

RUSTY ROCKET REVIEW



Ken Carlson

June 4

Birthday

Helen Griffin

June 6

Birthday

Harry Wimer

June 10

Birthday

Kent Sprague

June 24

Birthday



Food Distribution

Tuesday

June 28

4:45 – 6:00

**Center for People in
Need**

No pressure,
no diamonds.

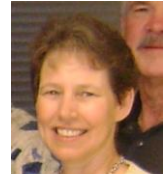
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CATHY'S CHATS

Last month we again...performed service to our community...picked up highways and trails...delivered yet another excellent newsletter...earned money...had excellent programs (evidently one

really good one about cats that I missed)...performed our annual hearing project and held a new National Heritage project. What a busy month it was!

What an exciting year this has been! What a great



organization with a great group of individuals. And I have had the honor to serve this last year as your President. **THANK YOU!!!**

HELPING SAM HEAR

Sam loves his therapy sessions, and his progress is a joy to witness. His earliest sessions conditioned him for the routine of therapy, from sitting in the chair to interacting with his therapist. Not long after, his reactions demonstrated that he could tell the difference among the sounds being introduced to him and, almost from the start, he was making his best effort to re-create the sounds.

About four months into therapy, Sam imitates just about everything thrown his way. He roars like a lion and produces an "ah" sound for a plane's flight, among other sounds that are a regular part of his therapy. He's moving beyond some of his first attempts at speech like "uh-oh" and "more" to

identifying objects and people. He said "mom" in mid-February and about two weeks later began chattering "da-da-da-da." Sam knows and tries to say his own name now also.

Soon after Sam's implant was turned on, I dug out a Beatles CD from our collection so I could play "Here Comes the Sun" whenever I wished. The CD has been going back and forth between our cars ever since. Teresa and I like to put the song on and think about how far Sam has come.

For the first year of Sam's life, Teresa and I worried about Sam's place in the hearing world. The promise of a cochlear implant offered hope, but we still didn't know what to expect. Now, as Sam



The Ear

approaches his third birthday and his second year with a cochlear implant, we no longer worry about what the future holds for him. We're confident that Sam's deafness won't limit his options.

Our family ritual of visiting the hospital twice a week for therapy sessions will soon be coming to an end. Sam's speech therapist recently delivered the news: Sam no longer needs to attend regular therapy sessions. Once a week for the rest of the summer, and then, as Sam might say, "All done!"

The reason? Sam speaks and understands language spoken to him at least as well as his hearing peers. It is time for him to move on.

(to be continued)



Programs

June 2
Dave Taylor
Hemophilia Update

June 9
TBA

June 16
TBA

June 23
TBA

June 30
TBA



Inaugural Banquet

(To be Announced)



Bingo

June 25

10:00 a.m.

Lancaster Manor

I know for sure that what we dwell on is who we become.

Oprah Winfrey

NE COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

The organization was coordinated with the Hearing Aid Bank out of North Platte in 1981. It is also affiliated with the Mental Health Services for the Deaf which **Peggy Williams**, our speaker directs. The Women's Center for Advancement developed a program on domestic violence with deaf women and has a

video on its website.

NCDHH also has a media center and has developed a documentary on military personnel who have suffered hearing loss. East Nebraska Sertoma clubs helped sponsor the documentary. There are 56,000 service people coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan with

hearing loss.

Interpreters have to be licensed if interpreting for any state agencies.

The Commission offers free equipment to deaf people under the Public Service Commission.

JR ACHIEVEMENT

The purpose of Jr Achievement is to educate students in financial readiness and entrepreneurship. Kindergarteners are taught "Bank on You." They are given a piggy bank and save for something for their school. Second graders are taught the difference between unit production and assembly line production. They also learn about being paid and having to give up part of their pay for taxes. There is a new high school program on

entrepreneurship that includes marketing and a business plan. The program helps students with career development. It encourages savings and goal reaching.

President **Tera Norris** said Jr Achievement has been in Lincoln for 34 years.

There are 126 JA places in the US. The two in Nebraska are in Lincoln and Omaha. Lincoln is ranked #10 nationally and #20 in market share.

Jr Achievement is in over 800 classrooms a year. It is in every elementary school in Lancaster County and in all but one high school. A teacher decides whether to put it in the curriculum.

Fundraisers include grants, a Bowl-a-Thon and Golf Pogo card. The fundraisers help purchase materials.

