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For July 17, 2007

**Dan Perrino** provided an interlude of music as we all enjoyed our lunch prior to President **Deb Rugg** welcoming us to the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Urbana Rotary Club.

**Greeter:** **Neal Merchen** introduced our **visitors Pat Kovar and Kevin Yonce**.

**Thought for the Day:** **Ralph Langenheim** invited us to sit as he read from Rudyard Kipling's *Recessional*.

**Special Presentation:** President **Deb Rugg** presented Past-President **Mike Murphy** with an engraved clock in recognition of his year of service as our club leader. Thank you, Mike! Mike just returned from San Antonio and Houston and he remarked that they really know how to do summer down there!

**Music:** was lead by **Steve Shoemaker** with **Dan Perrino** at the piano and we sang "Take Me out to the Ballgame". Everyone was invited to insert the team of their choice where we would root-root-root for the home team!

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** **Tom Berns** generated many items of good news including:

A letter to the editor appeared in the July 16 News-Gazette written by our President, who just happens to be immune from fines for one year (and one year only)

**Ed Scharlau** wore a great tie that featured stock market ticker tape, a bull, and a bear in honor of the stock market topping the 14000 mark.

**Bob Mussey** announced the birth of his great-grandson in Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin.

[Al Griggs](#) just returned from a Rotary Youth Exchange Conference in Grand Rapids, MI, that he found inspirational. He said the students are full of wonderful, positive energy. Al is enjoying his District Governor-to-be training.

Please mark your calendars *today* for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual [Charlie Zipprodt](#) happy hour to be held next July 12, 2008. Details to follow but we want you to be sure to pencil in the date.

### **Announcements:**

[Carl Larson](#) wanted us to be aware that fellow Rotarian, [Paula Kaufman](#), lost her husband, Lorman Ratner. Visitation is today, July 17, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Renner-Wikoff Chapel, 1900 S. Philo Road, Urbana. There will be no other services. Memorials may be made to the U of I Library. Please see the News-Gazette for the complete obituary.

[Bill Hall](#) said that the Malawi Well Project includes a trip to Malawi at the participant's own expense. He invited us to be generous in our support to offset these travel expenses. Checks may be made payable to the Urbana Rotary Club with Malawi Trip Expenses in the memo line. Thank you for your support of this wonderful project.

[Kevin Yonce](#) was visiting our club from the Champaign Rotary Club. He had raffle tickets for a 50" television. Good luck to all who bought a ticket.

[Pat Kovar](#) announced the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Rotary Blood Drive. Please donate blood any time between July 17 and July 31 and mention that it is to be credited to Rotary. All donors earn credit for a make-up meeting.

[James Quisenberry](#) announced that the Basics of Rotary orientation meeting will be July 18, 2007 at the Urbana Country Club from 5:30 until 7:00. New members are invited to participate and we hope to see you all there.

[Gerri Kirchner](#) announced that the program committee was meeting right after today's club meeting. Call Gerri if you missed it and want to know what happened!

[Gail Rost](#) mentioned a Fashion Show fundraiser to be held July 24 at Silvercreek Restaurant featuring teachers from both sides of Wright Street Funds will benefit Champaign-Urbana Schools' Foundation. Clothing provided by Circles Boutique. . Please call Gail for further details.

[Deb Rugg](#) gave us the good news that with all the Murphy clan attending ballgames we have raised a total of \$532 for our book program. Barb Linder is busy ordering books.

**Reminder:**

**Champaign Rotary Club Golf Outing/Corn Roast Fundraiser** will take place July 23, 2007 at Lake of the Woods. Golf begins at 11:30 with a charge of \$35 per person. All are invited to the corn roast and fish fry (cost \$11) which begins at 5:30 that evening. Call Art Skelton at 352-8744 to sign up or request more information.

**Today's Program:**

[Judge Harry Clem](#) introduced [Dr. John Clarke](#), Assistant Dean of the College of Business, who spoke to us about the Hoeft Technology and Management Program. Begun in 1995, the program encourages collaboration between the two colleges of Business and Engineering. This year the program pulled from 120 qualified candidates to choose the final 50 participants. The aim is to prepare our business students with a broader background in engineering practices and accordingly to provide our engineering students with business capabilities. Leonard Hoeft initiated the program with an initial gift of \$1 million and the balance of the program needs were paid with outside funding. After Mr. Hoeft saw the way his gift was so ably stewarded he gave an additional \$6 million to fully endow this undergraduate program. A fully endowed undergraduate program is rare.

Students are chosen not only on their academic prowess but also on their ability to successfully collaborate, demonstrate leadership, and their commitment to the program.

Our corporate sponsors work closely with the program offering timely projects for the students to tackle. The companies provide funding to help meet the financial needs of the program. Sponsors include: John Deere, GM, Motorola, Eaton, Boeing, Honeywell, and State Farm Insurance.

The students end their program of study with a Capstone Project. One team went to Vietnam to conduct market surveys; another team helped Boeing develop the paint system for their newest 787.

Some areas of training include:

- Leadership development
- Site visits
- Dress for Success
- International trips
- Career development
- Corporate exposure
- Etiquette dinners
- Golf outings

The Dean of the College of Business has a strong desire to expose every business student to some international experience as part of their education.

There is some thought being given to developing the program into 4 years of undergraduate study followed by a one year master's degree option.

**District Newsletter link:**

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

**Next Week's Program:**

Steve Shoemaker will talk to us about Rotary in Turkey, Israel, and Palestine.