

# The Sunrise Sentinel



Newsletter for the Rotary Club of  
Council Bluffs Centennial

July 26, 2017

## Upcoming Programs/ Greeters:

August 2: Club assembly

August 8: Board meeting at  
Noon at St. Paul's Episcopal  
Church, 22 Dillman Drive

## Birthdays/Anniversaries:

July 12: Rachel Morehead

July 29: Scott Darrah



## **Stratcom/911**

What a program we had this morning. If you were not there, you missed a terrific opportunity to hear some fascinating information related to the terror attacks from September 11, 2000. Rob Simmon was our speaker. We all know him as our current district assistant governor. Rob has been to our club on numerous occasions. Today, he was at our club for a different purpose. Rob served as the personal



representative of the Director, National Security Agency to the Commander, U.S. Strategic Command from January 1999 until September 2005 when he retired from the Defense Intelligence Senior Executive Service. As the "NSA Rep to STRATCOM", he ensured that the Command and its components received the actionable signals intelligence they required to accomplish their missions and that NSA's expertise and technologies were fully engaged in protecting the Command's nuclear command and control, communication, and information systems.

Rob shared that his thirty six year intelligence community career as an Air Force analyst flying combat support missions with Strategic Air Command's 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing out of Offutt AFD, Nebraska. Before finishing his civilian career in Omaha,

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August 19<sup>th</sup> is our club's third ever kickball tournament. This event is fast approaching. We just had our fifth team register but we are looking for more teams. Thanks to everyone who has worked hard at getting these teams lined up. The more teams we can get the better. So, please continue to ask for teams to get involved. Details of this year's event are posted on our club's website. The cost per team is \$200.00. Teams consist of 10 members, three of which must be female. It should be a lot of fun. If you have any questions, please see Craig.

## Rotary District 5650 Annual Conference

### Club Officers and Directors:

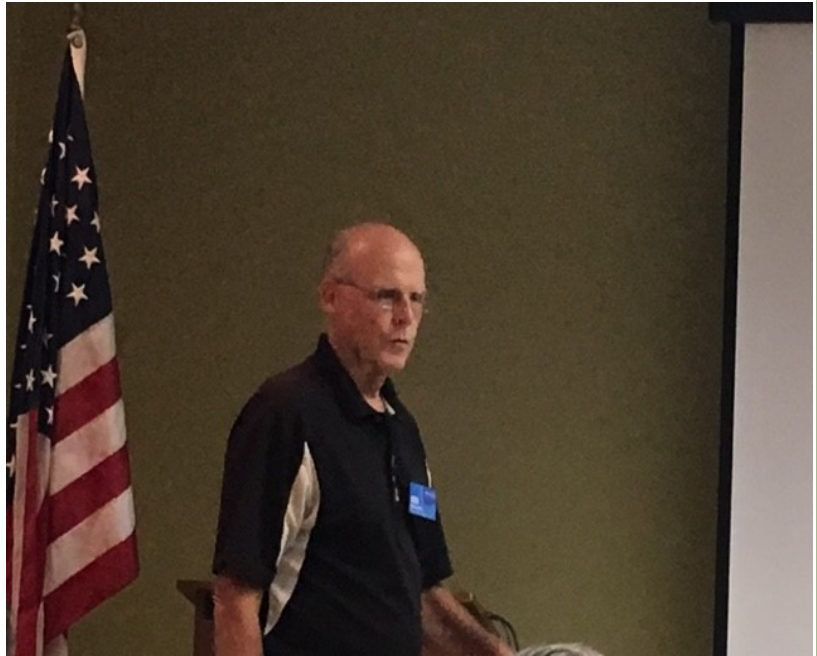
Bob Collins: President  
Cary Jackson: President Elect  
Lucinda Klein-Lombardo, Secretary  
Mitch Kay, Treasurer  
Dan Reese: Past President  
Kyle McGinn: Board Member (2018)  
Rick Stone: Board Member (2019)

This year's conference is in Omaha and is to take place August 11-12. Public sessions are from Friday, 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. During the public sessions, each club can bring one prospective member for free. The early registration cost to attend is \$75.00. You need to be registered by June 30<sup>th</sup> to get this rate. The keynote speaker for Saturday's luncheon is Ann Lee Hussey, a Polio Advocate. There are many other events planned throughout the district conference, including but not limited to CPR training. District Governor Gary Bren indicated the CPR training is open to the entire public and he wants us to get the word out and get as many people as possible to attend. His goal is for at least 1,000 individuals to be formally trained. It sounds like a great conference with lots to offer. It is a great way to see how impactful Rotarians are in the world. For more information, including registration, go to the district website at [RotaryDistrict5650.org](http://RotaryDistrict5650.org).

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he served in a variety of technical and leadership positions for the National Security Agency at its headquarters in Ft. Meade Maryland and at several overseas locations.

Rob was at Offutt AFB on 9/11. We all know the events of the day. Rob gave us “behind the scenes” information as to who was at Offutt that morning, i.e. General Mies, and how it came to be for



President Bush to be at Offutt for a period of time that day as well. He shared, in general terms, the actions taken that day by our nation’s leaders and military to protect our country by also ensuring a successive chain of command was in place to run our government in the event something were to happen to the president, vice president and other high ranking officials. Rob showed us an array of photographs from the day in question. He shared events which took place that day as well. Some of these events may have been originally classified although for purposes of his presentation, everything he shared with us today has been declassified. Rob indicated he was one of the very first individuals to know President Bush was coming to Offutt. He indicated he was not authorized to share this information with anyone other than his boss.

His presentation stirred up emotions for all of us in recalling the horrific events which occurred on that day. He shared the resolve President Bush had that day and the dedication and sacrifice made by many individuals. It was truly interesting to get this “behind the scenes” account of what happened around Rob that day. Thanks to Bob for having Rob visit with us.

## Club Assembly

Next week's meeting is a club assembly. This morning Bob shared with those in attendance some information we were able to take home and review in advance. In short, Rotary has loosened its rules as to the number of meetings a club is required to have. Bob wants to have a discussion about whether our club should change what we are currently doing for its meetings. This is a great opportunity to offer feedback from all club members as to changes, if any, our club should make in the future. Your input is absolutely helpful in shaping the future of our club. So, please plan to attend.

## Make Up Opportunities

**Monday:** North- Noon, Eppley Airport Conference Center;

Bellevue- Noon, D.J.'s Dugout, 2440 Cornhusker Road;

Millard-Noon, German American Society, 3717 S. 120th Street;

**Tuesday:** Morning- 7:00 a.m., Happy Hollow Club, 1701 S. 105th Street;

Northwest- Noon, Champions Run, 13800 Eagle Run Drive;

Southwest - 5:15 p.m. D.J.'s Dugout, 17666 Welch Plaza;

**Wednesday:** Downtown-Noon, Field Club, 3615 Woolworth Ave.;

**Thursday:** Suburban- Noon, Anthony's 7220 F Street; West-  
ern Douglas County- 7:00 a.m. Elkhorn Common Ground  
Community Center, 1701 Veterans Dr.; Council Bluffs-Noon,  
Council Bluffs Senior Center;

**Friday:** West- Noon, Champions Run, 13800 Eagle Run Dr.

**Online makeup:** <http://www.rotaryclubone.org>

