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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 13 — LINCOLN SALTDogs, CHARLIE MEYER & KEN OBERKFELL



Charlie Meyer

Join us on Tuesday, May 13, when Charlie Meyer and Ken Oberkfell will be on hand to discuss the upcoming 2014 season for the Lincoln Saltdogs and the team operations.

Charlie, a native of Arlington, NE, serves as Treasurer of NEBCO, Inc. and President of the Lincoln Saltdogs. Meyer is a graduate of Nebraska College of Business and Doane College. He is involved in a number of charitable organizations in the Lincoln area.

Ken, in his second season with the Saltdogs, is a World Series Champion, former Minor League Manager of the Year, and two-time Caribbean Series Champion skipper. Oberkfell helped the St. Louis Cardinals win the 1982 World Series as the starting third baseman, and played in the 1989 Fall Classic with the San Francisco Giants. He



Ken Oberkfell

played 16 seasons in the Major Leagues and finished his impressive career with a .278 batting average (including a .292 mark in eight years with the Cards).

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**We thought we were on the brink of polio eradication; apparently not.**

As I was scanning articles on Twitter about two weeks ago I found this [April 20, 2014](#) article about the spread of polio from Pakistan to countries on the continent of Africa. The map with the article is very compelling.

<http://newswatch.nationalgeographic.com/2014/04/20/geography-in-the-news-polio-returns-with-tenacity/>

Then in my Inbox last Monday, Rotarian Bev Austin shared with me a link to a May 5, 2014 New York Times article regarding the spread of polio. <http://nyti.ms/1jul2kB>

And then, there was Monday's (May 5) afternoon headline in huge print on the Huffington Post website - *UN: Spread Of Polio Is A World Health Emergency* [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/05/05/polio-spread-un\\_n\\_5266849.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/05/05/polio-spread-un_n_5266849.html)

As Rotarians, we are deeply concerned about the spread and our inability, among the work of many others, to put a stop to such a devastating disease. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), "The agency described current polio outbreaks across at least 10 countries in Asia, Africa and the Middle East as an 'extraordinary event' that required a coordinated international response. It identified Pakistan, Syria and Cameroon as having allowed the virus to spread beyond their borders, and recommended that those three governments require citizens to obtain a certificate proving they have been vaccinated for polio before traveling abroad." (Huffington Post 5/5/14)

And, finally, the word from Rotary International; their message of support to the WHO.

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/rotary-supports-who%E2%80%99s-recommendations-recent-polio-transmission#.U2j8VLzJkkmk.twitter>

I hope you'll read these articles and continue to financially support the END POLIO NOW campaign. It looks to me like RI will be ramping up their efforts to fight the war against polio.

— President Liz

Meeting information from May 6:

Presiding: <b>Liz Koop</b>	Program Host: <b>Jennifer Brinkman</b>	Secretary: <b>Michele Tilley</b>	Song Leader: <b>Mike Lindberg</b>	Pianist: <b>April Stevenson</b>	
Registration & Cashier: <b>Kris Rutherford &amp; John Fulwider</b>	Greeter: <b>Larry Williams &amp; Linda Willard</b>	Finemaster: <b>Frosty Critchfield</b>	Sgt.-at-Arms Set-up: <b>Steve Scharf, Brian Wachman &amp; Greg Dynek</b>		
<b>Birthdays: Honoree</b>	<b>Book Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Donor</b>	<b>Birthdate</b>
Todd Ogden	<i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i>	Roald Dahl	Kooser	Ken Koop Jr.	3-Mar
Nick & Sophia Mantzios	<i>Cien Vestidos, Los</i>	Eleanor Estes	McPhee	Melanie Whittamore-Mantzios	12-Mar
Maya Lange	<i>It Can't Be True</i>	no author	Beattie	Dennis Grams	6-Jan

