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Repartee for Oct. 2, 2007

Deb Rugg welcomed us to the Oct. 2, 2007 meeting of the Urbana Rotary Club and thanked **Gerri Kirchner** for conducting the meeting last week.

Thought for the Day: **Mike McCuskey** invited us to consider the knowledge that comes from insight, foresight, and hindsight. He mentioned The War, now showing on PBS and that Ken Burns will be on the campus of Illinois State University. He then asked us to consider the significance of July 4, 1776 and the preamble to the Declaration of Independence which includes:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Greeter: **Mark Ingersoll** introduced our guests. Visitors included:

From Carbondale—**David Sharpe**. For those of you who may not know, David recently moved to Champaign-Urbana but is still a member of the Carbondale club. Please welcome him to our community.

Members with guests: **Don Uchtmann** introduced **Ella Bottini** and **Guilherme Signorini** of Sao Paulo, Brazil

Make-ups: none

Music: **Willie Summerville** and **Roscoe Pershing** led us in singing “A Helping Hand” in honor of our Rotary District and “Take Me out to the Ballgame” in honor of the Cubs.

Announcements:

[Gail Rost](#) encouraged volunteers to help with the Urbana Park District Chautauqua celebration. Please contact the park district if you are able to help.

[Chris Scherer](#) gave us the sad news that [Dan Perrino](#) is in the emergency room. No further details were available. Chris reminded us of the Parkland play on Friday, To Kill a Mocking Bird. The cost of \$15 per person is due to [Chris](#), [Kermit Harden](#), or [Tom Brown](#). Those attending will be able to pick up tickets at the theater. Dessert is at 6:30 and the play begins at 8:00.

[Ralph Langenheim](#) announced the annual Savoy Rotary Club pancake breakfast on Sat. Oct. 20, 2007 from 7:00-10:30 at the First Baptist Church in Savoy.

[Tom Conry](#) mentioned that [Coach Bruce Weber](#) will be the guest speaker at Savoy Rotary on Thursday, Oct. 25. If you would like to attend the meeting and plan to eat lunch while there, you **must** call to **make a reservation**. Please phone 344-8687.

CU Sunrise Rotary Club lost their sign-in sheet for the meeting of Sept. 20, 2007. If you attended that meeting please let them know so they can give you credit.

[Deb Rugg](#) has information from our District Governor [Dick Wagner](#). They are having an auction of jewelry to benefit the town of Bay St. Louis. Auction cards are available for \$20. Rotary members are able to participate in a pre-sale on Oct. 16-18 with the regular sale on Oct. 19-20. Please contact Deb for more info.

Swami:

[Joe Long](#) reported that we slipped from 1st place to 2nd place. Joe chose to go with all the Las Vegas picks with the exception of Kansas City over Jacksonville because his daughter lives in Kansas City and speaks well of the team.

Sergeant-at-Arms: [Carl Larson](#) proudly sent around two pictures of a successful fishing trip and then elicited the following from other members:

[Paul Luedtke](#) turns 78 today and gave the Rotary Foundation a check for \$100.

[Barry Weiner](#) also gave the Foundation \$100 and was happy for three things:

- 1) getting offered tickets for the Bronco game while in Colorado though unable to go because.....
- 2) his first grand-daughter was being born on the same day
- 3) Having a very good month in the real-estate market with eight major deals

[John Maloney](#) gave money in gratitude for his wife's help

[Anna Merritt](#) and [Debbie Day](#) had a wonderful three weeks in Greece. They lustily shouted "Yasoo"

[Judy Maloney](#) forgot her badge and cheerfully 'fessed up

[Gail Rost](#) gave to the shoe in honor of [Pam Hulten's](#) healthy baby boy born on Sept. 27, 2007.

In honor of today's program on geology our Jokemeister [Bill Volk](#) shared:

- 1) Old geologists never die, they just recrystalize
- 2) Never lend a geologist money—they consider a million years to be recent
- 3) What did the father volcano say to the mother volcano? Do you lava me like I lava you?
- 4) Geologists have their faults.
- 5) Batman and Robin were comparing rocks—Granite? No Shist!
- 6) A mushroom walks into a bar and the bartender asks him to leave. We don't serve your kind here. Why not, says the mushroom, I'm a fungi! (read fun guy) (okay, maybe you had to be there!)

Today's Program

[Brud Leighton](#) introduced our guest speaker, [Sallie Greenberg](#), from the Illinois State Geological Survey. Sallie thanked Rotary for sending her to Kobe, Japan on a professional exchange.

Sallie then spoke to us about Future Gen, a \$1 billion project for which Illinois is a finalist. The other state being considered is Texas.

The project involves carbon sequestration which is the process of removing carbon dioxide by pulling it outside its normal environment, isolating it, and then storing it. When dealing with energy issues we must try to achieve balance between the creation of energy, its impact on the environment, and resulting social issues. There is no single answer.

Illinois has considerable coal resources—211 billion tons of which 96 billion is available. This is enough to supply energy for 400 years. But in order to use coal we must manage the carbon dioxide that is produced—302 million tons/year.

Future Gen is a consortium of 13 energy companies charged with sequestration and storage. The idea is to store the carbon dioxide in the natural pores in spaces below the ground.

A decision on the choice of location for Future Gen is due at the end of November. The plant will then go into a design phase with construction due to be finished by 2012. Our many great universities and our natural geology helped us to be a finalist. They looked for a seismically stable location with adequate water and most importantly, community support. They will only go to a location that will enthusiastically embrace the project.

Stay tuned to learn if Illinois is successful in their bid.

Next Week's Program:

[Jolette Law](#), U of I Women's Basketball coach will speak about "Paint the Hall Pink"

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