Dumb Words
The American people: Aren't all Americans people?

Backstory: A perfectly good word already exists - history.

FERAL CAT PROJECT @ UNL

"Husker Cats" was based on the "Barn Cat" project in Corpus Christi by founder **Rich Graham**. It is controversial as some people believe cats should be eliminated. The program is humane in that they trap, spay, neuter and release the cats.

Feral cats cannot be tamed. There are feeding shelters on campus. The cats still hunt but they look better. Capitol Humane Society provides pro bono altering services. This program has reduced the campus feral cats from 150 to 50. 80% of them

are altered. The life span of a feral cat is usually three years.

The cats are caught by live trap. They are given a rabies shot, checked for sores, etc. and altered. There are 20-30 cats altered a year. The website is huskercats.org.

UNITED WAY

The mission: To improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of the Lincoln and Lancaster County community.

Chad Hood, Assistant Resource Director of United Way says United Way has been in Lincoln for 88 years. In 1923 it was known as Lincoln Community Chest; in 1971 it was Lincoln Community Services and in 1976 it was changed to United Way.

The funding priorities are kids and crises. The national outcomes are education, income and

health. Collaborative funding is with 2-1-1, Community Learning Centers, Earned Income Tax Credit and LPS Conversations.

The 2011 goals include 94 readers, 73 tutors and 2,515 mentors.

In 1950, \$310,000+ was raised. In 2010, \$5,900,000+ was raised. Those receiving funding are paid quarterly. Corporations donate 24%, employee donations count for 70% and individuals/retirees donate 6%.



Dennis Lawler

The Annual Fund supported by Sertomans provides **SAFE**Ears! and *A Sound Investment* programming. It also provides 90, \$1,000 scholarships to two groups of people. The Deaf and Hard of Hearing scholarships are awarded to those with a significant hearing loss for undergraduate studies. The Communicative Disorders scholarships are awarded to those seeking a masters or doctorate degree in audiology and speech pathology. The Community grants provide funding for hearing screenings, new equipment and new programming for our affiliates with the Adopt-An-Agency program.

Pershing Concessions



**June 4
Fight Night**



**June 18
Roller Derby**

See Cathy for Details



We gave away 93 flags at our first ever Flag Trade/Sales sponsorship. We sold 7. Some of us became experts at folding the flags for the American Legion! Thanks to all who helped. The project was very well received!!

When people go through something rough in life, they say, "I'm taking it one day at a time." Yes, so is everybody. Because that's how time works.



Trail Pickup

MoPac Trail from 70th to Wedgewood Bridge

May 1-31

Harland Parrish

Superior Trail

May 1-31

**Harland Parrish
Ken Carlson**

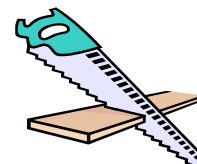


Cookies for Child Advocacy Center

June

Janet Odvody

(Confirm with Sally Karel)



Board Meeting

June 14

Dave Brown, Host

Northeast Sertoma



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Meet Thursdays
7:00 a.m.

HyVee Club Room
5010 "O" Street

Website: nesertoma.org

HUMOR



Job Interviews

Applicant ate all the candy from the candy bowl while trying to answer questions.

Applicant blew her nose and lined up the used tissues on the table in front of her.

Applicant wore a hat that said "Take this job and shove it."

Applicant threw his beer can in the outside trash can before coming into the reception area.

When our client's dog lapped up antifreeze, the veterinarian I work for ordered a unique treatment: an IV drip mixing fluids with vodka. "Go buy the cheapest bottle you can find," he told me.

At the liquor store, I was uneasy buying cheap booze so early in the day, and I felt compelled to explain things to the clerk. "Believe it or not," I said,

"this is for a sick dog."

As I was leaving, the next customer plunked down two bottles of muscatel and announced, "These are for my cats."



Southeast Community College

Fine Dining

June 2

6:30 at the Dining Hall

Cost \$22



Great Plains Regional Conference
August 11-13, 2011
Lincoln

Fearless is living in spite of those things that scare you to death.
Taylor Swift

Never harbor grudges; they sour your stomach and do no harm to anyone else.



Another successful earplug giveaway for May - Better Speech & Hearing Month.

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The reason volunteers aren't paid isn't because they're worthless, but because they are priceless.