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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 15 — WALT ZINK, AIR TRAVEL IN LINCOLN



Walt Zink

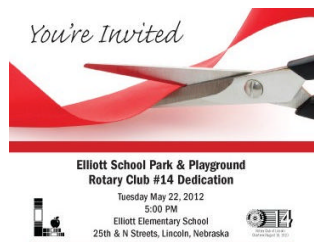
Join us on Tuesday, May 15, when Walt Zink, member of the Lincoln Airport Authority Board, will join us to discuss the Lincoln Airport, its current operations, and future initiatives.

Walt was elected to the Lincoln Airport Authority Board for a six-year term in May of 2009. He is a former partner and now "of counsel" to the Lincoln law firm of Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Gruit and Witt. Walt is a retired Major General in the Nebraska Army National Guard having served on active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from 2003 through 2004, ending his military career as the first commander of Operational Command Post 1 at U.S. Army North in Ft. Sam Houston, TX. He is a member of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce's military affairs committee and the Nebraska State Chair for the Committee for Employer Support to the Guard & Reserve (ESGR).

LAST WEEK

"Even though our districts are worlds apart, we are on the same page", said Barbara Bartle, describing the recent trip to Rotary District 3170, which comprises Goa, South Maharashtra, and North Karnataka in India. Barb traveled with Stuart Shell, Lindsay Schmuecker and Sarah Skarka of District 5650. Barb described the trip's emotional impact as the group participated in the delivery of many services to beneficiaries, including much-needed neonatal equipment to a hospital in Kolhapur. Each Rotary club had identified and tried to address the pressing needs in their area. In Goa, new restrooms had been built for a school without facilities. Barb noted that this has important educational as well as health impacts, because girls are not allowed to attend school after a certain age if no restrooms are available. Another club had constructed 40 restrooms in a poor district at a cost of \$300 each. The group visited blood banks and dialysis centers and participated in the delivery of sewing machines to women who would be able to set up businesses and earn income for their families. They stayed with 13 separate families in 13 cities, visited 140 Rotary Clubs, made 21 vocational visits, had 45 flag exchanges, and participated in 23 service projects.

Stuart Shell discussed the business climate in India. He said development is at an exciting crossroads and infrastructure is improving, though setting up a business is still a "bureaucratic nightmare". Lindsay Schmuecker highlighted the economics of the region, which include agriculture, especially rice and sugar cane, and textile manufacturing. Goa has an important shipping port which exports ore to China and other destinations. Lindsay stressed the personal connections she made on the trip and said she speaks to a friend from India at least once a day. Barb concluded the presentation with a quote from Dwight D. Eisenhower about the role that people, versus governments, have in promoting lasting peace.



YOU'RE INVITED – TO THE ELLIOTT SCHOOL PARK & PLAYGROUND DEDICATION

On May 22nd, at 5 PM, please join members of Rotary Club #14, families, students and staff from Elliott School, representatives of Lincoln Public Schools and the City of Lincoln, and donors, as we dedicate our Centennial Project, celebrating the 100th anniversary of Rotary Club #14 and the renovation of the Elliott School Playground. Elliott School was built in central Lincoln in the 1920s and served as the entrance to Lincoln's beautiful Antelope Park along the Antelope Creek. Over the years, the creek was encased in concrete and the West entrance to the school became a gravel playground and parking lot. Our \$100,000 gift, in celebration of our 100th anniversary, combined with funds from the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department and a number of individuals and

companies have helped return the school's gravel playground and parking lot into a beautiful and welcoming grassy playground and paved parking lot. We've renewed the playground so it is once again a beautiful part of one of our city's jewels, the Antelope Valley. Join the celebration!

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| Presiding: JoAnne Kissel | Program Host: Barbara Bartle | Secretary: Kelly Wiley | Song Leader: Doris Cook | Pianist: Janet Danielson | |
| Reporter: Lori Raphael | Cashier & Registration: Gail McNair & Kris Rutford | Greeters: Matt Nyberg & Don Linscott | Sgt.-at-Arms Finemaster: Tophor Hansen | Sgt.-at-Arms Set-up: Colin McWilliams, Janet Danielson, Mark Stephens & Cindy Miserez | |
| <u>Birthday Books: Honoree</u> | <u>Book Title</u> | <u>Author</u> | <u>School</u> | <u>Donor</u> | <u>Birthday</u> |
| 2012 Rotary Group Study Exchange Team to India | <i>Is the Saxophone For You?</i> | Elaine Landau | Hartley | Barbara Bartle | 25-Apr |

