INTERNATIONAL ROTARY THEME FOR 2021/22













Ensure Financial Stability of Rotary - Locally and Internationally

Enroll Membership in an Inclusive Atmosphere to a Maximum of 60

Educate the Community of Club Service

Enjoy and have FUN as YOU Serve to Change Lives





PLANNED EVENTSFOR 2021-2022

WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER

SALUTE TO BUSINESS

PEOPLE'S CITY MISSION - MEET A NEED WITH BLANKET DONATIONS

HOLIDAY SOCIAL

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

COMMUNITY SUPPPORT ON TRAILS

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS

SUPPORT FOR RYLA AND ROTARACT

SALTDOGS FUNDRAISER

SPECIAL INTEREST SOCIAL



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LINCOLN SOUTH ROTARY CLUB MEETING SUPPORT



SET-UP CHAMPION



\$\$\$\$\$ GUYS



TECH CHAMPION

MEMBER MOMENTS In-Person and Zoom













President's Discretionary Award **Zaineb Aljumayaat Duct Tape Prom Dress**

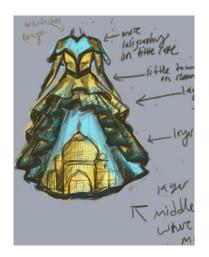
NEIGHBORHOOD South Rotary supports student's dream with donation

invested 152 hours of hard
work, creativity, frustration and tears. Encouraged
who chose to help me and
by her sisters, Shahad, she
list the state of the state













NEIGHBORHOOI



Assembling the ramp are Dave Emery of the Lincoln Sunrise Optimist Club (top, right); Mike Kucera (front, left) and Doug Garrison (stocking cap, at left) of Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club; Dan Waters (wearing cap, working with hardware) of Decks Unlimited and Lincoln Center

Service clubs ramp up activity

Donated labor, funds from Kiwanis, Optimists, Rotary create new ramp at The HUB executive director of The HUB.

Installation of a new ramp at The HUB pany to ship the parts to his business. neared completion when volunteer work- Decks Unlimited transported the parts to ers from Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club and The HUB and provided several employees Lincoln Sunrise Optimist Club joined em- to help with the service project. ployees from Decks Unlimited for four Hood Buss said the donations led to nours of work on a cold January morning considerable savings. "To install a new at 12th and D streets. The ramp is used equipment that Ki- cost of installation," she said. "Thanks to

wanian Mark Zeller had spotted in Kansas the donation of the ramp, financial sup-City. Zeller was able to get the ramp do- port of the Lincoln South Rotary Club and nated by disassembling and removing it. other individual donors, and the installa-

tion volunteers, we were able to complete this project for \$3,300." Also helping with the installation project were Steve Clements, Doug Garrison Norm Helzer and Mike Kucera of the Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club, and Dave Emery and LeRoy Sievers of the Lincoln

> Sunrise Optimist Club. The last section of ramp railing was scheduled to be delivered Jan. 17.

"Our previous ramp was not really

safe, especially in the winter or stormy

weather, and was steeper than what's

allowed by code," said Rose Hood Buss,

Decks Unlimited owner Dan Waters

a Lincoln Center Kiwanis member, ar-

ranged for the Kansas City-based com-

ramp was quoted at \$10,000, without the

The HUB, created in 2003, provides support and access to services for young people transitioning into adulthood who are disconnected from their family and the community. About 600 young adults were served by The HUB in 2021.



process nears completion.

Lincoln South Rotary Foundation Wine Tasting Event Friday, October 8, 2021 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. \$30.00 per person Event will be held Enjoy various wines, at the home of appetizers and desserts Tracey & Ron McLain 5400 Aaron Circle Please bring guests! South on 56th St past Yankee Hill Rd Optional wine / gift Right on Shady Hollow Rd pull raffle \$20 - every Left on S 53rd St Left on Aaron Circle ticket wins Please RSVP Tracey McLain - 402.450.8928 \$1,000 grant will tracey mclain@wfadvisors.com be awarded Register and Pay Online Lincolnsouthrotary.org Click on event on Calendar



People's City Mission: Blanket Drive

NEIGHBORHOOD

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021 | iournalstar.com | SECTION C

South Rotary donates 50 blankets to City Mission

SUBMITTED BY NICKI KLEIN for the Neighborhood Extra

learned of the need for blankets size blankets to the drive. for People's City Mission (the Mission) guests from Michelle from the drive, because the club

Every client that enters the Mission is provided with vari- provide comfort and practical ous items, including a blanket, hope to our guests - to feel loved which becomes their property. and safe," Orth said. "We are be-When they leave, they take their vond thankful - it has been such blanket with them.

