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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 — LT. GOV. MIKE FOLEY, “THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION”

On Tuesday, February 21, we are honored to have Lt. Governor Mike Foley joining us. He will speak about the current Legislative session and what the Governor is focused on accomplishing during the session.

Lieutenant Governor Mike Foley was elected to office as the running mate of Governor Pete Ricketts on November 4, 2014. Prior to his election as Lieutenant Governor, he served eight years as Nebraska State Auditor and served six years in the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature as the State Senator for District 29 in Lincoln.

Originally from Rochester, New York, Foley earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in 1976 from the State University of New York at Brockport. He then went on to earn his Master's degree in Business Administration from Michigan State University in 1978. Formerly, Foley was employed as a Consultant with Kirschner Associates. He went on to serve as Director of Financial Analysis of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, and then as a Corporate Planning Analyst for the Nebraska Public Power District.



Lt. Gov. Mike Foley

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President Mark

In our special deck of Lincoln Rotary Club #14 playing cards, the 7 of clubs was the featured card last Tuesday. It says: "The TeamMates Program began in 1991 with the vision of University of Nebraska Head Football Coach Tom Osborne and his wife Nancy. TeamMates partners with local school districts and provides students with one hour of mentoring each week during the school year. Rotary 14 members are active TeamMates Program participants." Just a reminder, for each hour a Rotarian spends mentoring, they earn one meeting/makeup credit.

I also want to express my thanks to the *Rise.Shine.Give.* team. Wow, what a great event last Saturday morning!! I will be anxious to report final numbers when they become available. Such an event requires a lot of people working together. Led by co-chairs Brett Ebert and Erin Dobesh, the steering committee included Kris Rutford, Jennifer Brinkman, Jim Mastera, Mike Wortman, Liz Koop, and Stein Mach. Special thanks to Tony Messineo for overseeing an amazing brunch as only Tony can do! Thanks also to Michele Tilley for graphics and design; to Frosty Critchfield for frequent flyer miles to cover the airfare and to Allen Beermann for his many contacts in Washington DC to provide a memorable trip for the raffle winners; to Kevin Thomas of Firespring for printing assistance; and to event emcee Mike Zeleny. Many others served on the subcommittees for sponsorship sales, item solicitation, and the raffle. And speaking of the raffle, thank you to all the Rotary members who bought and sold raffle tickets, with special thanks to Maury Halstead for being the top raffle ticket seller. Congratulations to Ken Koop for purchasing the winning ticket. Ken and Liz will have an amazing trip to Washington DC and we'll hope to hear all about it when they return. With so many people contributing, it's possible I may be overlooking someone, and if so, please forgive me.

Such a great event reminds us of why Rotary #14 is the place to be!

— President Mark

Club Service at our February 14 meeting:

Presiding: Mark Stephens	Program Host: Chuck Schroeder	Secretary: Mark Feit	Song Leader: Morrie Enders	Pianist: Janet Danielson
Registration & Cashier: Eric Drumheller & Steve Peregrine	Greeters: Jay Wexler, Mailani Veney, Jess Rustad, Jan Brockley & Robert Athan		Finemaster: Michele Tilley	Sgt.-at-Arms Set-up/Tear-down: Katie Thompson & Tim Brusnahan

<u>Birthday Books: Honoree</u>	<u>Book Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Alan Kolok	<i>Awesome Dawson</i>	Chris Gall	Rousseau	Pamela Dingman	9-Dec
Alan Kolok	<i>Beautiful Blue World</i>	Suzanne M. LaFleur	Saratoga	Pamela Dingman	9-Dec
Alan Kolok	<i>The Girl Who Drank the Moon</i>	Kelly Barnhill	Kahoa	Roger Lempke	24-Dec
Michael F. Lempke	<i>Rain and Fire</i>	Chris d'Lacey	Kahoa	Roger Lempke	24-Dec

CALENDAR

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

February 21

- Participation Committee Meeting, 11:30 AM, Jodi Freeman Chair
- **Lt. Gov. Mike Foley**, State of Nebraska, "The Legislative Session", Tim Brusnahan Host
- Fellowship Committee Meeting, 1 PM, Leslie Levy Chair

February 22-23

- Serving at the Gathering Place, 4:45-6:00 pm, Contact Stu Spero, 402.488.2538, sms@nebrwesleyan.edu

February 23

- World Understanding and Peace Day
- Rotary International's 112th Birthday!
- Board Meeting, Noon-1:30 PM, Lincoln Community Foundation, 215 Centennial Mall S

February 28

- **Viktoria Keding**, NaDEET, "The Namibia-Nebraska Connection", Bev Austin Host

March 7

- **Susan Stibal**, President, Our Lincoln Rotary Club #14 Foundation, "Celebrating 20 Years of Serving the Community"

March 9 (Thursday)

