



## April 2014 News Springing into Action!

### Join us for the LL Annual Meeting!

As members, you elect the board that has ultimate responsibility for our organization. Come to the annual meeting and receive our 2013 Annual Report, hear the latest news, meet the board and new candidates, and then vote for the 2013-2014 members.

There's news to share about new grants from the Lincoln Community Foundation and Woods Charitable Fund, new programs in place, and new challenges ahead. We'll have light refreshments and social time as well. Hope to see you there.

**Thursday, April 17th, 5:30 - 6:30 pm**  
**in the Flanagan Room, Madonna Hospital, 52nd & South Sts.**



### Spring Fundraiser's Done ... Time Now for Spring Cleaning

**Help Us Close the Gap By Clearing Your Clutter for Our LL  
Garage Sale**



We had a fabulous time at our March 21st "Speak Easy, Read Well" fundraiser. The period outfits were great (see Nikki Bates and Ben Rush at left for a couple of great examples!), the food, the music, the mood were all wonderful. Author Jeff McArthur gave a great presentation. Our thanks to all of you who took part. Still, when all was said and done, we still hadn't raised enough to cover our costs going forward. So, it's on to the next big thing.

We're planning to hold a festival and garage sale in our Lincoln Literacy parking lot later this spring. To make it a success, we'll need donations of gently used items that can attract buyers. If you'd like to clear out household items, including of course books, and you're willing to donate them, please let us know. If you need them picked up, we're willing to come to you. Thanks for all your support!

## TUTORS: THIS IN-SERVICE TRAINING SESSION IS FOR YOU!



Every month, we welcome new volunteers into the ranks of our tutors. But the orientation and couple of workshops we provide at that time are not the end of training by any means! Among the continuing support we offer are in-service workshops. If you've never been to one, I urge you to join us on Monday, April 21st. Not only will you gain new insights about effective tutoring, but you'll have a chance to meet fellow tutors and exchange ideas with them as well as give us your feedback. As you'll see, this month's a two-fer! -- Clayton Naff, Executive Director

### **"Ready, Set, Read! Reading Techniques for Tutors" & "Pronunciation 101 - Practice Can Be Fun!"**

Are you ready to share your great activities on reading and pronunciation with the rest of the group? Please e-mail your ideas to [vvelles@lincolnliteracy.org](mailto:vvelles@lincolnliteracy.org) before the In-Service, then plan to join us!

**When: Monday, April 21, 2014 6:00-7:45 p.m.**

**Where: First Lutheran Church - Chapel, 1551 South 70th St.**

**Why: Sharpen your skills, share your ideas, have a good time!**

RSVP to Victoria Welles at 402-476-7323, ext. 108, or [vvelles@lincolnliteracy.org](mailto:vvelles@lincolnliteracy.org)

## WHY IT MATTERS: GETTING SET FOR GIVE TO LINCOLN DAY

If you are reading this, chances are someone read to you when you were very young. That's an experience most of us take for granted, but it doesn't happen in every home. The most at-risk children in our nation are those who were born in another land and find themselves, along with their bewildered, struggling parents, in our community. At Lincoln Literacy we believe it is our obligation to give the whole family the lifelong gift of literacy. We cannot waste a generation of



talent, or condemn youngsters to failure in school while helping their parents learn English. That's why, even though it is costly, we provide van service for children to accompany their parents, and it's why we organize family literacy classes with certified teachers to work with the youngsters while their moms and dads study in our classes. Even though United Way generously supports those classes, to make our budget we must raise more. The best and biggest opportunity to do that is coming: Give to Lincoln Day, May 29th, 2014. Last year, we came in 14th out of 254 nonprofits in number of donors, and we raised more than \$20,000. We hope you'll plan to be a part it this year. We're making big plans for a big success. Stay tuned!

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