# CALENDAR

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

- May 13  
➤ **Charlie Meyer** and **Ken Oberkfell**, Lincoln Saltdogs, Jennifer Brinkman Host  
➤ High School Visitation, Lincoln Lutheran
- May 15  
➤ Board Meeting, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM, EducationQuest Foundation, 1300 O St.
- May 19  
➤ NEOS Meeting, 7:30 AM, Courtyard by Marriott, 808 R St., Community Service
- May 20  
➤ **Bev Austin**, World Fellowship & Community Service Committee
- May 21-22, & 28  
➤ Serving at the Gathering Place, 4:45-6:00 pm, Contact Dean Settle, 402.202.7549, topcarf@aol.com
- May 27  
➤ **Elsbeth Magilton**, UNL Space, Cyber and Telecommunication Program, Abbi Swatworth Host
- June 3  
➤ **Andrew McDonald**, Westminster Presbyterian Church, "Ethics"
- June 10  
➤ **Rhonda Blanford-Green**, Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA), "Leadership and Change", Matthew Scheef Host
- June 17  
➤ **John Richmond**, UNL Music School, Andy McDonald Host
- June 24  
➤ **Service Above Self Awards Celebration** including **Rotarian of the Year**, **Miller Math Award**, **High School Scholarship Winner**, **Rookie of the Year**, and **President Koop'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.
- 5/13 **Connie Daly**, District Supervisor for the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- Lincoln East Rotary** meets on Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. at Valentino's, 70th & Van Dorn
- 5/14 **Toby Antonson**, Director of Ticketing, Lincoln Saltdogs Baseball
- Lincoln South Rotary** meets on Fridays at Noon at The Knolls, 22nd & Old Cheney.
- 5/16 to be determined
- 5/30 Friday, Lincoln South Rotary 4-Player Golf Scramble, Register by May 16, Contact: Craig Madson, 402.525.8546, craig.madson@earthlink.net
- Visiting Rotarians and Guests:**
- Curt Peters** from Omaha Suburban.
- Katie Pocras**, **Talia Halperin** and **Dorothy Booraem**, guests of **Nancy Bidrowski**.
- Rob Schafer**, guest of **Andrew Loudon**.
- Barry Caughlin**, guest of **Zac Rustad**.
- Matt Ward**, guest of **Steve Scharf**.
- James Michael Bowers**, guest of **Abbi Swatworth**.
- George Khawand**, guest of **Mailani Veney**.
- Dan Carstensen**, guest of **Sharon Wherry**.

# NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Nominations for Rotarian of the Year** — This year we will be honoring the Rotarian of the Year at the June 24, 2014 Service Above Self Celebration. If you know a fellow Rotarian that you believe exemplifies what it means to be a Rotarian, please consider nominating him or her for this prestigious award. Not only the current year's service, but also lifetime Rotary service will be considered when evaluating the candidates. Your nomination, not to exceed one typewritten page, should be in essay form and summarize significant contributions the nominee has made in one or more of the Five Avenues of Rotary Service. Nominations are due by May 27, 2014. Forms are available at Tuesday meetings or complete online at: [www.rotary14.org/roy](http://www.rotary14.org/roy).

## Club Business

### First Reading: Kristin Sukraw

with Reliant Studios

Classification: Video Production/Management

Proposed by: **Liz Koop**

### First Reading: Mike Sukraw

with Reliant Studios

Classification: Video Production/Management

Proposed by: **Liz Koop**

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

## New Member

### AshLea Allberry

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Introduced by: **Zac Rustad**



AshLea Allberry

## Personal Concerns

Please keep **Deen Popoola** in your thoughts. His mother passed away on April 15, 2014 at the age of 104 years. While she was buried the next day according to the Islamic rites, Deen is returning to Nigeria this week for the final burial.

**Herm Wiebers** is recovering at home after some surgery, several days hospitalization, and therapy at Tabitha. I'm sure cards or calls would be welcome.

**Allen Beermann** is recovering from rotator cuff surgery last week.

## Directory Update

### John Gessert

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**District 5650 Awards** — At last week's District Conference, Lincoln Rotary Club #14 was recognized for earning several awards:

**Presidential Citation:** The Rotary International President challenges clubs to improve their service and become better Rotary Clubs. There are a number of required items and then a menu of optional items with a minimum number of activities to earn the citation. Only 11 clubs of the 45 in District 5650 attained the Presidential Citation this year.

**#2 in Top 10 Clubs:** Based on the Profile Tracking Program of the District, this objective award is based on points earned for various activities.

**Outstanding Large Club:** It is largely due to the efforts of Lincoln #14 that the District will meet the Polio fundraising challenge. For this and all of our other activities, we were honored as the Outstanding Large Club.

**District Leadership Award: Jim Mastera** – District Treasurer. Presented to a member of the District Governor's Executive Committee, District Governor Jim Griesen selected someone who has provided great guidance in financial matters, and stated: "he attends almost all meetings and is very timely".