and volunteer needs, including store setup and party hosts [here](#). Sign up today!



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