"We have about 250 guests Rotary Club on this project." right now and anticipate that weather." Orth said.

The immediate need to provide blankets for their stock now, in ing," said Merrill. "The overall preparation for the winter, was effort was so beneficial to the obvious to Lincoln South Rotary People's City Mission and our

Under the leadership of Club our community needs."

duced to the blanket drive needs and goals, and were asked to help Lincoln South Rotary Club by donating new, adult twin-bed

In total, 50 guests will benefit Orth, community relations di- donated 50 blankets with an estimated value of \$1,650.

> "This will go a long way to a joy to work with Lincoln South

The donated blankets were will go over 400 with the colder presented Nov. 5 at the Lincoln South Rotary Club meeting.

"This project was so satisfyclub, knowing that we support

Vrana, the members were intro- 35,000 clubs around the world. change - across the globe, in lincolnsouthrotary.org.



COURTESY PHOTO

(From left) DeEtta Vrana, Lincoln South Rotary Club president; Michelle Orth, People's City Mission community relations director; and Sue Merrill, blanket project committee chair, at the blanket presentation Nov. 5 at the South Rotary Club meeting.

Together, Rotary members see our communities and in our-Committee Chair Sue Mer- Rotary International includes a world where people unite and selves. To learn about Lincoln rill and Club President DeEtta 1.2 million members in over take action to create lasting South Rotary Club, visit www.



Salute To Business CAO Diane Temme Stinton TMCO







PAT GREWE and TOM CARDWELL Ride To End Polio in Tucson, AZ





Team Member Donations Received

Gary \$19,258.00

Tom \$ 1,015.00

Pat \$ 813.00



Lincoln Ride to End Polio Clay raised \$775



All Lincoln Clubs

Blood Drive

Holiday Lunch Food Bank Donations



All Lincoln Clubs Strike Out Polio with Saltdogs



Strategic Task Force Chan Tyrrell, Facilitator

Focus On: Strengths and Weaknesses Financial Sustainability





HOLIDAY SOCIAL HOSTED by BRAD AND LINDA CARTER

















The Gathering Place Little Free Pantry District Grant Project







SUBMITTED BY NICKI KLEIN for the Neighborhood Extra

Lincoln South Rotary Club recognizes the value of education. When the club learned that the Early Head Start program in Lincoln was expanding. club members looked into ways and toddlers. With to help.

"We support this organization because we can be assured that a need for additional our dollars are being put to good use," said DeEtta Vrana, South Rotary president. "Providing children. We are so quality education at an early age will help these children grow and mature into successful adults."

The Early Head Start program members, whose collaborated with South Rotary to provide two multi-child strollers. The commercial-grade enabled us to purchase strollers are important to Early Head Start to ensure safe transport of children.

"In 2021, Community Action expanded its Early Head Start program to serve 72 additional infants and toddlers," said Heather sion, Community Action added Loughman, CEO. "With this 72 additional early childhood enexpansion came a need for ad- rollment slots for children from ditional supplies to care for chil- low-income backgrounds, with dren. We are so grateful for Lin- services provided at no cost to coln South Rotary Club members, families." whose generous support enabled us to purchase new strollers to have at our new center."

crucial to ensure families have Change Lives." access to quality care for their children to maintain economic South Rotary Club, visit www. stability. Through this expan- lincolnsouthrotary.org.

Lincoln South Rotary Club helps Early Head Start

"In 2021, Community Action expanded its Early Head Start program to serve 72 additional infants this expansion came supplies to care for grateful for Lincoln South Rotary Club generous support new strollers to have at our new center."

