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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 17 — LYNN JOHNSON, LINCOLN PARKS AND RECREATION — “WATCH US GROW”

On Tuesday, May 17, Lynn Johnson, Lincoln Parks and Recreation Director, will join us to talk about all of the changes and activities happening in the Lincoln parks including: the plans for renovation of Nebraska’s Centennial Mall, the status of completion of Union Plaza in Antelope Valley and development of the new Civic Plaza in Downtown at 13th and P Streets.

Lynn Johnson has served as Director of the City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department since 2000. He values the community’s legacy of a strong parks system, and the support of community residents for enhancing and expanding the system evidenced by several recent successful fundraising campaigns. Lynn’s education background is in landscape architecture with degrees from Washington State University and Kansas State University. His professional experience includes serving as Planning and Construction Manager for Lincoln Parks and Recreation, working as a community and parks planner in Washington State, and teaching at Kansas State University. Lynn and his wife Susan have two daughters who attended Lincoln High School and the University of Nebraska- Lincoln. Lynn and his wife share leisure interests of cycling, hiking and gardening.



Lynn Johnson

LAST WEEK

Those among us over 55 most likely have a personal story about a friend, family member, or schoolmate stricken by Polio. But for Dick Wieler of West Point, Nebraska, polio was real. He was stricken in 1955 and almost fully paralyzed. Wieler’s niece, Marci Hinze, shared Dick’s personal story of his life as a polio victim. Wieler was scheduled to deliver the message himself, but he passed away before he could share his story with Rotary 14 members. Wieler left loads of memories with his family, and a memoir titled *Chasing Normality*. The book is an inspiring tale of his life and the people who helped him. After being stricken, Wieler’s doctor told the family that he would be homebound and totally dependent on their care for the rest of his life. Instead, Wieler finished high school and obtained a law degree, practicing as an Assistant Attorney General in Missouri for many years. Take a few minutes to review his story and order the book at <http://chasingnormality.com/>

CLUB BUSINESS

First Reading: Brian Lierman
with Great Western Bank
Banking and Money Management/
Banker/Bank Manager
Proposed by: **Roger Ludemann**

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

Second Reading: Chris Sommerich
with Nebraska Humanities Council
Non-Profit Organization/Manager
Proposed by: **Jane Hood**

Second Reading: Donald Linscott
with Greenleaf Properties
Real Estate/Commercial Realtor
Proposed by: **Bill Norris**

NEW MEMBER



Tim Gergen

Tim Gergen
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Birthday: 11/26

Introduced by: **Lowell Berg**

Presiding: JoAnne Kissel	Program Host: Suzanne Sughroue	Secretary: Mike Lindberg	Song Leader: Mike Lindberg	Pianist: Janet Danielson
Reporter: Randy Bretz	Cashier & Registration: Candiss Kleen & Kelly Wiley	Greeters: Cathy Hietbrink, Julie Robinson, Marijane Hancock & Marilyn Hoskins		Sgt.-at-Arms Set-up: Janet Danielson, Colin McWilliams, & Sandi Fabry

<u>Birthday Books: Honoree</u>	<u>Book Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Marci Hinze	<i>Electricity: Bulbs, Batteries, and Sparks</i>	Darlene R. Stille	Clinton	Brian Wachman	25-Mar
Dick Wieler	<i>Miss Brooks Loves Books! (and I Don't)</i>	Barbara Bottner	Eastridge	Don W. Miltner	6-Apr
Art Knox	<i>I Need My Monster</i>	Amanda Noll	Elliott	Herman Wiebers	3-May

CALENDAR

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

- May 17
- **Lynn Johnson**, Lincoln Parks and Recreation, "Watch Us Grow", Brad Harse Host
- May 19
- Board Meeting, 11:45 AM The Clark Enersen Partners, 1010 Lincoln Mall, #200
- May 21-25
- Rotary International Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
- May 23, 25 & 26
- Serving at the Gathering Place, 4:45 pm
- May 24
- 11:00 AM, World Fellowship & Community Service Committee Meeting
 - **Susan Dittman**, Author, "Abraham Lincoln's Shining Star, The Inspiring Story of Abraham Lincoln and Nebraska", Cathy Hietbrink Host
 - Articles of Incorporation Signing Ceremony
- May 26
- NEOS Meeting, Noon, Terrace Grille in the Cornhusker Marriott, Community Service, The Gathering Place; Literacy/Birthday Books
 - New Member Orientation, 6 – 8 PM, Wherry Home, 2465 Woodscrest Ave.
- May 31
- **Laura Thomas**, Josh the Otter, Water Safety, Randy Hawthorne Host
 - Service Fund Grant Application Deadline
- June 7
- **Rev. Darrell Berg**, "Great People in the History of Nebraska", Topher Hansen Host
- June 14
- **John Albers**, TMCO, Kim Kuhle Host
- June 21
- **Jeff Rauh**, TransCanada, Nebraska Pipeline, JoAnne Kissel Host
 - Red Badge to Blue Badge Ceremony
- June 28
- **Service Above Self Awards Celebration** including **Rotarian of the Year, Miller Math Award, High School Scholarship Winner, and President Stibal's Farewell**

