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

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 — GRETCHEN BREN, POLIO IMMUNIZATION IN NIGERIA



Gretchen Bren

In November 2008 (over Thanksgiving) Gretchen Bren of Omaha went to Nigeria with 12 other Rotarians from the United States and Canada to participate in the National Immunization Days. Over a five-day period, the multi-national team immunized over 7,000 children.

Join us at Rotary on Tuesday to hear about what her trip entailed and why Rotarians still need to invest in wiping out this disease in our lifetime.

Bren has been the Executive Director of the Downtown Omaha Rotary Club for the last two years and is serving as the District 5650 Polio Plus Chairperson for this year. Gretchen has done computer training and programming for the past 25 years and is a Microsoft Certified Application Specialist Master Instructor.

## LAST WEEK

Rotary's Best Idea. Did you know there were more countries with Rotary clubs than members of the United Nations? Had it occurred to you that our efforts at Youth Exchange, Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholars, World Peace Scholars, the effort to eradicate Polio and so many more contribute a great deal to world peace? Were you aware that your donation to The Rotary (Int'l) Foundation helped provide clean water for little children in Zambia? Have you ever felt you should do more to help those who are less fortunate? Our program on November 3 featured these and many more very positive things about The Rotary Foundation. Sharon Wherry, Rotary District Chair of The Rotary Foundation, challenged and encouraged each of us to work together to help people across our community, throughout the Americas, and even in very remote parts of the world. Wherry called The Rotary Foundation the best idea that Rotary ever had. When we support the foundation, we'll be able to echo the words of Mary Garrison, a member of Rotary in Wilber, Nebraska when she said, "What an impact this wonderful organization has had on my life. I can hold my head high and say I helped eliminate Polio, educate thousands of students, build houses, schools, and clinics, and promote peace and global understanding." Don't just sit there and read this note, take action with a donation by bringing your check next Tuesday.

## CLUB BUSINESS

### Personal Concerns:

- Sincere sympathy to Robert O'Gara. His mother passed away this past week at the age of 104.

### First Reading: Mike Isaacson

with Lincoln Federal Savings Bank  
Banking & Money Management/Mortgage Lender  
Proposed by: **John Korsmo**

*(Any objections to this proposal must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors within seven (7) days.)*

### Second Reading: Nancy Bidrowski

with Nancy Bidrowski Financial Services LLC  
Banking & Money Management/Investment Advisor  
Proposed by: **Topher Hansen**

### Second Reading: Chris Gorman

with Nelnet  
Financial Services/Student Loan Manager  
Proposed by: **Mailani Veney**

Presiding: <b>Dan Wherry</b>	Song Leader: <b>Phil Heckman</b>	Cashier: <b>Maury Halstead</b>	Reporter: <b>Randy Bretz</b>	Greeters: <b>John Gessert &amp; Mark Stephens</b>	
Secretary: <b>Kiersten Hill</b>	Program Host: <b>Jim Dyck</b>	Pianist: <b>Mike Lindberg</b>	Sgt.-at-Arms Finemaster: <b>Not Today</b>	Sgt.-at-Arms Set-up: <b>Frosty Critchfield &amp; Melanie Whittamore-Mantzios</b>	
<u>Birthday Books: Honoree</u>	<u>Book Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Sharon Wherry	<i>Wolves</i>	Duncan Seari	Adams	Lincoln Rotary Club #14	
Lynn Lang	<i>Boo to You</i>	Lois Ehlert	Hill	Catherine D. Lang	13-Nov

# CALENDAR

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

November 10

- **Gretchen Bren**, Polio Immunization, Program Host Jim Dyck
- TeamMates Minute, Carolin Roehr
- Paul Harris Fellow Presentation

November 12

- New Member Fellowship/Orientation, 5:30 – 7 PM, Wherry Home, 2465 Woodcrest Ave., Contact Katie Thompson, 434-4284, [katie.m.thompson@wellsfargo.com](mailto:katie.m.thompson@wellsfargo.com)

November 17

- **Dr. Joann Schaefer**, Chief Medical Officer, NE Dept. of Health & Human Service, "H1N1 Flu Virus", Program Host Rod Bates
- Lincoln South Nut Sales, Nicki Klein, 473-6422, [nicki.klein@tieronebank.com](mailto:nicki.klein@tieronebank.com)
- High School Visitation, Rebecca Brune, Lincoln Southeast, Larry Ruth Host

November 18

- Board Meeting, 11:45 a.m. Lincoln Community Foundation Building, 215 Centennial Mall South, 5th Floor

November 19

- NEOS Meeting, Noon, Terrace Grille in the Cornhusker Marriott, Community Service, TeamMates, JoAnne Kissel & Sandi Fabry; Centennial Project, Bill Norris & Jim Mastera

