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Linda Helzer is back in Nebraska

So send attendance and newsarticles to her.

Long Range Planning is meeting Feb. 15th. Contact John Chapo •jchapo@lincolnzoo.org for details.

Ag & Environment meets at 7 am Feb. 16th. Contact Bill Splinter •pasplint@aol.com for details.

Dwight Hammer would like help with the backpack distribution at Everett Elementary. **Call or email him to volunteer.** 150 backpacks packed at 1:30. Given at 2:50 pm **every Friday when school is in session.** 402-450-2422 •dhammer44@gmail.com

Everett Elementary First Graders, volunteers help with reading lists on Fridays from 2 - 2:45pm. Contact Linda Helzer, 402-429-1312 or •lhelzer@neb.rr.com for details.

Lincoln Kiwanis Foundation meets Feb. 21. Contact Brian Baxter •blbaxter@aol.com for details.

YAP has moved to Feb. 22nd and at TICO's for the January meeting. Contact Rob Klucas •rklucas@gmail.com for details.

Reading is Fundamental has their first round of reading in February. Contact Lorene Bartos •lbartos1@unl.edu for details of where and when.

Friday Meetings -- Noon (12-1)

NE Club - 20th Floor, US Bank Bldg. 233 S.13th
Kiwanis Club Programs for February 2012
Arranged & Introduced by: Stephanie Dohner

Feb. 17th..... Don Bryant.

*Introduced by Herb Henry
(Unl Sports Information Director - Emeritus)
"Reminiscing on UNL athletics"*

Songs Jim Carr
Invocation Charles Case
Greeters Jim Budka and Al Pearson

Feb. 24th..... Marcia Kushner.

(Kiwanis member)

"Hamburg, IA, 1952, a personal memoir of the Missouri flood"

Songs Dwight Hammer
Invocation Keith Prettyman
Greeters Jim Culver and Kara Hesser
(February Birthdays)

Piano: Shirley Harrison or Shirley Deethardt

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If you have comments, either pro or con concerning:
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a club name change: please get them in writing to
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Robyn Spaeth. These will be published in an early
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March 1st newsletter for all to read and ponder be-
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fore an UNOFFICIAL, poll is taken to know wheth-
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er or not to procede with the process to change the
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name from **Kiwanis Club of Lincoln Nebraska**
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to **Kiwanis Club of Lincoln Center.**
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February 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Long Range Plng Children's Zoo comn 7 pm	Ag & Env 7 am Perkins 48&O	Don Bryant Reminiscing on UNL athletics Reading and Backpack at Everett Elementary	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Lincoln Foundation	YAP noon Tico's		Marcia Kushner Memoir of MO flood Reading and Backpack at Everett Elementary	
26	27	28	29	1 March	2	3
			(Sadie Hawkins Day)		Program Reading and Backpack at Everett Elementary	

Summary of the Pinewood Derby Workshop

Sent by Randy Gordon, Jerry Jordan's step son, who is the current Committee Chair for Pack 404.

Volunteers from three different community groups came together at Elliott School on January 14, 2012 for the Pack 404 Pinewood Derby Workshop. Now in its sixth year, the workshop provides an opportunity for scouts and families to design and build a pinewood derby car from scratch alongside volunteers from the Chartering Organization Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club, Pack and Troop 25 and Davis Design. Pack 404 and the Elliott YMCA CLC has provided the workshop as a way to ensure that each scout has available the tools and guidance to design, cut, sand, paint and assemble a car that can participate in the Pack and Salt Valley District races.

This year's workshop provided an expanded opportunity to craft more competitive wheels and axles, thanks to the efforts of Dan Miller, Mark Roper, Dan Snow and Thaddeus Fonck. These local scout leaders, seeking a Wood Badge service project, decided that sharing their experience and skill with other packs was a great way to make the Pinewood Derby a memorable event from start to finish.

Armed with drills, emery cloth, sandpaper and lots of patience, the Wood Badge group teamed up Kiwanis club members during the pack's regular December den meetings to teach the physics of friction and wheel preparation. That same group of volunteers, in addition to several Troop 25 scouts and employees of Davis Design returned in January to support car construction. Band saws and scroll saws, belt sanders, drill presses, hammers and paint filled the Elliott Elementary cafeteria as more than 30 scouts rotated through the Pinewood Derby stations, supported each step of the way by skilled parents, scout leaders, wood workers and community professionals.

The success of the project was evident the following Saturday when Pack 25 opened up their Pinewood Derby track to Pack 404 for the 2012 race. All the hard work paid off as every scout's car easily out-paced any previous race results and ten cars advanced to the Salt Valley District race in March.

