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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 — BUSINESS NETWORKING DAY NO MEETING AT THE NEBRASKA CLUB

If you signed up to attend one of the networking sites, your host will confirm and provide you with any additional information needed. If you did not sign up, you may contact a host directly to see if they can accommodate you on short notice. Hosts will provide lunch for the usual cost. Out of courtesy to the host, if a conflict arises, please let them know as soon as possible since they are likely purchasing lunch for you. Proceeds not used by the host will be donated to the Service Fund. Lunch passes will not be accepted for this event and "beverage only" is not an option. The locations are:

Alzheimer's Association

Mark Feit, 402.420.2540,
mfeit@alz.org

Lancaster County Engineering

Pam Dingman, 402.441.8332,
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Lincoln Community Foundation

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Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Please remember to go to the business you signed up for on Business Networking Day and not the Club Meeting on Tuesday, October, 28, 2014. If you have not been contacted about where to go, please contact Tammy Ward, tammy.ward@tabitha.org or Mark Feit, mfeit@alz.org. I hope you all turned in your votes for the 2015-2017 Directors of the Club's Board. Thank you to the Election Committee: Chair Merle Jansen, Judge Jean Lovell, and Maury Halstead, for counting the votes. We will make an announcement at the November 4, 2014, meeting as to who was elected.

I also hope that you exercise your right to vote on Tuesday November 4, 2014, even though it is not a presidential election year. I was shocked by the number of people on the jury pool I had this week who were not even registered to vote. Well at least they fulfilled their civic duty by showing up for jury duty.

I missed seeing everyone last week but I'm sure President-Elect Kiersten Hill did an awesome job on October 21, 2014. I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 (Election Day!) and the beginning of the Rotary International Foundation Month.

— President Melanie

CLUB BUSINESS

Second Reading: Joel Geyer

Executive Director with Geyer Group Productions, LLC

Classification: Video Production/Management

Proposed by: **Randy Bretz**



Bob Megazzini

NEW MEMBER

Bob Megazzini

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Birthday: 12/17 Spouse: Michelle

Introduced by: **Allen Beermann**

Club Service at our October 21 meeting:

Presiding: Kiersten Hill	Program Host: Randy Bretz	Secretary: Sheila Odom	Song Leader: Carey Collingham	Pianist: Mike Lindberg	
Registration & Cashier: Ken Koop & April Stevenson	Greeter: Cindy Miserez	Finemaster: Topher Hansen	Sgt.-at-Arms Set-up/Tear-down: Greg Newport		
<u>Birthdays:</u> Honoree	<u>Book Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>
Nick Cusick	<i>Witches</i>	Roald Dahl	Kooser	Jennifer Brinkman	26-Sep
Dave Haring	<i>Paper Airplanes: Pilot: Level 3</i>	Christopher L. Harbo	Lakeview	Martin Massengale	25-Oct

CALENDAR

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

October 28

➤ Business Networking Day

November 4

➤ 11 AM Service Projects Committee Meeting, Nebraska Club, Mark Feit Chair

➤ **Pat Leach**, Lincoln City Libraries, “What Libraries Mean to a Community”, Randy Bretz Host

➤ Election Results Announced

November 11

➤ **Jamie Karl**, Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry, “NE Chamber’s Workforce Initiative”, and our Warrior Legacy Program and Veteran’s Day Celebration

November 13

➤ NEOS Meeting, Noon, Nebraska Club, Community Service, TeamMates

November 18

➤ **Linda Major**, Center for Civic Engagement, JoAnne Kissel Host

November 19 & 26

➤ Serving at the Gathering Place, 4:45-6:00 pm, Contact Dean Settle, 402.202.7549, topcarf@aol.com

November 20

➤ NEOS Social, 5:15 PM, location to be announced

November 24

➤ Board Meeting, Noon-1:30 PM, Lincoln Community Foundation Bldg., 215 Centennial Mall South, Fifth Floor

November 25

➤ **Gretchen Bren**, District Chair, Polio Plus Campaign, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

December 2

➤ **Dr. Jeffrey Gold**, Chancellor, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Chuck Schroeder Host

December 9

➤ **Thomas Frederick**, UNL and Maker Space, “I’m a Maker” (from TEDx Youth), Randy Bretz Host

December 16

➤ **David Graff**, Hudl, “An Update on a Fast Growing Startup”, Randy Bretz Host

December 23

➤ **Paul Durban**, Lincoln Children’s Museum, “Fun at the Museum” and **Holiday Party**

Other Lincoln Club Meetings:

Lincoln Sunrise Rotary meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. at IHOP Restaurant at 4501 N. 27th St. 10/28 Kenneth Dick, Polio Plus

Lincoln East Rotary meets on Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. at Valentino’s, 70th & Van Dorn 10/29 Dr. Thomas Green, Green Chiropractic

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

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Kathryn Schubert from Omaha Suburban.

