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

Urbana Country Club – Tuesdays – Noon

### Upcoming Events:

There will be a Rotary District 6490 dinner on **April 9, 2008** at 5:30 with guest speakers [John Wright](#) and [Michael Smith](#). Donors please watch for your personal invitation.

The Rotary District Meeting is **May 2-3, 2008**. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

### Upcoming programs at Urbana Rotary Club

#### April 8, Next Week's Meeting

"Engineers Without Borders - UIUC Chapter" Stephanie Bogle, Projects Officer  
*Introduction by Tom Conry*

#### April 15

"Amish Weddings and Funerals" Rebecca Mabry, News Gazette reporter and book author  
*Introduction by Marilyn Kay*

#### April 22

"Realist Watercolor Painting" Donald Lake, Professor of Art and Program Director, Art & Design, Parkland College  
*Introduction by Louise Allen*

#### April 29

"Rotary on an International Level" Ed Mattson, member of the Rotary Club of Mishawaka, IN and Ambassador of Good Will for Humanitarian Services Rotarian Action Group  
*Introduction by Chris Scherer*

#### May 6

"Report on Urbana Schools" Urbana Rotarian Preston Williams, Urbana Schools Superintendent  
*Introduction by Gene Amberg*

#### May 13

High School Vocational Award Presentations  
*John Muirhead*

#### May 20

"Central Illinois WWII Stories" Kimberlie Kranich, WILL-AM-FM-TV Outreach Coordinator  
*Introduction by Lissa May*

## Repatee for April 1, 2008

**Deb Rugg** welcomed us to the Urbana Rotary Club and was happy to hear that we couldn't live without her for two weeks running.

**Greeter:** **Loren Bode** introduced our visitors:

From Champaign—**Habeeb Habeeb**, **Bradley Uken**, and **Craig Rost**

From Champaign West—**Mark Dixon** and **Joe Thompson**

From CU Sunrise—**Penn Nelson**

**Members with guests:** **Doris Wenzel** with guest, **Lavetta Ash-Simpson**

**Thought for the Day:** **Robert Bender** spoke of rules learned in kindergarten that last a lifetime.

**Music:** **Willie Summerville** was at the piano and **Roscoe Pershing** led us in singing “Grand ‘Ole Flag” and “the Rotary Four Way Test”

### **Announcements:**

Visitor **Joe Thompson** said that he won the dinner hosted by **Naomi Jakobson** and **Mike Frerichs**. The dinner took place last week and was proclaimed an absolute delight. He recommends that we offer this as a prize again this year.

**Willie Summerville** invited us to watch/listen to the members of OLLI and his choir perform this Sunday beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Canaan Baptist Church located at 402 W. Main in Urbana. All are welcome.

**Don Uchtmann** again shares the following:

Calling Urbana Rotarians!!! International Hospitality Opportunity

A Rotary Group Study Exchange team from South Korea is expected to arrive in the CU community April 19th (staying in a HOTEL that night) and subsequently staying in CU area Rotarian homes from Sunday night, April 20, through at least Thursday night, April 24th (and maybe through Friday or Saturday nights).

The Urbana Club has agreed to provide housing for ....

**Mr. Tae-Sung Lee** (a 24-year old male, and member of the Korea Electric Research Institute)

The Host Rotarian will need to provide overnight accommodations and related transportation in the mornings and evenings between the Rotarian's home and the daily pick up and drop off points but will not need to spend the day with the GSE team member.

Please advice Don Uchtmann, Chair of the Urbana Rotary International Hospitality Committee (Uchtmann@uiuc.edu), if you would like to host Mr. Lee for either three or six nights. Please specify your preference for ...

- a. The nights of Sunday, April 20, through Tuesday, April 22
- b. The nights of Wednesday, April 23, through Friday, April 25 (+ or – one night)
- c. All nights from Sunday, April 20, through Friday, April 25 (+ or – one night)

*We are especially in need of a host for the nights of Wednesday, April 23 through Friday, April 25.*

**Sergeant at Arms:** [Loren Bode](#) took good news from the club:

[Marshall Thompson](#) announced good results with some surgery.

[Diane Williams](#) daughter presented her first bill in Congress (she wrote it) and is shown as the contact for all questions.

[Louise Allen](#) was in Portland, Oregon and enjoyed visits with her children.

[Gail Rost](#) let us know the date for the Champaign Urbana School Foundation dinner which will take place on April 25, 2008.

[Marilyn Upah-Bant](#) informed us that this is International Education Week.

[Bob Mussey](#) offered two tickets to the Sinfonia de Camera at Krannert for a contribution of a couple dollars in the shoe.

[Mike McCuskey](#) came to town ten years ago and contributed a corresponding amount.

[Betsy Hendrick](#) finds the world to be a small place as she met someone in Ireland who works for a local engineering firm. He came to town and she enjoyed listening to some of his Irish Music at the Blind Pig.

**Today's program:** [Lee Melhado](#) introduced us to [Orly Castle-Bloom](#), author of "The Human Part", novelist and playwright from Israel.



Ms. Castle-Bloom began writing two days before her father's death and while she was expecting a baby. Her writing helps her cope with the harsh realities of life in Israel. She feels that everything is temporary: trends, thinking, behaving. Writing and the use of humor are her coping mechanisms. She uses a mixture of realism, fiction, and humor in her writing.

While growing up her parents actively discouraged her to learn Hebrew and she was surrounded by French. She is now fluent in both languages. She said that artists in Israel do their best to produce in a difficult environment. She feels that the publication of her first story was nothing short of a miracle and that she has been extremely fortunate in her career. She is recognized as an Influential Woman of Israel and has received prizes for her literature. She does not hold out hopes for an immediate peace and is afraid that resolution is still 100 years off. She said that Israel is still in despair but trying to overcome daily.

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