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### Repartee for Feb. 5, 2008

**Deb Rugg** welcomed us to the Feb. 5, 2008 meeting of the Urbana Rotary Club. This day was both Mardi Gras and Election Day!

**Thought for the Day:** **Wade Franklin** paraphrased Bill Clinton when he said there is no “us vs. them”—it is all “us” and if you don’t vote then you have nothing to complain about.

**Greeter:** **Mark Ingersoll** introduced our visitors and guests:

**Visitors:**

Champaign West—**Bob Scully**

**Members with Guest:**

**Peter and Joan Hood** with son, **Warren**

**Betsy Hendrick** with daughter, **Becky Rowe**

**Don Uchtmann** with wife, **Nancy**

**Make-ups:** none

**Music:** see program which was moved up so the oboe students could get back for a 1:00.

**Today’s Program:**

**Roscoe Pershing** introduced **John Dee** who is the Bill A. Nugent Endowed Professor of Performance Studies and Professor of Oboe for the School of Music at the University of Illinois. He came to us following a world-wide search and we are indeed lucky to have him in our community. He was Principal Oboe of the Florida Philharmonic Orchestra and the Florida Grand Opera Orchestra. For a full bio please visit <http://www.music.uiuc.edu/facultyBio.php?id=169>. He shared with us that in his teaching he stresses and builds on the individual talents and unique skills of each student. Five of his students volunteered to visit Rotary today to showcase their abilities. They are: **Tiffany Pan**, **Caitlin McGovern**, **Eric Van Buskirk**, **Melissa Morrow** and **Mickey Morgan**. John mentioned that playing the oboe is quite difficult and that the oboist is responsible for tuning the entire orchestra. We then enjoyed a performance from the Marcello Concerto by John Dee as a preview to the Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> concert at Krannert, followed by several movements played by his students.



Photos by: [Betsy Hendrick](#)

[James Quisenberry](#) presented our “red badge” wearers with their new “blue badges”. (I want to stress that this had nothing to do with the fact that it was Election Day!) Blue badges, signifying the completion of six months in Rotary as a new member, were given to:  
[Preston Williams](#), [Judith Maloney](#), and [Wade Franklin](#)

[Kermit Harden](#) assisted in presenting Paul Harris Fellows given to the following:  
[Warren Hood](#) by his parents, [Joan](#) and [Peter Hood](#)  
[Becky Rowe](#), on behalf of her husband [Mark](#), by [Betsy Hendrick](#)  
[Nancy Uchtmann](#) by her husband, [Don Uchtmann](#)  
[Carl Larson](#) by himself!

Please see the Urbana Rotary Club website for photos of the Paul Harris recipients. Betsy took some great shots.

**Announcements:**

[Dan Perrino](#) is organizing a group excursion to the Champaign-Urbana Symphony Concert, featuring Rotarian [John Dee](#) on the oboe, on Feb. 16. The cost is \$24 and payment can be made c/o Urbana Rotary and given to [Tom Brown](#) or [Kermit Harden](#).

[Anna Merritt](#) that Read across America is scheduled for March 8, 2008 at Lincoln Square. They are looking for suggestions on a place, preferably in Urbana, to be a recipient of a rocking chair and also seeking volunteers to read to children on that day.

Champaign West Rotary is having a social at Jim Gould’s on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

[Lee Melhado](#) announced the official opening of the new Hillel. There will be an Open House on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008 from 4-6:00 p.m. The center is located at 503 E. John in Champaign.

[Don Wendell](#) invited us to attend the District Assembly on Sat. Mar. 1, 2008 at Parkland. He is looking for volunteers to act as greeters or Sergeant at Arms. If you are able to help please arrive between 7:30 and 7:45 a.m. The Assembly will conclude at 1:45 p.m. Please contact Don for more information at: 355-9014 or [dwendel@insightbb.com](mailto:dwendel@insightbb.com)

[John Muirhead](#) again announced the First Annual Refugee Center Fundraiser Dinner to benefit the East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center to better serve our international community. Dinner will feature a wide variety of international cuisine at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at St. Patrick's Church, 708 W. Main St., Urbana, IL. Entertainment includes a Vietnamese Dragon Dance, Mariachi Band, and African Choir. Tickets are \$50 per person. Please contact John for more info at: [j.muirhead@insightbb.com](mailto:j.muirhead@insightbb.com) or event organizers at: [ecirmac@hotmail.com](mailto:ecirmac@hotmail.com) or by calling 217-344-8455.

[Preston Williams](#) announced a Cash Bash to raise money for Urbana High School. 300 tickets will be sold at a price of \$125 each. The grand prize is \$5000.

Volunteer wanted: Someone contacted me asking that there be a synopsis of the weekly Rotary report sent as email attachment as it takes up too much space when downloaded to individual computers. If anyone would like to volunteer for this please let Pres. Deb know and thank you.

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** [Carl Webber](#), who asked that the Sergeant-at-Arms not fall into the mundane section of the agenda!

[Harry Clem](#) thanked his co-chair for a successful Martin Luther King event.

[Sam Banks](#) was happy to learn of Bobby Knight's retirement and was just disappointed that he waited until Sam was no longer officiating.

[Roscoe Pershing](#) contributed for the privilege of introducing John Dee.

[Kathleen Holden](#) announced that OLLI is in full swing and, to date, has 300 members.

[Lee Melhado](#) gratefully contributed in celebration of life as she was inadvertently given five times the proper dosage of her allergy medication.

[Preston Williams](#) celebrated the fact that five of the eight schools made the honor roll in 2007.

[Carl Larson](#) thanked [Rick Murphy](#) for generously contributing to Carl's Paul Harris during their frequent probability sessions.

[Doris Wenzel](#) announced that 10 Sisters is now playing across the country.

**Next Week's Program: February 12- Poetry Reading by [John Bennett](#)**

*Introduction by [Dan Perrino](#)*

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