CALENDAR

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

- May 15
- 11 AM World Fellowship and Community Service Committee Mtg., Mike Smith Chair
 - **Walt Zink**, Lincoln Airport Authority Board, Andrew Loudon Host
- May 17
- Board Meeting, 11:45 AM The Clark Enersen Partners, 1010 Lincoln Mall, #200
 - Rotary Night at the Museum (Morrill Hall), 5 – 8 p.m., Cost \$10, Reservations by May 15
- May 22
- **Zainab Al-Baaj**, Mena Hope Project, Good Neighbor Community Center, "Iraqi Experience in Lincoln", Kim Kuhle Host
 - **Centennial Project Celebration/ Dedication at Elliott School at 5 PM**
- May 23 & 24
- Serving at the Gathering Place, 4:45-6:15 pm, Contact Dean Settle, 477-6590, topcarf@aol.com
- May 24
- NEOS Meeting, Noon, Terrace Grille in the Cornhusker, Community Service, Special Projects
- May 29
- **JoAnn Martin**, Ameritas, Brian Wachman Host
- June 1-2
- **Rotary District Conference**, Embassy Suites, Old Market in Omaha, Saturday night banquet at Henry Doorly Zoo with entertainment by comedian Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, DVM. For more information go to www.rotarydistrict5650.org
- June 5
- **Group Study Exchange Team from India**, Mailani Veney and Barb Bartle Hosts
- June 12
- **Jim McFarland**, Former Husker and NFL Football Player, Nebraska's Walk-On Program

Other Lincoln Club Meetings:

- Lincoln Sunrise Rotary** meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. at IHOP Restaurant at 4501 N. 27th St.
- 5/15 Deb Daily, Center for People In Need
- Lincoln East Rotary** meets on Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. at Valentino's, 70th & Van Dorn
- 5/16 Lee Nyberg, Home Care Assistance, "Caregivers Burnout"
- Lincoln South Rotary** meets on Fridays at Noon at The Knolls, 22nd & Old Cheney.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

- Tom Cardwell** from Lincoln South.
- Ryan Spaulding** from Lincoln South, guest of **John Fulwider**.
- Nia Nielsen**, guest of **John Fulwider**.
- Bob Bartle** and **Carly Iwanski**, guests of **Barb Bartle**.
- Barnabas Kiir**, guest of **Clay Naff**.
- Shoko Tabata**, Youth Exchange student from Japan, currently hosted by **Suzanne** and **Scott Sughroue**, introduced by **Suzanne Sughroue**.
- Miguel Contreras**, Youth Exchange student from Ecuador, currently hosted by **Barry Spear**, introduced by **Suzanne Sughroue**.

PRESIDENT'S INSPIRATION

Welcome Rotarians! Today is a very special day! We are featuring three signature Rotary programs today, which is pretty extraordinary. First we are going to hear what happened at our very first District RYLA camp. Second, we're going to hear from another of our three Rotary Youth Exchange students. And third, we are going to hear from our Group Study Exchange team to India. You may know that these three programs are signature Rotary programs. But you might not know how they originated. RYLA, while new to our district as of last month, was actually started in 1959 by a Rotary club in Australia. Its purpose is to offer high school-age students experiences that teach leadership, citizenship and personal growth. Rotary Youth Exchange was started in 1929 by a club in Copenhagen, Denmark, for the purpose of exposing high school students to cultures different than their own. And the Group Study Exchange program was started in New Zealand in 1950 so that young professionals could experience what another country's culture, institutions, and vocational experience is like, and develop life-long relationships and global connections.

What do these three programs have in common? Well, in my mind, these convey what is best about Rotary. They build bridges between people throughout the world. They promote a bright future for all by investing in young people and new generations. And they promote peace and goodwill one relationship at a time. I'm certainly glad we're all here today to learn about and appreciate these three great Rotary programs.

— President JoAnne

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) — Bill Schmeekle introduced Tom Cardwell of Lincoln South and District Chair for the RYLA program for youth, who reported on the events at the District 5650-sponsored weekend, April 20-22 in Nebraska City. The weekend's program included many exciting activities, including an exercise to design matching grants for Rotary service, a challenge course, and panels on leadership and ethics. This was a successful first year for the district's RYLA program.



Rotary Night At The Museum — Morrill Hall on the UNL Campus, Thursday, May 17, 2012, 5 – 8 PM (arrive and leave at your leisure). Open to all Rotarians and their guests, the evening will include appetizers and soft drinks served on the first floor of the Museum and the opportunity to visit with Priscilla Grew, Director of the Museum and fellow Rotarian and to visit all of the exhibits including the new "Bizarre Beasts." Make your reservations by May 15th. Cost is \$10 per person, no admission fee for the Museum if you sign up and pay for the event through Rotary.



Youth Exchange — Suzanne Sughroue introduced **Shoko Tabata**, inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student from Japan. Shoko is from Kaizuka City in the Osaka Prefecture. She told the club about customs in her country regarding clothing, food, and religion, and said, "Thank you for hosting me. I am having so much fun."

District Conference — June 1 & 2 at Embassy Suites, Old Market, Omaha, NE. On Saturday it moves to the Henry Doorly Zoo for special zoo tours and dinner in the rain forest, featuring entertainment by comedian Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, DVM. With a 25-year career in veterinary medicine and over 20 years of performing as a professional stand-up comedian, Kevin is perhaps best known for his ten seasons on the popular Animal Planet TV show, "Emergency Vets". His passion for making people laugh is surpassed only by his unwavering dedication to all creatures great and small. Rooms are blocked under Rotary District 5650 for Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the special rate of \$154 for a single or double. Call 402-346-9000 for hotel reservations by May 11. Conference registration is available on the district website www.rotarydistrict5650.org.

