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Rotary International Theme 2011-2012

Thursday, August 4, 2011, 12:00 pm
District Governor Bob Perrin's Visit
The Center, 714 S. Main St.

AUGUST MEETINGS/EVENTS

- 04 District Governor Bob Perrin's Visit
- 10 Board Meeting, 12:00 pm, TS Bank, 1745 Madison Ave.
- 11 George Sawtelle – Nuclear Energy
- 18 Lindsay Moran – Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- 25 Vocational Talks

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 01 Carl Heinrich | 26 Tony Doremus |
| 09 Lisa Yilmaz | 29 Doug Goodman |
| 20 Rosalie Shepherd | 30 Donna Barry |
| 21 Larry Knotek | 30 Mark Schweer |
| 23 Chris Olson | |

2011-2012 Officers

- President – Mike Maher
- Past Pres. – Carol Horner
- Pres. Elect – Mick McKinley
- Treasurer – Paul Hamilton
- Secretary – Donna Pritchard
- RI Fndn. – Doris Heineman

Board Members

- Terry LeMaster 12
- Gilbert Thomas 12
- Tom Whitson 12
- Peg Christensen 13
- Tony Doremus 13
- Jay Simms 13
- Marcia Antworth 14
- Jason James 14
- Jill Orton 14

Executive Director

Wendy Chubick

August	Song Leader	Clipper	Greeter
04	Marcia Antworth	Scott Belt	Lisa Yilmaz
11	Carol Wood	Rosalie Shepherd	TBA
18	Greg Witte	Rick Killion	
25	Tony Doremus/Larry Knotek	Tony Doremus	

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MAKE UP OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY

North – Noon, Eppley Airport Conference Center
Bellevue – Noon, DJ's Dugout, 2440 Cornhusker Rd.
Millard – Noon, Bel Air Banquet Room, 12100 W. Center Rd

TUESDAY

Morning – 7 a.m., Happy Hollow Club, 1701 S. 105th St
Northwest – Noon, Champions Run, 13800 Eagle Run Dr.
Southwest – 5:15 p.m., The Prestige, 168th & Pacific

WEDNESDAY

Downtown – Noon, The Field Club, 3615 Woolworth Ave.
Council Bluffs Centennial – 7 a.m., Hy-Vee, Madison Ave.

THURSDAY

Suburban – Noon, Anthony's, 7220 F St.
Western Douglas County – 7 a.m., Elkhorn Common Ground Community Center, 1701 Veterans Dr.

FRIDAY

West – Noon, Champions Run, 13800 Eagle Run Dr.

E-Club Meeting Links:

www.rotaryclub7210.org
www.rotaryclubone.org
www.rotaryclubny1.com
www.rotaryclub7890.org
www.rotaryclubsouthwest.org
www.rotaryclub34.org

Rotary Events

District 5650 Foundation Seminar – Sat., Aug. 27 at Mahoney State Park. Registration and Continental Breakfast at 8:15 am. Cost: \$35 (includes \$4 fee to get into the state park, breakfast and lunch). Seminar will include important presentations about the future operation of Foundation programs including first exposure to the new Rotary Strategic Plan and The Future Visions Program. Two attendance credits will be given.

Annual Fall Picnic – Thur., Sept. 15 at Hitchcock Nature Center. Happy Hour 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm. Cost: \$15 per person. Guests welcome. Food will be provided by Boxer BBQ. Wine, beer, soda and water will also be provided. Please bring a raffle item. Tickets will be sold at the picnic: 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. No regular meeting that day. 2 attendance credits will be given. Reservations are required. Deadline to RSVP is Sept. 12. The sign up sheet will be available at regular meetings or you may contact the Executive Director.

Rotary Metro Luncheon – Fri., Sept. 16, 11:30 am at Embassy Suites, LaVista. Cost: \$30 per person. Keynote Speaker: Jeff Raikes, President of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Hosted by Omaha Downtown Rotary Club. Rotary was founded in Omaha in 1911 and this event will be the kickoff of a community-wide celebration of 100 years of Rotary in the Metro. Reservations can be made by visiting www.omaharotary.com/metroluncheon or call 402-342-0281.

Announcements

Board President of Phillip's Cupboard, Glen Mitchell called the Rotary office and thanked the Club for its donation of money and gift cards that were made after the Super Bowl Food Drive.

A Program Chair and Committee are still needed for the 2011-12 Rotary year. Please let the Executive Director know if you would be willing to help.

The Club's 100-year anniversary will occur in 2015. Volunteers are needed to begin the planning process. Doris Heineman, Carol Horner, Mike Maher and Mick McKinley are on the planning committee, please help them out. Contact the Executive Director if you are interested.

A flood assistance database has been created for club members who may be affected by the flooding. The database is for club members only. Requested services are manpower, trucks/trailers, storage, housing and pet boarding. Please contact the Executive Director if you can help or if you need help and she will put you in contact with each other.

Would you like to trade your print subscription of Rotary International's magazine *The Rotarian* for a digital version? Please visit the following link and save a tree: <http://www.rotary.org/EN/MEDIAANDNEWS/THEROTARIAN/Digital/Pages/ridefault.aspx>.

Thank you to Celebrate Catering for providing our weekly meals. Please contact Stacy to cater your event. Call 712-322-2580, email wecelebrate4u@aol.com or visit www.celebratecatering4u.com.

Rotary Links:

District 5650 Website: <http://www.rotarydistrict5650.org>
Rotary International Website: <http://www.rotary.org>

July 28 Program

Vocational Talks – Rosalie Shepherd

In her own words:

There is a quote I like: Once you have set your course, the universe conspires to assist you. I have always envied people who knew what they wanted to be when they were ten years old because once they set their course they usually accomplish it. I admit I really don't know what I want to be when I grow up. My childhood in a small town influenced my work ethic and my strong family bond. I loved growing up in Avoca where I was on everything but the football team – clarinet quartet, girls trio, marching band, chorus, cheerleading, etc.