Other Lincoln Club Meetings:

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

5/17 Mark Versch, Environmental Health Analyst, NE Dept. of Health & Human Services – Radon

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

5/18 Dr. Marybell Avery, Curriculum Specialist for Health and Physical Education, Lincoln Public Schools

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

The meeting times and places of all clubs in our district are published on pages 137-138 in your Membership Directory.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Brien & Cece Hendrickson, guests of Tari Hendrickson.

Mike Wieler, guest of Suzanne Sughroue.

PRESIDENT-ELECT'S INSPIRATION

Good afternoon. Sorry to say that Susan can't be with us today, but I can tell you, it is a busy time for Rotary right now. Committee chairs are busily recruiting committee members for next year, so if you are not yet on a committee, please let me know and we will find a place for you pronto!

This weekend was the 5650 District Conference and our club was well represented. Thanks are in order to several of our members who are active at the district level, including Merle Jansen who presented recommendations for by-law changes on behalf of the Council of Legislation; Jim Mastera, who, as District Treasurer, presented the budget; and Jim Griesen, who participated as District Governor Elect Nominee. We also heard from Rotary International representative Rick Tinucci and Howard Buffett who spoke to our club several weeks ago.

I have to say, however, the stars of the show in my opinion were the 17 Rotary Youth Exchange kids who spoke about their experiences here and around the world ... all of them wise and courageous beyond their tender years. They came from Brazil, Taiwan, Japan, Germany, France, Mexico, Philippines, Belarus and Kurdistan. They have been living in David City, Seward, Norfolk, Columbus, Laurel, Omaha, and Lincoln. What a kick to hear their observations and insights. We also heard from two of the three Nebraska kids living in Japan at the time of the earthquake and we could tell that they will be deeply connected to the people of that country forever. It was really great to put faces together with stories we have been hearing from our fabulous Youth Exchange Chair Suzanne Sughroue over the last year and I realized again how lucky we are to have had her leadership on this committee over the last year. Thank you, Suzanne.

— President-Elect JoAnne

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



It's Auction Time! — Our Annual Rotary Community Service Auction will be Friday, October 14 at the Lincoln Train Station. Mark your calendars now because you won't want to miss this Spanish-themed event — "Viva Espana – a night of fiesta & filantropía". The Boys and Girls Club of Lincoln and Lancaster

County and Lincoln Children's Zoo are the auction beneficiaries. The Boys and Girls Club will use the funds to provide scholarships for its 8-week summer program for economically challenged children. The Lincoln Children's Zoo will use their share for its Minds-on Hands-On Education Graphics and Discovery Station Project. The Live Auction and Silent Auction Committees want to know what is on your bucket list and what you can offer to help facilitate what is on someone else's bucket list. Share your ideas for auction items by contacting:

— Tari Hendrickson, 540-8274, tarihendrickson@gmail.com,
Rene Monarez, 488-6020, rene.monarez@scouting.org, Live Auction Co-Chairs
Sandi Fabry, 202-8890, sandi.fabry@gmail.com
Nancy Bidrowski, 435-3240, bidrowski@gmail.com, Silent Auction Co-Chairs

New Member Orientation — Dan Wherry announced there will be a New Member Orientation at the Wherry home, 2465 Woodscrest Ave. on Thursday, May 26, from 6-8 PM. This is a chance for Red Badge Rotarians to get better acquainted with Rotary and the process to become a Blue Badge Rotarian. Some board members and committee chairs will be in attendance. Spouses/partners are encouraged to attend.



David Shiffermiller shared some of his experiences and reasons for being a TeamMate. Many young people could benefit from you sharing just one hour a week with them. To become a TeamMate, contact:

— Carolin Roehr, 432-4320, carolin@neb.rr.com