Heather Loughman, CEO

During the presentation of the check representing the stroller purchase, Vrana said, "Lincoln When asked about the need South Rotary Club is just one of for expansion, Loughman re- many local, statewide, national sponded, "In Lincoln, 75% of and international clubs supportchildren under age 6 have all ing the communities and fulfillparents in the workforce. It is ing the Rotary theme Serve to

For information about Lincoln

Head Start Commercial Strollers District Grant Project





(From left) Heather Loughman, CEO of Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties; Lisa Janssen, program administrator at Community Action; and DeEtta Vrana, president of Lincoln South Rotary Club.



Kenya Eyeglass Project Dr. Kim Baxter North Platte Rotary Club









ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

94% of all Club Members Donate To The Rotary Foundation









GOAL - \$14,000

REACHED - \$14,152

INTERNATIONAL PROJECT **SUPPORT**

Georgia Home Visits During **Pandemic Elderly and Needy**

NEIGHBORHOOD

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2022 | journalstan.com | SECTION D

EXTRA



South Rotary donation helps Georgia poor

LINCOLN SOUTH ROTARY CLUB for the Neighberhood Extra

Life in the rural areas of the country of Georgia is difficult. But with the pandemic, it became dire.

With socialization shut down, any means for side businesses such as selling fruit no longer existed. Economic conditions have forced young people to emigrate or move to the cities for employment. Although they send money home to their relatives as they are able, it has left elderly, especially the homebound, struggling and

Residents in the rural areas, primarily older individuals, live in powerty. Many have little or no family support. They receive a pension from the state amounting to \$70 to \$86 (USD) per month depending on their age and the region they live in. They are virtually destitute.

oped to support the needy with and stories.

of the Rustavi International Ro- forgotten.



A TRC volunteer checks the blood oxygen level of a rural resident in the country of Georgia.

Real Changes" (TRC) was devel- governor, and shared the need gen tank with them in case they

agencies, learned of the most areas, but also give them hope. tea and cookies. critical situations in the Bor- The visits are scheduled every Though the program focuses southrotary.org. From www.ro-

tary Club, connected with Lin- During the visits, they do very surprised with their visit pion peace, fight illiteracy and coin South Rotary Club through routine screenings for diabetes, because no one has been inter-poverty, promote clean water and member Tom Cardwell, past oxygen level, blood pressure and ested in her. She has little family sanitation, and fight disease,"

The organization "Together for president and past District 5650 temperature. They have an oxysupplies. TBC, working closely they can to not only take care of supplies and food including rice. Lives." with the local social service the individuals in these remote wheat, cooking off, beans, sugar,

jonni, Mostia and Racha regions two weeks. An important aspect on the elderly, it is for anyone tary.org, "No challenge is too of the visit is to ensure that the in need. There is one adult child big for Rotary. For more than 110 Ruta Casabianca, a member individuals know they are not who has been disabled with a years, we've bridged cultures and brain injury since birth. She was connected continents to cham-

support, so mostly she is taken care of by neighbors who feed her and take her for walks. She showed her delight in having the opportunity to tell sumeone her

TRC members are stretching their funds as much as possible, but they are not able to visit as often as they would like. Prices of food and gas have been rising, adding to the challenges they face. Unfortunately, several of the initial beneficiaries have died, but there is a waiting list,

Lincoln South Rotary Club was able to provide \$2,000 in much-needed funds to help support these efforts. Bellevue Washington Rotary Club made a \$3,000 donation, and the Denver Southeast Rotary Club recently donated \$2,000. But Rotarian Casabianca is working with other Rotary clubs for support to prevent starvation among these remote residents.

The TRC organization, with the support of Rotarians around need to transport someone to the the world, is fulfilling the Rotary home visits, food and hygiene The TRC volunteers do what hospital. They provide cleaning 2021-22 thems "Serve to Change

> For information about Lincoln South Rotary, visit www.lincoln-

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Zein Seleh, Lincoln North Star





Emma Anderson
Lincoln High School
LPS Science Focus Program

RYLA CAMP - Sponsored - JORDAN ROUSSNEAU, NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL









NEIGHBORHOOD

Klein's service reaches Rotary clubs all around the world

Administrative Assistant Nicolette "Nicki" Klein's influence in Rotary reaches far beyond Lincoln, as she assists Rotary Clubs around the world with club data management, according to Club President DeEtta Vrana.

