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Lincoln Rotary #14 meets every Tuesday at Noon, US Bank Building, Nebraska Club, 233 S. 13th St. 20th Floor.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 24 — CLAY NAFF, “LIFE IN THE THIRD GREAT AGE OF DISCOVERY”

Clay Naff, director of Lincoln Literacy, moonlights as a science journalist, and from that perspective he brings us a survey of the amazing discoveries of our time. Although the ancients and our more recent forebears made great discoveries, there is nothing to compare with the present, he argues. From the tiniest to the largest objects imaginable and everything in between, including of course life itself, we live at a very special time.

A former UPI correspondent and NPR reporter, an award-winning science journalist and author, Clay has written or edited more than a dozen science books for young people. As a freelance writer in his spare time from Lincoln Literacy, he has written for various publications, including most recently Earth magazine, The Humanist, and Scientific American. He also hosts a weekly radio program called Science Odyssey on KZUM 89.3 FM.

Join us on Tuesday!



Clay Naff

## LAST WEEK

On January 17, 2012, Harold “Andy” Andersen was recognized by Lincoln Rotary Club #14 as our Nebraskan of the Year. The list of accomplishments and contributions Andy and his wife Marian have made would fill volumes and involve people, organizations and institutions across Nebraska and around the world. There was no shortage of dignitaries in the room including Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman, Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler, Omaha Mayor’s Office Chief of Staff Steve Oltmans, JoAnne Kissel, Lincoln Rotary Club #14 President, Robert Perrin, District 5650 Governor, a host of leaders from the University of Nebraska, members of Andersen’s family and representatives of the Omaha World Herald among them. Lincoln Rotary Club #14’s Rod Bates placed Andersen’s name in the hat for this year’s recognition noting that his contributions to Nebraska range from the operation of the state-wide newspaper, service on the boards of Nebraska Game and Parks Foundation, the University of Nebraska Foundation, Nebraska Educational Telecommunications, and the UNL College of Journalism and Mass Communications. Harold and Marian Andersen have contributed greatly to Nebraska and provide an outstanding example of service above self.

“Think where man’s glory most begins and ends, and say my glory was I had such friends.”

With this quote from William Butler Yeats, Rotary’s 2012 Nebraskan of the Year Harold “Andy” Andersen reflected on his recognition and those in the room who were there to celebrate that special event.

At the end of the ceremony, following several standing ovations and multiple rounds of applause, Committee Chair Tari Hendrickson shared one final story. The program quietly ended as we each recognized that being a great Nebraskan involves serving others, and Andy Andersen was aptly recognized. Here, then, are Tari’s words:

“I’m compelled to tell you a story that was recently told to me. The storyteller wanted to be here today but couldn’t, so I’m going to share it in her stead.

A telephone conversation occurred between two friends early last spring. Linda Janssen, a longtime Irving Middle School teacher, told her childhood friend Cathy Morrissey that she had begun working on her bucket list. Linda had stage 4 cancer. Both being avid golfers, she asked for Cathy’s assistance in figuring out a way to secure a ticket to the 2011 Masters Tournament.

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Remarks & Presentations:

**Tari Hendrickson, JoAnne Kissel, Rod Bates, District Governor  
Bob Perrin, Mayor Chris Beutler, Gov. Dave Heineman, Steve  
Oltmans, Chief of Staff, City of Omaha Mayor’s Office**

Greeters, Ushers & Cashiers:

**Doris Cook, Eric Drumheller, Kiersten Hill, Meg Kester, Liz  
Koop, John Korsmo, Kim Kuhle, Gail McNair, Kathleen  
Noble, Cleve Reeves, Stu Shepherd, Julian Staab**

Reporter:

**Randy Bretz**

Nebraskan of the Year Committee:

**Tari Hendrickson, Chairman, William Mueller, Vice Chairman, Sandi Fabry, Board Liaison, Rod Bates,  
Allen Beermann, Doris Cook, Doug Emery, John Gessert, Dennis Grams, Randy Hawthorne, Kim Kuhle,  
Martin Massengale, Don McClure, Gail McNair, Mike Renken, Larry Routh, Stuart Shepherd, Don Spinar,  
Abbi Swatsworth, Mailani Veney, DeEtta Vrana, Christine Wilcox, Mike Wortman**

# CALENDAR

A complete calendar is available on our website –  
[www.rotary14.org](http://www.rotary14.org)

January 24

- World Fellowship & Community Service Committee Meeting, 11 AM
- **Clay Naff**, Lincoln Literacy, "Life in the Third Great Age of Discovery"
- High School Visitation, Lincoln East
- High School Scholarship Committee Meeting, 1 PM

January 25 & 26

- Serving at the Gathering Place, 4:45-6:15 pm. Contact Pam Manske, 730-4080, [pam@huskers.unl.edu](mailto:pam@huskers.unl.edu)

January 26

- Board Meeting, 11:45 AM The Clark Enersen Partners, 1010 Lincoln Mall, #200
- NEOS Meeting, Noon, Terrace Grille in the Cornhusker Marriott, Community Service, Gathering Place, Literacy/Birthday Books

January 29-31

- Rotary Large Club Conference, Tulsa, Wortman and Buckley to attend

January 31

- **Dr. Doug Scott**, "Custer's Last Stand", Bruce Rippeteau Host
- Club #14 Community Service Committees, Project Application/Evaluation Deadline

