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

Repatee for Jan. 29, 2008

Deb Rugg welcomed us to the Jan. 29, 2008 meeting of the Urbana Rotary Club.

Thought for the Day: **Steve Wattnem** asked what we would like to accomplish through Rotary this year.

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

Visitors: Champaign—**James Keene**; Champaign West—**Rachael Wright** with guest **Brittani Fryer**; and Sunrise—**Ibulaimu Kakoma** and his son, whose name means peacemaker.

Members with Guest: **Don Uchtmann** with **Marcello Monteiro**

Make-ups: **Clyde Forrest**, Merritt Island, FL

Music: We were treated to the Brazilian National Anthem in honor of our visitor, **Marcello Monteiro**.

Announcements:

Dan Perrino is organizing a group excursion to the Champaign-Urbana Symphony Concert, featuring Rotarian **John Dee** on the oboe, on Feb. 16.

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

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 or event organizers at: ecirmac@hotmail.com or by calling 217-344-8455.

[Ralph Langenheim](#) reminded us to vote in the primary election next Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008, and that we should be sure to read and complete the full ballot. He also mentioned that you can vote early at Brookens on East Washington in Urbana with no questions asked.

Sergeant-at-Arms: [Steve Wattnem](#)

[Mike Murphy](#) became a grandfather to a baby girl. She weighed >9 pounds 4 ounces

[Sam Banks](#) was featured in the News-Gazette. He has taken a position in Chicago and will be leaving the community after 25 years. Sam, you will be missed.

[John Maloney](#) contributed in Sam's honor as Sam was his Rotary sponsor.

[Doris Wenzel](#) contributed in Sam's honor because he gave her granddaughter a job.

[Betsy Hendrick](#) contributed in Sam's honor because she appreciates all he has done.

[Gail Rost](#) contributed because she was with him the night he was offered the new position and he never let on.

[Jon and Judith Liebman](#) appeared in the Jan. 24, 2008 News-Gazette. They became members of the Colwell Society and were recognized for their generous gift to Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. Jon said they had a little left over and happily contributed to the shoe.

New Member:



[Al Griggs](#) introduced our newest member—[Carol Mihina](#). Welcome to Urbana Rotary, Carol!

Photo by: [Betsy Hendrick](#)

Today's Program:

[Dan Perrino](#) introduced [Robin Kearton](#), Director of the new Community Center for the Arts, located in Urbana. Robin invited us to think of a world filled with art everywhere we looked and how wonderful that would be. She shared with us how a brainstorming session led to the creation of the new art center. The center has grown to over 150 students from a wide cross-section of the population. Please go to <http://www.c-4a.org> for more detailed information. Robin played the fiddle to conclude her presentation.

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Next Week's Program: [John Dee](#) will give a preview performance of his Feb. 16th concert with the CU Symphony at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts

--written by: [Lissa May](#)

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