On multiple occasions, Klein Klein has been part of the teams that



Vrana

that support the Rotary world. experience of computer screens on the Rotary International web-She has provided assistance to - ease of use, input, navigation site. Rotary International as well as and results. She creates and re- Vrana added, "Nicki is an as-"Rotary International and review teams, Klein has partici- port Rotary."

ClubRunner pated in studies and has been a have referred to panelist for users of the systems.

Nicki as a 'power When asked, Klein shared, user' because "I am driven to help the users of her extensive improve their experience-to use of the system make it efficient and successand input she ful-whether at work, for Rotary provides," said or with other projects."

Most recently, Klein has been Klein uses her asked to assist with changes to review the processes and screens analysis skills to review the user the Club Administrative features

ClubRunner, a club and member views reports for accuracy and set to Rotary at the international. management front-end system ensures that they provide the national, district and local levels, used by many clubs locally and most useful and complete infor- and works tirelessly to benefit mation. In addition to serving on the online processes that sup-

IN THE NEWS

NEIGHBORHOOD

South Rotary supports student's dream with donatic

SUBMITTED BY NICKI KLEIN, Lincoln South Rotary Club

The Rotary Interna-tional theme for the 2021-22 Rotary Year is "Serve to Change Lives." That is what Lincoln South Rotary Club President DeEtta Vrana set out to do after reading th Lincoln Journal Star articl about Lincoln High School senior Zaineb Aljumayaat, who competed in a national competition to create a prom dress out of duct tape. "I was so impressed with

the creativity and determi-nation of this 18-year-old, Vrana said.

The design was based on the Shikh Zayed mosque in Abu Dhabi and honors her Middle Eastern culture. work, creativity, frustration and tears. Encouraged who chose to help me and we have."

concern. The wheels were set in motion. Yana was was insightful in her views set in motion. Yana was was insightful in her views members. \$1,000 award from Roper cultures, believing in one-& Sons Funeral Home Vice. Self and pursuing a dream. President Dean Schneider, "Zaineb has an importand she had the support of ant message for the next the Lincoln South Rotary
Club Board to put the club
name on the project. With the help of fellow Rotarian many indigenous cultures and retired Lincoln High
Principal Mike Wortman, life through sharing and and Nicole Barnes, coun- not through possessions, selor in Lincoln High's In-said Lincoln South Rotary ternational Baccalaureate board member Suni Ka-Program, she connected sibhatla. "She wants to

She received 34 rolls of duct Lincoln South Rotary President DeEtta Vrana (at right) tape in seven colors and invested 152 hours of hard attend the Rhode Island School of Design.

with Zaineb.

Zaineb said, "As diffierations and society think cult as this contest was it about the 'give and get gave me the opportunity to meet wonderful people how to preserve our plansuch as the members of the et's limited resources but

Lincoln South Rotary Club, how to be happy with what

"We read about youn people today not matur ing until they are well int their 20s, but when I had the pleasure of interview said Chan Tyrrell, South Rotary board member and past president. "The journey she is on will take he far in life and should be ar inspiration to each of us."

As Zaineb was presented with the \$1,000 check at a recent Rotary Club meeting she said, "I am so grateful for this money. For me, this gift is life changing and will allow me to attend colleg COURTESY PHOTO Lincoln South Rotary Club. Club "Serves to Change

cludes 1.2 million members tion and tears. Encouraged by her sister, Shahad, she who with the special plant of the speci n over 35,000 clubs around

Tabitha Meals on Wheels honors South Rotary volunteers

SUBMITTED BY NICKI KLEIN for the Neighborhood Extra

Lincoln South Rotary Club the Tabitha Meals on Wheel program. Tabitha posted the photo shown above on www acebook.com/TabithaHealth

For 28 continuous years, Li coln South Rotary has been d livering meals. In the 1993-Rotary Year, the club was int duced to the needs of comn nity seniors and how the Mes on Wheels program was filli an important role.

Lincoln South Rotary tl assembled a team of memb willing to commit to delive route. Recently the club tended that commitment as

volunteers and substitutes not

on wheels, through grants, Lin- Together, Rotary sees a world tary.org.



