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

TUESDAY, MAY 4 — **DEB STROH,** SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Debra Stroh was born and raised in Nebraska, attended Waverly High School, received her undergraduate degree from University of Nebraska-Kearney, and is currently working on her graduate degree. She has traveled and worked in southeast Asia and also lived on several military installations within the United States as a U.S. Army military spouse. During the last eight (8) years, her family has resided in Chicago. Deb is a secondary business and physical education teacher and an avid volunteer advocate with many organizations. She enthusiastically returned to Nebraska in August 2009 to become the Director of Volunteer Services for the Special Olympics 2010 USA National Games which will be coming to Lincoln, Nebraska July 18-23, 2010.



Join us on Tuesday to learn more about the Games.

LAST WEEK

Representatives from one of the world's fastest growing economies shared a bit about their home towns, their jobs, and their home state in Brazil during our meeting on April 27. The Rotary Group Study Exchange Team from District 4770 in Brazil, hosted in Lincoln by Mailani Veney, has had the opportunity to visit schools, universities, the sites around Lincoln, and even the home of Nebraska's Big Red. Team leader Fabiane Terezinha Soares da Silva, a dermatologist in Brazil and Rotary member, noted that the opportunity to visit Nebraska and Iowa has shown that no matter where you travel, people can connect at a very personal level. Each team member shared some personal notes about their opportunity to learn more about people in the United States and commented on how similar we are, even though we live so many miles apart. The Nebraska/Iowa GSE Team, led by Pam Thompson, will head to Brazil in just a few days. Members of that team joined us for our meeting.

NEW MEMBERS



David Brown

David G. Brown

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Introduced by: **JoAnne Kissel**
Previous Rotarian: Davenport IA 1983-95;
Buffalo NY 1995-2000; Lowell MA 2000-06

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| Presiding: Dan Wherry | Song Leader: April Stevenson | Cashier: Ginny Parker | Reporter: Randy Bretz | Greeter: Nancy Bidrowski | |
| Secretary: Kiersten Hill | Program Host: Mailani Veney | Pianists: April Stevenson & Guest Carolyn Dow | Sgt.-at-Arms Finemaster: Not Today | Sgt.-at-Arms Set-up: Erin Pemberton & Melanie Whittamore-Mantzios | |
| <u>Birthday Books: Honoree</u> | <u>Book Title</u> | <u>Author</u> | <u>School</u> | <u>Donor</u> | <u>Birthday</u> |
| Group Study Exchange Team from Brazil | <i>Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek: A Tall Thin Tale</i> | Deborah Hopkinson | Christ Lutheran | Bill Orr | 15-Mar |
| Group Study Exchange Team from Brazil | <i>Gabriel's Horses</i> | Alison Hart | Christ Lutheran | Merle E. Jansen | 17-Mar |
| Group Study Exchange Team from Brazil | <i>Million-Dollar Throw</i> | Mike Lupica | Cavett | Barbara Bartle | 25-Apr |

CALENDAR

A complete calendar is available on our website –
www.rotary14.org

- May 4
- **Deb Stroh**, Special Olympics, Program Host Dave Swan
 - Celebrate May Birthdays
- May 11
- **Chancellor Harvey Perlman**, UNL Innovation Campus, Host Mike Zeleny
 - High School Visitation
- May 18
- **Sen. Kathy Campbell**, Future of Medicaid, Program Host Sandy Scofield
 - TeamMates Minute
- May 19
- Board Meeting, 11:45 a.m. NIFA, 1230 O St. Commerce Court – 2nd Floor, hosted by Steve Peregrine
- May 25
- **Sheena Cheng**, Ambassadorial Scholar from Hong Kong, currently at Creighton University, Program Host Sharon Wherry
- May 26 & 27
- Serving at the Gathering Place
- May 27
- NEOS Meeting, Noon, Terrace Grille in the Cornhusker Marriott, Community Service, The Gathering Place, Doris Huffman & Marsha Stork; Literacy/Birthday Books, Joan Giesecke & Pam Thompson
- May 31
- Service Fund Grant Application Deadline
- June 4 (Friday)
- **RI Pres Elect John Kenny** of Scotland to visit for our Centennial Celebration at The Cornhusker Marriott
- June 21-24
- Rotary International Convention, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Other Lincoln Club Meetings:

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

5/4 Club Assembly

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

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

5/7 No Meeting at The Knolls — Lincoln South Golf Outing, Highlands Golf Course

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

LeeAnne Call, and her husband **Bob Call**, from Lincoln Sunrise.

Nicki Klein from Lincoln South.

Logan Otto from Lincoln South.

Dick Cumming from Lincoln East.

Natalie Hahn, **Bill Currie**, and President-Elect **David Del Monte**, from New York.

Carolyn Dow, guest of **April Stevenson**.

Jereme Hill, guest of **Gail McNair**.

Jess Kinser, guest of **Shirley Sneve**.

Lindsay Papenhausen-Schmuecker, guest of **Milani Veney**.

Katie Tauer, guest of **Scott Richardson**; **Julie Foral**, guest of **Suzanne Sughrone**; and **Zachary Rustad**, members of the outbound GSE Team to Brazil, introduced by **Pam Thompson**.

PRESIDENT'S INTERNATIONAL TOAST

On April 27, we devoted our toast to the Rotary Club of Tai Po Hong Kong and to our inbound Ambassadorial Scholar Sheena Cheng. At the District Conference last weekend, Sheena told of a project that her sponsoring club from Hong Kong is doing for the amputee victims of a recent Sichuan earthquake in China. Through matching grants they are providing victims with rehabilitation therapy and prostheses who suffered injury in the earthquake in May of 2008 and making a big impact on the field of rehabilitation therapy in China. You will hear more when Sheena speaks to our club in May.