Brad Roth, guest of **Randy Bretz**.

Walt Zink, guest of **Andrew Loudon**.

Brian Schenk, guest of **Suzanne Sughroue**.

Carly Runestad from Mourning Hope, Community Grant recipient, guest of **Susan Stibal**.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Grants — Lincoln Rotary Club #14 Foundation presented Mourning Hope with \$5,000 for assistance in holding a weekend-long “Camp Erin Lincoln.” This is a bereavement camp for children and teens ages 6-17 who have experienced the death of someone close to them. *Photo: Susan Stibal, Lincoln Rotary Club #14 Foundation Vice President; Kiersten Hill, Club #14 Vice President; and Carly Runestad, Executive Director of Mourning Hope.*



TeamMate Minute

I started TeamMates a year ago, but I thought about it for well over a year before I joined. I was worried about the time commitment, but deep down I knew I really wanted to be a mentor to a high school student...so in hindsight I guess you can say that I needed to be a TeamMate as much as TeamMates needed me.

I had all these amazing ideas about how I was going to make a significant difference in my mentee’s life. I was going to be inspirational they were going to look forward to

our weekly visit; it was going to be epic.

Fast forward through my first 6 months with my student and I was quickly humbled to learn my TeamMate found me to be, “A good excuse to get out of class.” This 15 year old girl was very shy, struggled to engage in conversation, showed signs of poor self-esteem, had never thought about going to college and was from a broken home where she explained, “My mom and dad had me while they were in high school, I was a mistake, but they each remarried and have young kids of their own....so technically it’s just me.”

She taught me how to play a few mindless card games - which was not at all what I had planned for my “GREAT MENTORING MOMENTS”...and just when I began to consider reevaluating if this match should continue into the next school year she asked, “Will you be my TeamMate again or will you ditch me like my last TeamMate did?” Well - there was NO WAY I was going to give up on her now. It was obvious she (in her high school girl way) wanted me to stay. Every time we meet I start with, “So how was your week, what’s new in your world?” The answer from her is always...“Nothing, I’m tired.” But once those card games get started, it becomes a talk-fest. She talks about her classes, her school activities, her family, she asks me about the hospital, questions about my time in college etc.

Two weeks ago we had a breakthrough. She asked me if I could help arrange for her to tour the Bryan College of Health Sciences. (I seriously heard the angel choir) Not because she asks specifically about touring Bryan - but because she is now looking at the possibility of going into nursing, or eldercare or teaching. She is thinking about going to college and taking next steps in her future....she is making goals!!

I am so lucky to be a TeamMate. Even though it has been NOTHING like I planned, it is an excellent reminder to me that such is life. Be humble, be flexible and be committed. Be a TeamMate!

— Valerie Hunt – Oct 14, 2014

Personal Concern — Our thoughts are with fellow Rotarian John Benson who suffered a stroke in September. He has been undergoing treatment at Select Specialty Hospital at 1870 S. 75th St, Room #207 in Omaha 68124, although he expects to move to Brookstone Meadows in Elkhorn for rehabilitation services soon. He would appreciate cards or visits from Rotarians.

Not Your AVERAGE Political PARTY — You’re invited to this inaugural event on Friday, Nov. 7 from 5-7 PM at the home of Susan Dinsmore, 2303 Harrison Ave. for inventive party rivalries, stump speeches, ballot box stuffing, bribes and imbibing whilst voting. \$50 suggested minimum contribution. RSVP to:



— Carrie Richardson, 402.450.6722, mail@carrie-richardson.com

Note: Amounts paid to our Foundation for such fundraising events are tax-deductible to the extent that the amount paid exceeds the total value of what is received.