My first job was babysitting at \$.25 per hour every summer for the Doctor's family of 3 boys. In the summer before my senior year of high school, my friends signed up for detassling corn, so I did too. My dad had always encouraged us girls that we could do anything we put our minds to if we worked hard. So, when he told me he didn't want me to detassle corn, it surprised me. Not until I was deep inside an Iowa corn field did I realize he was right – rows so long you couldn't see

either end or above, grasshoppers flying at you and in your hair and corn worms in the tassles. Only by pride did I finish the day. That night my Mom said, don't go back. But I went back and finished the 3 weeks for which I had signed on, and walked away with a lot more than a paycheck. I learned two things that have served me well in my career: You can do a lot more than you think you can; and, just point yourself in the right direction and move.

In the middle of my senior year of high school, we had to move to Council Bluffs. I thought I would die but I liked Abraham Lincoln High School and made friends because of the activities I was in like band and chorus. On graduation I intended to go on to college. But, a friend from Avoca came over and got a job at Union Pacific where the pay was some of the best in Omaha. The Korean War was on and my new husband was sent to Germany so I got a job at UP. The railroad had very few opportunities for women to advance so I worked there for 5 years and then started my family of two daughters. I became a stay at home mom and did hours of volunteer work. Dave & Margaret Lemen are friends and he was then the director of the Christian Home Society. He asked if I would fill in for an employee who was ill. I worked there part-time for a couple of years while they were holding their capital campaign. I typed the letters that Johnny Unitas sent to his famous friends but did not get to see the final results because my husband was transferred to Red Oak, Iowa.

It was while we were in Red Oak that my Dad passed away and the shock of it gave me a wake up call that life is short. So, I went to Clarinda and enrolled in three classes at Iowa Western. I had been out of school for many years, but I was very successful and hooked. I finished the two years and enrolled at UNO. I was thinking about being an art teacher because I had learned pottery on the wheel from neighbors in Red Oak. However, it was the late 60's and culture change was happening big time. I ended up in art history and graduated summa cum laude in history and education. I didn't intend to work so I enrolled in the master's program. My counselor talked me into putting out my credentials to test the waters. I was offered a position at South High. I didn't want to work there – I remembered how rowdy the students were when A.L. played South in basketball. But then I decided I trained for this and wanted to see if I liked teaching. I taught for 7 years and learned I was a born teacher.

My family was grown and I was single again. I went to Oklahoma to visit friends for a week and stayed 6 years. The oil boom was on and I have never had so much fun or opportunity in my life. I worked for the Oklahoma Blood Institute doing what I had done as a volunteer for the Red Cross. I talked with CEO's and set up quarterly blood drives and then motivated the employees to give blood. John Hale of National Foundation Life liked the way I organized and motivated and offered me a job as sales manager for the pro hockey team he had just bought. It was the farm team of the Minnesota North Stars. I told him I didn't like hockey but he convinced me. It was a very fun job with lots of perks. When Lou Nanny, manager of the North Stars, moved the team to Nashville, I was ready to go home when my travel agent Bill Levins asked me to work for him. It was a dream job before deregulation of the airlines. I traveled free, first class all over.

My job was to go out and get new business for Trail Blazer's Travel and with the oil boom it was easy. I doubled his business in two years making cold calls. One of the perks was that TWA had a big Halloween party every year and gave amazing prizes for the best costumes. One year the theme was TV characters. I went as Wonder Women and I looked good in those days and so I won a trip to Italy.

That trip was a highlight of my life since I had studied the art of Michael Angelo and was overwhelmed by the beauty of the art work. The Sistine Chapel was being renovated and the bright colors were back to life. It was a dream trip but I had been away from home too long and was about to have grandbabies. So, before I could change my mind, I put in my resignation and was back in Omaha and working for Pitney Bowes within 3 weeks. I liked the company – hated machines but did well – I can sell anything. I was calling on the Great Plains Girl Scouts Council when the Executive Director asked me to apply for the program manager position. I declined not wanting to change jobs again so soon, but when she offered me the training/educational development manager position, I accepted. I learned that I am a very cause oriented person and am happiest when I am helping people.

When I moved back to Omaha, I got in touch with Curt Gordon of Combined Health Agencies Drive, a part of the United Way. He was a friend of Bill Levins and I kept in touch with him. The Kansas City Chapter of the Leukemia Society contacted Curt because they wanted to start a branch office in Omaha. He recommended me for the job and I accepted even though it was going to be a really tough job. It was a one person office for at least a year and the job was to carry out the program and fund raising throughout the state of Nebraska. It didn't dawn on me that I couldn't do it. After all, I had detassled corn. A stroke of luck happened when Subby Ensaldo came to my ribbon cutting and told me I needed to be in Rotary. It was because of the help of Rotarians across the state that I was successful with my job.

After several years, I wanted to take a break or maybe retire totally. I had two grandchildren I wanted to spend more time with and my Mom was becoming dependent on us. I was retired about 3 months when a friend from Texas told me that Ross Perot was hiring directors for United We Stand America and needed one in Nebraska. I liked what Ross stood for and interviewed via phone and went to Texas to pass muster. I was offered the job and what a ride that was. We were a nonprofit, non-partisan educational organization with 10,000 members in Nebraska before he dropped out of the race the first time. My job was to organize the members into groups and provide them with information. The members voted to start a third party because it became evident that Congress would not sign our Contract with America. 20 of us directors were hired to get the party on the ballot. I don't have time to tell all about that ride, but it was exciting and I will come back for a 15 minute vocational talk some time to tell the rest of the story.