We have received a response to our April 27 toast that read in part:

Your letter about toasting to our Club is well received with thanks. It is forwarded to all our members. We feel encouraged and excited to receive a toast from your Club which is situated at the other side of the globe. With the bridging by Sheena, both of our Clubs can establish a long term relationship, such as by working together in some joint projects, mutual Clubs visit etc. We also appreciate your kind reception of Sheena, our outbound Scholar. Thank you again. Yours in Rotary,

Dennis Lo, President, Rotary Club of Tai Po

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bylaws Amendment — President Dan announced some good news and bad news. The good news is the board is proposing reducing the cost of lunch at club meetings! The bad news is dues are going up. Details of the proposal are attached. The board will be available after the May 4 meeting to answer questions. The vote will be May 18. The proposed amendment reads:

ARTICLE V – FEES AND DUES

Section 1 The admission fee shall be \$250.00, to be paid before the applicant can qualify as a member.

Section 2 The membership dues shall be \$397.00 per annum beginning with the 2010/11 Rotary year.

District Conference — Outstanding Large Club, Best Vocational Service Project Award, and Third in District summarize the recognition that Rotary #14 received during the Rotary District 5650 conference recently. President Dan hid behind the awards at our podium as he described the events at the conference in Omaha April 23 and 24. Check the District's Web site for more information. www.rotarydistrict5650.org

Proposed Partnership — Lincoln and New York, that's the proposal . . . a potential partnership to promote programs such as Gift of Life and other service programs. A delegation from New York City's Rotary club (alas, they're a year older than we are) stopped by to visit. David Del Monte (President Elect), William Currie, and Natalie Hahn shared a few notes about programs in New York and how Lincoln #14 could join them. Take a moment to visit www.nyrotary.org and www.giftoflifeinternational.org then consider ways we could join together.

Membership Photo — If you would like to see and/or order a copy of the club group picture taken in front of The Cornhusker Hotel on April 20, 2010 go to: www.bobthepictureman.photorelect.com and follow the instructions or contact:

— Bob Olson, 467-2577, bobthepictureman@aol.com

Congratulations to those celebrating their birthdays in May. Join us at the birthday table this Tuesday for a special treat. All Rotarians are encouraged to participate in our "**Birthday Book**" program. These books, selected and purchased by the schools with your \$20 donation, are "given" to Lincoln school libraries, in honor of our weekly speakers.

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| 05/01 Dick Morin | 05/10 John Korsmo | 05/23 Peggy Green |
| 05/03 Herm Wiebers | 05/11 Wendy Birdsall | 05/23 Mark McDonald |
| 05/05 Nancy Bidrowski | 05/12 Art Knox | 05/25 Marsha Stork |
| 05/05 Tom Price | 05/13 Denny Rasmussen | 05/26 Scott Williamson |
| 05/08 Tim Clare | 05/16 Cindy Miserez | 05/27 Sean Coetzee |
| 05/08 Ed Hoffman | 05/17 Mary Williamson | 05/28 Adam Hornung |
| 05/08 Keith Prettyman | 05/19 Tom Champoux | 05/28 Dean Settle |
| 05/08 Katie Thompson | 05/20 Karen Moellering | 05/29 Barbara Zach |
| 05/09 Bob Campbell | 05/20 Mark Stephens | 05/31 Dave Mlnarik |
| 05/09 Ginny Parker | 05/21 Brad Harse | |

Rotary Budget Proposal for 2010-2011

Budget Goals

- Balance the budget.
- Stop using the cash reserve. Slowly rebuild.
- Don't shift the cost to those who attend.
- Increase attendance.

Budget Issues

- In 2008-09 cash reserve spent down by \$7,000 and in 2009-10, club breaks even.
- Event income has become increasingly difficult to raise and rely on. 2009-10 budget includes revenue from centennial celebration.
- Budget projections of new members were aggressive based on 05-06 numbers and were not met in last two years.
- Budget increases of approx. \$6,000 are anticipated in cost of website, youth exchange, training, and staff.
- Budget cuts have been made.
- In 05-06, dues increase of \$25, in 06-07 dues increase of \$25.
- In 00-01, initiation fee was raised from \$100 to \$125.

Large Club Conference Data

- Lincoln ranks 58/61 in dues – Large Club Avg \$495
- Lincoln ranks 58/61 in initiation fee – Large Club Avg \$344
- Food cost – Lincoln ranks 52/61
- More than 68% of the large clubs have a pre-paid meal plan
- Operating Budget - Lincoln ranks 52/61
- Membership - Lincoln ranks 30/61

Budget/Dues Recommendation from Board

- Dues increase to \$397 (from \$225)
(Dues include meeting costs at \$4 x 48 weeks = \$192)
Lincoln would rank 42/61 in dues.
- Meals lowered to \$8 full buffet, \$5 soup/salad, and free beverage. (guests pay regular rates)
Attend more than 90% of the time – member saves money over the 2009-10.
Attend more than 50% of the time – member saves money over straight dues increase.
- New member initiation to \$250
(Lincoln would rank 53/61 and equal to Omaha)
- Attendance Exempt members have option to pay dues rate of \$290 and full meal costs when they attend.

Next Steps

- Proposal will be published in Propeller for two weeks and voted on May 18.
- Meeting will be held May 4 at 1pm to answer questions.