Fourteen volunteers and sub- Lincoln South Rotary members honored by Tabitha Meals on Wheels stitutes serve on the Lincoln for their service include (front, from left) De Roberts, Sue Merrill, Kay South Rotary Club team. Other Wunderlich; (back, from left) Clay Ehlers, Tom Hyde and Dave Dietz.

pictured are Bobby Cunningham, coln South Rotary has helped where people unite and take hard Gloride, Dare Hitsbeck, update the Meals on Wheels action to create lasting change Maxime Moul, Jim O'Hanlon, kitchen preparation equipment.— across the globe, in our comjogve Schmeeckie, Rob Varna Rodray International includes munitles, and in ourselves. To and Michael Williams.

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Kasey Matoush donates whole blood with help from staff member Angela Kreikemeier at the

Rotary clubs hold blood drive thru Sept. 30

Lincoln's four Rotary ters Enterprises, serving members in this effort to clubs, with a collective communities across the build the NCCB's blood membership of about 380 country. men and women from More than 50% of the 486-9414 or visiting all walks of life and pro- blood supply was lost www.ncbb.org. fessions, are joining to- when community blood Rotary International

that has been connecting able. of New York Blood Cen- You can join Rotary vaccine.

supply by calling 402-

gether to answer the call drives were canceled due is a service organization for blood donations in the to COVID-19 this past with 1.22 million mem-Lincoln community. And year, and the supply re- bers worldwide, engagthey need your help. mains low. There have ing in projects to provide Nebraska Community been days when less than humanitarian service and Blood Bank (NCBB) is a a three-day supply of all to advance goodwill and nonprofit organization blood types were avail- peace locally and internationally. The Rotary motto people and saving lives The Rotary club mem- is "Service Above Self." since 1968. NCBB relies bers are being motivated Rotary's signature projon the local community and encouraged to person- ect is the drive to elimito donate blood to help ally commit and get their nate the scourge of Police ensure a safe and stable spouses and adult family around the world. In only blood supply is available members to donate blood. a few places does it still to area hospitals and other This involves making their linger after the campaign partners. With operations own appointments with was initiated in 1985. More in Nebraska and western the NCCB and donating than 2.5 billion children Iowa, NCBB is a division by the end of September. have received the Polio

LINCOLN SOUTH ROTARY CLUB OUTSTANDING PUBLIC IMAGE CHAMPIONS 2021-2022



MARK SCHWANIGER
NEIGHBORHOOD EXTRA
EDITOR



NICKI KLEIN ROTARIAN EXTRAORDINAIRE



ROTARY PROGRAMS













Special Guests



International Students from Slovakia and Their Host Families



Dirk Spindeldreher, Rotarian Berlin, Germany

LINCOLN SOUTH ROTARY CLUB ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR 2021-2022



Maxine Moul Program Chair



Friday, June 24, 2022 Speedway Motors Museum of American Speed 340 Victory Lane, Lincoln, NE 68528

11:00 a.m. - Social 11:30 a.m. - Lunch 12:15 p.m. - Business Meeting 12:30 p.m. - Museum Tour

Luncheon Catered by The Venue
Entrée, Salad, Rolls, and Sugar Cookies
Coffee and Iced Tea
Wine and Beer

<u>Click here</u> to make \$25 Reservation by Tuesday, June 21st

Contact: djvrana67@gmail.com, 402-613-0323







DeEtta Vrana Lincoln South Rotary Club President 2021-22





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INTERNATIONAL ROTARY THEME FOR 2022/23





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Goals For 2022-2023

- Engage
 - Encourage members to participate in at least one project or event for the club.
 - ▶ Be involved by attending meetings regularly and district meeting opportunities.
- Express to the Community
 - ▶ The impact Rotary has in our community and the world.
 - ► Help improve our environment.
- Enlighten
 - Continue regular member spotlights
 - Continue with engaging speakers and community leaders
- Enroll
 - Continually work to invite new members into the Club.
 - Continue to maintain the club atmosphere and culture.
- Enjoy
 - ► Have fun! Casual atmosphere and maintain club camaraderie.
 - Encourage social and fundraising events.