November 20

- Director Election Closed

November 24

- **Angeline Petak**, Ambassadorial Scholar, The Rotary International Foundation, Program Host Jim Griesen

November 25 & 26

- Serving at the Gathering Place

December 1

- **Judi gaiashkibos**, Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs, Program Host Shirley Sneve

December 5

- Salvation Army Bell-Ringing, 10:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Hy-Vee 40th & Old Cheney; Hobby Lobby 48th & Van Dorn; Super Saver 27th & Pine Lake; ShopKo 27th & Pine Lake; Super Saver 56th & Hwy 2; Contact Mike Lindberg, [mlindberg@hampton1.com](mailto:mlindberg@hampton1.com), 489-8858

December 8

- **Shane Lopez**, Gallup, Program Host Barbara Bartle

## Other Lincoln Club Meetings:

**Lincoln Sunrise Rotary** meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. at IHOP Restaurant at 4501 N. 27th St.  
11/10 Sharon Wherry, The Rotary (International) Foundation

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

11/11 Steve Grosserode, WW II South Pacific Experience

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

11/13 Sheena Cheng, Inbound Ambassadorial Scholar from Hong Kong

## Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

**Kevin McCartney**, from Presque Isle, Maine.

**Amber Carper**, guest of Lori Merliss.

**Vickie Ehly**, guest of Pam Thompson.

# PRESIDENT'S INTERNATIONAL TOAST

On October 20, we devoted our toast to our Ambassadorial Scholar Brandon Davis who is currently in Uruguay as he is working with the Rotary Club La Commercial of Montevideo to purchase a \$2200 heart monitor for the hospital that treats policemen and their families and a \$60,000 ambulance to go into the rural areas to transport sick people to the city hospitals. He and five other scholars there are contacting their home districts to see if they are interested in participating with the Rotary Club there. We are passing on his requests to our district and clubs.

On November 3, we devoted our toast to a club that we have had direct contact with, which has been recognized on the Rotary website for their continuing work to provide water to the schools and citizens of Zambia. We raise our toast this week to the Livingstone Zambia Club and particularly Margaret Whitehead for the continuing work their club is doing by bringing clean water to the schools and people of Zambia. The recognition of the work they are doing under the direction of Margaret with clubs from Finland, the USA and Austria is well deserved. As one of the Clubs and Districts that is enjoying this partnership we raise our toast to their continued success.

— President Dan

# NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Nominating Committee** — The slate of nominees for our club Board of Directors is: **Bev Austin, Sandi Fabry, Gary Harmon, Brad Harse, Kim Remington, Sandy Scofield, Bryan Van Deun and Brian Wachman**. Ballots are due back November 20. Four of the eight candidates will be elected and begin serving their two-year term on July 1, 2010. The election committee, consisting of Bob Connell, Bob Baldwin, and Mike Mickelson was appointed to tally the ballots and report the results on November 24.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing** — The Farmers' Almanac predicts nice weather for our participation in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing. If you believe that, Mike Lindberg has some swampland in Florida he wants to sell you. Even if you don't believe it, sign up now to participate. We'll have people in five locations around the city on December 5 – see calendar. A sign up sheet will be available for the next several weeks. The schedule fills up quickly, so don't miss out! This wonderful act of kindness meets one of the Red to Blue Badge requirements. Sign up Tuesday or contact:

— Mike Lindberg, 489-8858, [mlindberg@hampton1.com](mailto:mlindberg@hampton1.com)



**The Rotary (International) Foundation** — Every gift to the Annual Programs Fund, large or small is greatly appreciated and welcome. One hundred percent of contributions are spent directly on foundation programs to help others in the world. Rotarians are encouraged to think globally and to see the world as a whole. The goal "Every

Rotarian, Every Year" encourages all Rotarians to participate in The Rotary Foundation. A \$100 contribution each year will qualify you as a Sustaining Member. Gifts of \$1000 given outright or accumulated will qualify you as a Paul Harris Fellow. For more information, go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). Contributions by first-time donors during November will be matched with an equal amount of credit (\$100 minimum) towards achieving your Paul Harris Fellow.

*P.S. — Sustaining Members are those that have made a \$100 donation to The Rotary (International) Foundation during this Rotary year (July 1 – June 30) and are designated as such by the "S" appearing on the monthly attendance reports on the tables at Tuesday meetings.*

**Boo at the Zoo** — was again a resounding success thanks to the 25 different Rotarians that participated. Mary Williamson reports that ".....a woman came through very excited and said she was wearing her Rotary jacket from when she was a foreign exchange student with Rotary. I believe she said her name was April and she went to Ecuador in 2000. Some or none of that information could be correct as I was talking to her during a busy time, but she did say it was the best experience she has ever had. She said she knew that we would be there with our booth so she wanted to wear her jacket in support of us. I told her to come to a Tuesday meeting!"