- Membership/Young Professionals Recruitment/Social Event 5:30 – 7:30 PM, Kiechel Fine Arts Gallery, 1208 O St. RSVP at www.rotary14.org/fellowship or to Leslie Levy, 402.326.9931, leslielevy@gmail.com

March 14

- **Scott Young**, Food Bank of Lincoln, "Our Community's Fight Against Hunger", Chuck Schroeder Host

March 16 (Thursday)

- NEOS Meeting, Noon – 1 PM, The Normandy, 17th & Van Dorn, Salute to Business, World Fellowship-Community Svc., Colby Angst Host

March 21

- **Kelsey Hearnen**, Spreetail, Brett Ebert Host
- Red Badge to Blue Badge Ceremony

March 28

- **Robert Kay**, Mountain Climber, "Climbing Mount Everest", Chuck Schroeder Host

Other Lincoln Club Meetings:

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

2/22 Dr. Charles (Chuck) Hibbard, Dean of UNL's Agricultural Research Division

Lincoln South Rotary meets on Fridays at Noon at The Venue, 4111 Pioneer Woods Dr. #100, private dining room east of restaurant

2/24 Brig. Gen. Richard Dahlman, Asst. Adjutant General — Army Nebraska National Guard

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Kristine Hull from Omaha Downtown.

Michelle Suarez and **Shaun Ryba**, guests of **Randy Bretz**.

Phil O'Donnell, guest of **Roger Lempke**.

Dian Pickerel, guest of **Greg Newport**.

Melissa Landis, guest of **Joel Sturgeon**.

Alex Kuklinski, guest of **Mailani Veney**.

Martin Groeger, guest of **Regina Werum**.

Tom O'Connor, guest of **Terry Wittler**.

Brett Burchett, of Lincoln Southwest High School, accompanied by Assistant Principal **John Hastings**, and his parents **Angela & Mike Burchett**, introduced by **Larry Williams**.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lincoln Rotary Club #14 Foundation Grant

— Last Tuesday, Pat Leach and Gail McNair, fellow Rotarians with Lincoln City Libraries and the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries respectively, shared with us how they've used a grant from our Foundation. Pat explained that the library is spearheading a community campaign called "15 Minutes a Day" about the remarkable difference it makes for children when they are read aloud to for just 15 minutes a day, from birth until they enter school. With our grant, they were able to create 400 "Read!" bags (in photo) as incentives to families to participate in various "challenges", sharing that message with the families whose children attend the two new Head Start centers in downtown Lincoln, where up to 400 children will attend a full-day, full year program. Last week they held a Head Start Family Night at Bennett Martin Library, with over 130 in attendance. They gave out bags with one book apiece, and then when the family completes the challenge, they receive a notepad and crayons and flashcards. Head Start serves many families who do not have home libraries, who do not have big boxes of crayons. They wanted both to ensure that the families have these kinds of things in their homes, AND that they develop a library habit that keeps them in new reading all the time. Supporting their work with Head Start families, promoting the importance of reading aloud to preschoolers for just 15 Minutes a Day, is just one example of the difference you are making in our community with your contributions to our Foundation.



Teammates Mentoring — "Show me a successful individual and I'll show you someone who had real positive influences in his or her life. I don't care what you do for a living — if you do it well I'm sure there was someone cheering you on or showing the way. A mentor." — Denzel Washington

Rotary #14 established our TeamMates Committee back in 1998. As with a lot of long lasting club projects and activities, our own Art Knox was the founding sponsor of the idea. Teammates originally recruited 25 mentors from the Club and grew to roughly 60 members at its heyday. Today we have 20 club members participating. The mission of TeamMates is to positively impact the world by inspiring youth to reach their full potential through mentoring. We want our club members to help fulfill this mission. But maybe TeamMates isn't a fit for you. There are lots of organizations doing great work with kids in our community. And many of them need mentors. Anticipating my service as President of Club #14, I have asked the P&GE Committee to consider expanding the work of the TeamMates Committee by renaming it the Mentoring Committee and encouraging members of our club to become mentors with many of these organizations - including Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters, City Impact and others. I'd love feedback from club members about this idea and whether you support this effort to make an even bigger impact on kids in our community.

"In order to be a mentor, and an effective one, one must care. You must care. You don't have to know how many square miles are in Idaho, you don't need to know what is the chemical makeup of chemistry, or of blood or water. Know what you know and care about the person, care about what you know and care about the person you're sharing with." — Maya Angelou

— Jennifer Brinkman, 402.525.3958, jennifer.brinkman@gmail.com

New Member — Jessica Reiser

Inside Sales/Business Consultant,

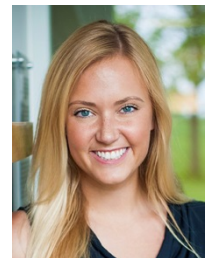
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Birthday: 11/13 Introduced by: **Keith Larsen**



Jessica Reiser

Personal Concerns —

Please keep **Lori McClurg** in your thoughts as her husband, Jim recovers from back surgery.