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### Repartee for Oct. 9, 2007

Deb Rugg welcomed us to the Oct. 9, 2007 meeting of the Urbana Rotary Club.

**Thought for the Day:** Mark Ingersoll “to be free yourself you have to release everyone else”

**Greeter:** Ralph Langenheim introduced our guests. Visitors included:

Carbondale—David Sharpe

Champaign West—Rachael Wright

Champaign—Andre Harrington and Habeeb Habeeb

#### **Members with guests:**

Bob Bender with his wife of 48 years, Ann Bender

Betty Schultz with granddaughter Alexandra Lord, a ten year old basketball player

Al Griggs with Carol Mihina from the Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club

John Maloney with son, Brian Maloney

Mike Murphy introduced the new officers of the University Rotaract Club:

Megan Hanley-local project director, Missy Roon-Sec/Treas., Mimi Roon-President

#### **Make-ups:**

Champaign—Steve Shoemaker and John Maloney

**Music:** Willie Summerville and Roscoe Pershing led us in singing “This Land is Your Land” in honor of Columbus Day and “Hail to the Orange” in honor of our guest speaker.

#### **Announcements:**

Broadway Avenue in Urbana will be open to North Bound traffic only. South Bound is closed the rest of this week for the Chautauqua festival. Please plan to attend the festival.

[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.

[James Quisenberry](#) shared a South African newspaper article that featured our Ambassadorial Scholar [Lynsee Melchi](#)

[Chris Scherer](#) announced a Foundation meeting after next week's regular Rotary meeting, Oct. 16, 2007

[Dan Perrino](#) has arranged for a few tickets for LaBoheme. We will have a preview of the Opera at the Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Allow me to add a big **Thank You** to Dan for arranging the tickets for "To Kill a Mocking Bird" Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening and we were so happy that Dan and Marjorie were able to be there with us!

**Swami:**

[Rick Shoop](#) gave us the good news that we are back in 1<sup>st</sup> place. By the numbers we have 69.98 correct and the second place has 69.79 correct. Very close!

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** [Phil Knox](#) drummed up the following:

[Vicki Mayes](#) said that today is the actual 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Urbana Park District. She invited everyone to come out for the Chautauqua celebration this week.

[Roscoe Pershing](#) celebrated his birthday yesterday and wouldn't acknowledge his age but did contribute \$67 to the Foundation.

[Habeeb Habeeb](#) came to the US from Lebanon at age 17. When it was time for him to return, Lebanon was in the midst of a civil war. Later, when he became a US citizen, his friends sang "This Land is your Land". Our singing today reminded him of that special day in his life.

[Ed Scharlau](#) shared a new \$2 that he received in the mail though he declined to complete the accompanying survey

[Betsy Hendrick](#) pitched in for the feature on page 3 in the News-Gazette for Fire Safety Week. She nudged [Ed Scharlau](#) to contribute as a representative of Busey Bank. Ed cheerfully did so for all the interest Betsy paid over the years.

[Rick Murphy](#) put in \$20. \$1 for every expected win for the women's basketball team

[Mike Murphy](#) reported that his son ran the Chicago Marathon. He had 1.5 miles to go when they called the race due to heat. His son walked to the finish. Mike put \$3 in the shoe because he saved \$3 on water—they were out!

[Deb Rugg's](#) son also ran and completed the Chicago Marathon.

[Loren Bode](#) said the Cub's will have to do more than wait for next year—they will have to wait for the next century.

[Naomi Jakobsson](#) left the district for the first time in a long time to see her oldest son on his birthday.

[Lissa May](#) put extra in the shoe in honor of her parents' 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. (By the way, she wants everyone to know that she and [John Mudrick](#) are still married--She just uses Lissa May professionally!)

### **Today's Program**

[Tom Brown](#) introduced our guest speaker, [Jolette Law](#), head coach of the University of Illinois women's basketball team. She joined the staff on May 11, 2007. She was named to the University of Iowa's hall of fame and was the only female team member of the Harlem Globetrotters.

Jolette proudly wore the pink Midnight Madness t-shirt and invited us to all buy our \$7 pink t-shirt which is the ticket to the event. We will then **"Paint the Hall Pink"**.

She then acknowledged [Rick Murphy's](#) \$20 contribution to the shoe and stated her goal of 20 wins for the women this year. She has been asked, "how can someone so small talk so big?" and she replies that you have to "speak things into existence".

When she arrived her top priority was to put together an outstanding staff and she chose [Karen Middleton](#), [Tamika Louis](#), and [Patrick Klein](#) as her assistants.

She will emphasize academics which will take the members of her team far beyond their days on the basketball court and help them prepare for their futures.

She has a good group of young ladies. U of I was 4<sup>th</sup> in the big 10 and she wants to help us climb that ladder to a National Championship.

Jolette hopes to instill her passion and energy into the team every day. She encourages them to improve by one percent every day.

When she recruits she tries to strengthen areas that need attention and add good talent to the good talent already here. She also wants to keep every Illinois student athlete in this state. She feels perfectly positioned to recruit in the Midwest and doesn't feel she will have to go far beyond the region to fill her team. She says she has a good message and a lot to offer recruits. They have two locker rooms and their own practice facility. Recruiting should be easy.

Same games where she would particularly like to pack the house are:

Dec. 5 against Oklahoma

Jan. 21 against Iowa

Jan. 31 against Ohio State

Feb. 10 against Indiana

Also the Nov. 29 game against North Carolina, an away game

She encourages us to come to all the games and to bring three of our friends—fill the hall!

She was approached by Ron Guenther. She got the call on Wednesday, was on the plane Thursday, and by the next Tuesday was offered the job. She is thrilled with the opportunity and is glad to find a place she can call home.

**Next Week's Program:**

[Dave Leake](#), Director of the Parkland College Planetarium will speak on "What's New under the Stars?"

**District Newsletter link:**

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