



SERVICE Above Self

Deb Rugg - President; Tom Conry – President-Elect; Gerri Kirchner - Vice President; Tom Brown - Treasurer;
Kermit Harden -Secretary
Board of Directors

John Dee, John Haltiwanger, Pam Hulten, Mike McCuskey, Roscoe Pershing, Doris Wenzel

<http://www.RotaryInUrbana.org> Club # 3294

Repartee for August 28, 2007

President [Deb Rugg](#) welcomed us to the August 28th meeting of the Urbana Rotary Club.

Greeter: [Steve Wattnem](#) introduced our:

Visitors: from Champaign—[Craig Rost](#)

Members with guest: [Dan Perrino](#) with guest [Marjorie Perrino](#); [Bill Volk](#) with guest [Beth Hutchens](#)

Make-ups: none

Thought for the Day: [Neal Merchan](#) provided two thoughts:

The surest way to be late for something is to have plenty of time

A man is blessed who is too busy to worry during the day and too tired to worry at night

Music: [Willie Summerville](#) led us at the piano. We sang happy birthday to July and August birthday celebrants.

Sergeant-at-Arms: [Ralph Langenheim](#) let us know it was his last day in August to serve as Sergeant generating many items of good news including:

[Ed Scharlau](#) reported bad news that Carol is in Carle; good news it is not life threatening

[Vicki Mayes](#) reported that Crystal Lake Park is shown as a top local attraction. She also invited us to participate in the Jazz Walk at Meadowbrook Park on Sept. 14.

[Gail Rost](#) announced milestones for her children—her daughter is starting her second year with Teach for America, son attending University of Missouri at Columbia, and youngest son is entering High School. She only has four more years of high school!

[Harry Clem](#) announced the celebration of his youngest grandson's first birthday complete with mashed birthday cake.

[Judy Maloney](#) confessed that she mistakenly took her name badge home and forgot to bring it back to wear at today's meeting.

[Willie Summerville](#) announced the attainment of 50% of goal for Safe House. \$10,000 has been raised.

[Rick Murphy](#) praised a double reed camp and the musical talents of our own [John Dee](#).

[Steve Shoemaker](#) reported the start of lectures at the YMCA on campus and the success of the Dump and Run with approximately \$23,000 raised.

[Ray Elliott](#) escorted an 85 year old vet to an anniversary gathering of the survivors of Iwo Jima.

[Mike McCuskey](#) paid extra because he wasn't here last week to give the invocation. He was having a physical with a famous doctor in Peoria—Dr. Ben Dover! (Don't you think we should fine him *next* week for that?!)

[Bill Volk](#), introduced Beth Hutchens as our youth study exchange student traveling to Venezuela for a full academic year. Beth just returned from 3 weeks in the Czech Republic where she was teaching English. We will look forward to a future presentation to hear Beth's impressions. Bill mentioned that his daughter also went to Venezuela on an exchange.

Both [Marjorie and Dan Perrino](#) were on hand as Marjorie was presented with her Paul Harris Fellow by District Governor [Richard Wagner](#).

Swami:

[Skip Pickering](#) chose all big ten schools and chose Missouri over Illinois. He said St. Louis is not a neutral site for the game because 80% of Missouri grads live there.

Announcements:

[Don Mason](#) presented the club with a flag from Blantyre, Malawi. Two unexpected results from his trip to Malawi is that Blantyre is interested in both a Group Study Exchange and a possible "sister city" relationship with Urbana.

[Gail Rost](#) is looking for volunteers for the Fluency program. Sessions will be held at King, Prairie, and Leal. [Bonnie Armbruster](#) will lead the sessions.

[Lissa May](#) seeks volunteers to help with writing the Reportee.

[Danny Perrino](#) invited us to sign up for “To Kill a Mockingbird” taking place at Parkland College on Oct. 5, 2007.

[James Quisenberry](#) announced a membership committee meeting immediately following next week’s Rotary meeting on Sept. 4.

Today’s Program:

[Assistant District Governor, Greg Gonda](#) introduced [District Governor Richard Wagner](#) for his official visit to the club.

- 1) Dick started his comments by reminding us to keep the Polio Plus project ever in our minds. He passed the hat to raise funds and Urbana Rotarians contributed \$265.
- 2) He encouraged us to participate in the Rotary Leadership Institute to be held in Decatur, Illinois. The institute will take place either Feb. 16 or Feb. 23, 2008 and it helps provide necessary information to our future leaders.
- 3) Sept. 27 is Membership and Foundation Day
- 4) District Assembly and team training will be at Parkland on March 1 and Lakeland on March 8, 2008
- 5) District Conference will be May 2-3, 2008
- 6) 5’Cs for Rotarians = Continuity, Commitment Cooperation, Communication, Continuing Education
- 7) Our own [Alvin Griggs](#) will be installed as District Governor on June 29, 2007
- 8) [Dick Wagner](#) encouraged our active participation in rebuilding the Community of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi damaged by Hurricane Katrina. \$20 million of a \$25 million goal has already been raised. Information on the disaster relief committee can be found on page 19 of the district handbook.
- 9) There is a new Paul Harris opportunity known as the Paul Harris Society. Recognition is given to those who contribute \$1000/year to Rotary.

Next Week’s Program:

[Vicki Mayes](#) will talk about the Urbana Park Centennial.

District Newsletter link:

<http://www.Rotary6490.org/Newsletter.cfm>