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### Repertee for Nov. 20, 2007

[Deb Rugg](#) welcomed us to the Nov. 20, 2007 meeting of the Urbana Rotary Club.

Thought for the Day: [Robert Mosborg](#) shared a Thanksgiving Prayer  
by Samuel F. Pugh

**Greeter:** [Robert Bender](#) introduced our guests and visitors:

Carbondale—[David Sharpe](#)

Champaign—[Mary Ann Tournoux](#) and [David Bernthal](#)

Champaign West—[Rachael Wright](#)

Illini After Five—[Laura Hill Johnston](#)

**Members with guests:**

[Michael Murphy](#) with [Jesse Thompson](#), Assistant Dean of Academic Programs at ACES

**Make-ups:**

[none](#)

**Music:** [Willie Summerville](#) at the piano led us in singing “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

**Announcements:**

[Rachael Wright](#) invited us to buy poinsettias from the Champaign West Club. Please order them by noon on November 21, 2007. She thanked us for supporting their Honduras project.

[Laura Johnson](#) from Illini after Five, will come next week to collect new or softly used shoes. Shoes for men are particularly welcome. She invited us to make up at their club. Meetings are held Thursday at 5:15 at Kennedy's.

[Chris Scherer](#) handed out Paul Harris information and invited every Rotarian to contribute every year. Please see Chris for details.

[Mike Murphy](#) is seeking a non-university volunteer to serve on an institutional animal care and use committee. Meetings are held once each month for a one year term. Members will oversee the use of animals in research, teaching, and outreach.

**Swami:**

[Skip Pickering](#) informed us that we finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Mahomet is #1 overall.

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** [Carl Webber](#) had the following volunteers share their jokes: [Judith Liebman](#), [Harry Clem](#), and [Howie Wakeland](#)

[James Quisenberry](#) announced tickets for a Holiday Housewalk followed by desserts at the Orpheum on Dec. 9, 2007. He will contribute \$5 to the shoe for every ticket sold to an Urbana Rotarian.

[Betsy Hendrick](#) put money in the shoe in honor of [Jesse Thompson's](#) visit. He uses a certain famous Urbana dormitory for his University events. [Betsy](#) also mentioned that she had a wonderful trip to Ireland and London.

[Moreland Herrin](#) celebrated his birthday on Nov. 14.

[Carl Webber](#) volunteered to collect coats to take to Good Will. Clean out your closets and bring to next week's meeting any coats that you would like to donate. He will provide you with an appropriate tax deduction form.

**Today's Program**

[Debbie Day](#) arranged for our guest speaker, [Dr. Andrew Fortier](#). [Debbie](#) is away on a trip in celebration of her birthday so [President Deb](#) introduced [Dr. Fortier](#) who is the special projects coordinator for the Illinois Transportation Archaeological Research Program. He shared slides and spoke to us about Pre-historical Illinois and its heritage and a special exhibit at the Krannert Art Museum that will be on display until June 1, 2008. This one-of-a-kind display shows artifacts uncovered over thirty years of excavations.



Photo by Betsy Hendrick

The display focuses on the way Native Americans, who likely came from Siberia approximately 30,000 years ago, understood the cosmos and depicted this understanding through their art. There are four main spaces in the cosmos consisting of the sky dome, the upper world, this world, and the underworld. When humans died they traveled to the underworld with assistance from animals that were comfortable both on the earth and in the water. These included animals such as: beavers, muskrats, turtles, frogs, ducks.

These animals are depicted in beautifully carved and executed pieces of art. The materials used were quite challenging to work with so the art represents a great deal of time and effort.

We saw an emblem of a spider. The spider was able to travel across the water and bring fire back to man so it was quite important.

The use of tobacco is a recurring theme and it was thought that tobacco served as a shield against evil and allowed communication with the upper world.

Dr. Fortier did mention that he could talk extensively about each of the artifacts. Twenty minutes was not nearly enough time. The photos alone were stunning so we encourage you to visit the exhibit and see the actual artifacts in person at the Krannert Art Museum now through June 1, 2008.

**Next Week's Program:**

[Jim Hire](#), Executive Director of the Eastern Illinois Food Bank will speak on "No One Should Be Hungry".

**District Newsletter link:**

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

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