Perfect Attendance in January

Anderson, Dave	Anderson, Jason	Bartos, Lorene
Baxter, Brian	Bohaty, Val	Budka, Jim
Carr, Jim	Clements, Steve	Culver, Jim
Curry, Doug	Decker, Jerry	Decker, Mike
Deethardt, S.	Dohner, S.	Ehly, Marv
Faas, Mel	FitzSimmons, Bob	Gottula, Lori
Graham, Larry	Hammer, Dwight	Harrison, S.
Helzer, Linda	Helzer, Norm	Henry, Herb
Hesser, Kara	Hill, Cece	Jordan, Jerry
Klucas, Rob	McCracken, David	McCracken, G.
McMahon, Monty	Merrill, Dave	Miller, Don
Millnitz, Roger	Moore, Ken	Muckel, Gary
Nielsen, Armon	Putensen, Kathie	Rezac, Irene
Roberts, Russ	Spaeth, Robyn	Spellman, Dick
Spencer, Warren	Splinter, Bill	Vajgrt, Lou
Vestal, Lowell	VonBargen, Ken	West, Marsha
Westover, Ty	Williamson, Dayle	Wilson, C.
Young, Larry		

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Those short 1 attendance credit....

Berg, Jim	Rose Hood	McDonald, Rosie
Oseka, Dave	Pearson, Al	

Please contact Linda Helzer if questions or corrections needed.

Everett Reading Celebration was FUN!

New Member, Emily Bausch was busy, helping for her first time. Marsha West and Nancy Muckel had a focused group solving a word search.



Gary Muckel watched to keep groups supplied, Ed May (above) is helping with prizes. Shirley Rice and Kathie Putensen (left) new member Mike Richey, (lower left) and Lorene Bartos (below) looked on as students did the word search. Cece Hill, Marcia Kushner and Shirley Deethardt helped as well.



Recap of January 20th.

Lincoln in Black and White

Ed Zimmer (Lincoln Historic Preservation Planner) returned to preview a presentation he will make at Chico State U (CA) for Black History Month.

Chico State will exhibit photos by John Johnson throughout February. Johnson was a black man who depicted black (and white) Lincoln, NE from 1910-1925. He was the son of a Civil War veteran who had been a slave in Arkansas and escaped to the 1st Nebraska Regiment, who took him in -- although officially, blacks could not join. 12 of the Union soldiers buried in Wyuka are black. One of them, James W. Bush, was a 1st Sgt. of the regiment depicted in the film *Glory*, which is based on the story of the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. Founded during the Civil War, it was the first formal unit of the US Army to be made up entirely of African American men. Bush was only 19.

Johnson was on the track team at Lincoln High in 1899 and took his own wedding picture. He had no studio, and used local homes and buildings as backdrops, some of which are still standing. Johnson photographed families, church groups, and individuals. Many of their descendants live in Lincoln today. The McWilliams family in particular was of great assistance in the collection and identification of the pictures.

The photos are from glass negatives collected by Doug Kiester, who is originally from Lincoln, but now lives in Chico. Both Kiester and Zimmer will speak at the exhibit opening. Some of Johnson's negatives stayed in Lincoln, and were discovered by a graduate student who was working with Ed and studying the African-American heritage of Lincoln. Eventually, they led to Kiester.

Johnson's pictures are examples of the New Negro movement that took place from 1910 to 1931. The New Negro movement usually is associated with the arts and the Harlem Renaissance in NYC. In fact, people of color all over our nation were disassociating themselves from white stereotypes, such as Aunt Jemima and Uncle Ben. They wanted to show themselves to be middle class Americans, and this is what Johnson did.

Zimmer and Kiester have collaborated on the book *Lincoln in Black and White* (Arcadia Publishing). For a description, go to <http://www.arcadiapublishing.com/> Go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_yRLVqlMII to see several of these photos.

These pictures are not just of interest because of their history. I would suspect they would match the portraiture of better known photographers.

An emergency follow up board meeting was held after the regular meeting on Feb. 10th.

The Foundation proposal from the Children's Museum was approved to be presented to the Foundation on Tuesday, Feb. 21st.

Two new members were approved.

Kristi Chambers, the Community Learning Coordinator, employed by the YMCA is welcomed as our latest member. She is at Elliott Elementary.

The other approved member will be announced later.

There are three more recaps to be printed, and some additional news from the board meeting.

That will come with the next newsletter.

Time... sorry. Linda Helzer

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Board members 2011-2012;

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