February 6

- Lincoln Rotary Club #14 Foundation Board Meeting, Noon – 1:30 p.m., Whittier Research Center, 2444 Vine St., Room #344

February 7

- **John Chappo**, Lincoln Children's Zoo & Lincoln Rotary Club #14 Foundation Month Kickoff

February 14

- **Dr. Ken Dewey**, UN-L, "Climate Change Science, Where Do We Go From Here?", Cathy Lang Host

February 21

- **Christyne Vachon**, Rotary Club of Ipswich, MA, "Pakistan", Bruce Bohrer Host

February 28

- **Ben Sasse**, President/CEO, Midland University, Kiersten Hill Host

March 6

- **Mike Hemmer**, Union Pacific Railroad, "Ethics", Clay Naff Host

May 6-9

- **Rotary International Convention**, Bangkok, Thailand

June 1-2

- **Rotary District Conference**, Embassy Suites in Omaha, For more information go to [www.rotarydistrict5650.org](http://www.rotarydistrict5650.org)

## Other Lincoln Club Meetings:

**Lincoln Sunrise Rotary** meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. at IHOP Restaurant at 4501 N. 27th St.

1/24 Aimee Middleton, Programs offered by Tabitha Health Services

**Lincoln East Rotary** meets on Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. at Valentino's, 70th & Van Dorn

1/25 Judy Keetle, NE Historical Museum

**Lincoln South Rotary** meets on Fridays at Noon at The Knolls, 22nd & Old Cheney.

1/27 Paul Harris Drawing and Club Assembly

# LAST WEEK

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Cathy was at a dinner that evening and mentioned Linda's wish. An acquaintance of Andy Andersen's was at that dinner. He called his friend; a member of Augusta National – yes - Andy Andersen. Andy provided not just one ticket for Linda, but two so that Cathy could accompany her. He provided not just one day of tournament play, but two. In anticipation of the tournament, he sent a 2011 program and some books about Augusta National to ensure that Cathy and Linda could brush up before they arrived.

In the meantime, Linda had to start on a feeding tube. Her condition had worsened - but she had this trip to look forward to on her calendar. The week of the tournament, Andy's personal assistant called Cathy and helped her line up a scooter to ensure that Linda would be able to get around the course in her weakened state. Andy's son and daughter-in-law attended the tournament and invited Cathy and Linda to the members' only dining room for lemonade one afternoon. Then they went on to the members' only pro shop for some souvenirs (and a Phil and Amy Mickelson sighting).

Before heading back to Lincoln when the tournament was over, Cathy and Linda made a stop in Detroit, where Linda was receiving treatment as a participant in a medical trial group. When they entered the clinic, surrounded by patients undergoing treatment for advanced cancers, Linda told Cathy, "For the last three days, I forgot I had Cancer." Linda died at the end of September.

Cathy asked me to tell you this story. She says it is a testament to the kind of person Andy Andersen is. Cathy told me that she has yet to meet Andy and thank him personally for this amazing gift to strangers; but I know she most definitely will.

I'm sure that most members of Augusta National get approached about tickets each year. But what is striking about this story is that Andy didn't stop with the tickets: he, his assistant, and his family exceeded expectations at every turn. What an impact this had on Linda's life! Andy did it all naturally and with ease. This story, one I just learned of recently, tells us who he is....an outstanding Nebraskan and caring man.

When we focus on the needs of others, whether at home, at work or anywhere in between we find that the opportunities to exceed expectations are endless. Andy, sincere thanks for your example! You are a most deserving 2012 Nebraskan of the Year."

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Club Project Applications Due January 31** — Current Committee Chairs for Club Projects continuing or potential new projects in the 2012-13 Rotary year wanting funds and/or volunteers must submit an application by January 31. Applications at: [http://www.rotary14.org/grants\\_applications/applications.html](http://www.rotary14.org/grants_applications/applications.html) should be submitted electronically to Mary Buckley. Questions should be directed to Project and Grant Evaluation Committee Chair:

— Susan Ugai, 471-9658, [susan.ugai@nebraska.gov](mailto:susan.ugai@nebraska.gov)

**Auction Beneficiary Applications Due February 28** — Applications at: [http://www.rotary14.org/grants\\_applications/applications.html](http://www.rotary14.org/grants_applications/applications.html) should be submitted electronically to Mary Buckley. Questions should be directed to Project and Grant Evaluation Committee Chair:

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The **Group Study Exchange Team**, led by fellow Club #14 Rotarian Barbara Bartle, left for Goa India on January 3, and will return February 3. Follow the team during their trip at: <http://5650teamindia.wordpress.com/>

**Rotary Celebrates India's First Polio-Free Year** — Rotary club members worldwide are cautiously celebrating a major milestone in the global effort to eradicate polio. India, until recently an epicenter of the wild poliovirus, has gone one year without recording a new case of the crippling, sometimes fatal, disease. India's last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal State on 13 January 2011. The country recorded 42 cases in 2010, and 741 in 2009. Rotary has been a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative since 1988, along with WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is also a key supporter of the initiative. For the complete story, go to: [http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/120112\\_news\\_indiapolio.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/120112_news_indiapolio.aspx)