



The Rotary Club of Elmhurst *District 6450*
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April 6, 2023

Say It Aint So, Joe

For the second time in two years, Joe Weigel won our fundraiser's Split-the-Pot raffle, this time sharing \$4,775 with the club. One could question this unusual turn of events but then our weekly raffle has twice gone down to the wire (once using all 52 cards in the deck and just recently using all but five cards). Random number generators are, after all, *random*. Thus far, the fundraiser has netted over \$21,000 and more came in at today's meeting.

There is still time to donate using the fundraiser website (<https://RotaryElmhurst.givesmart.com>) or by writing a check payable to "**Elmhurst Rotary Charitable Trust**" and sending it to Rotary Club of Elmhurst, PO Box 147, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

Thanks to everyone who donated auction items and bought raffle tickets. Kudos to the fundraiser committee and especially Mary Beth Harper who managed the fundraiser website and loaded all the information.

Opening

We were joined today by a representative of the Rotaract Club and three members of the Interact Club, the first time all three Elmhurst Rotary Clubs were represented at the same meeting.

Longtime Elmhurst Rotarian Don Alexander was able to join us today, accompanied by daughter and Paul Harris Fellow, Vanessa Clohessy.

As our meeting began following a delicious lunch at York High School's La Brigade culinary center, president Mary Beth aptly chose the thought for the day from Chef Jose Andres, "We are all citizens of the world. What's good for you, must be good for all. If you are lost, share a plate of food with a stranger... you will find who you are."

Due to our off-site meeting location today, normal club routine was jettisoned and good conversation flowed before, during, and after the fine meal

prepared and served by York High's culinary students.

Not only was the menu of chopped salad, beef sliders, rocket slaw and apple crisp with ice cream wonderful, decorations around the room included depictions of a juke box, a table of burgers and fries, a pay telephone, etc. Topping it off was a boom box playing oldies from the '50s. It was nostalgia city.

Culinary students introduced themselves following lunch and we learned where the seniors in the group were headed after graduation. Great show!

Announcements

Brenton Russo thanked the club for donations made to the Rotaract Club's Easter basket project. A total of 45 easter baskets were prepared.

Garry Vaccaro reminded us that the Elmhurst Art Museum needs 30 to 35 helpers for the Art in the Park event May 6 and 7. About 125 exhibits are expected. Ask Garry for a more detailed flyer.

Interact members have been busy sewing pillows for use after breast cancer surgeries and are in the process of choosing a charitable effort to sponsor with the fundraising money made in this current school year.

A Bags Tournament to raise funds for the Elmhurst Park District Foundation will be held from 6 to 10 pm April 22 at the Centennial Recreation Center, 155 E. St. Charles Road.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

4-13 Classification talk: Al Spada
4-20 Call Mary Beth with your program suggestions

Finer-THOUGHT FOR THE DAY-

4-13 Dave McKenna
4-20 Jody Robinson

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Jenifer Jones - Canada

District 6450 District Governor

Ade Onayemi- Oak Park-River Forest

Rotary Club of Elmhurst Officers

President	Mary Beth Harper
President-Elect	Frank Troost
Secretary	Bob Villiard
Treasurer	Jim Clohessy
Past-President	Brian Bergheger
Directors	Marilyn Boria
	Bill Sakash
	Joe Nichele
	Eli Turnbough

<u>Member</u>	<u>Spouse</u>	<u>Classification</u>
Alexander, Don	Jody	Retired-Finance
Bartels, Ken	Marge	Civic Leader
Bergheger, Brian	Carol Doyle	Retired-Museum Director
Boria, Marilyn	Phil	Retired-Library Director
Cahill, Valerie	Hal	Risk Mgmt. Director-YMCA
Carroll, Larry	Carlotta	Post-Secondary Education
Clohessy, Jim	Vanessa	Accounting-Small Business
Gorski, Maryann	Ron	Resident Artist
Harper, Mary Beth	Jim	Library Director
Hill, Collin	Megan	Retail Jewelry
Hostetler, Harry	Marie	Retired-Manufacturer
Howard, Bob	Karen	Attorney
Kopecky, Rob	Cheryl	Retired Photographer
Kosik, Marilyn		Residential Real Estate
Kunesh, Dan	Paula	Industrial Supply Distribution
Laliberte, Charlie	Betty	Education-Children UP-Uganda
Libovicz, Elaine		Retired-City Treasurer
Lyman, Bill	Linda	Retired-Railway Management
Mason, Rachael		Business Services – Pub. Library
McKenna, Dave	Tammy	Home Construction
Mehta, Shazad		Auto Repair Service
Merrill, C. J.	Alice	Retired-Music Educator
Nichele, Joe	Kelly	Attorney
Nilles, Joe		Property Management
Pitz, Arthur	Suzanne	Retired-International Relations
Robinson, Jody	John	Financial Planner
Sakash, Bill		Retired-Industrial Distribution
Shanklin, Bill		Retired-Packaging
Slone, Joyce	Russ Weigand	Commercial Real Estate
Spada, Al	Beth	Non-Profit Management
St. Laurent, Greg	Brenda Lee	Retired-Retail Packaging
Studebaker, Scott	Mary	Healthcare Development
Sukowicz, Mark	Joan	Accounting
Troost, Frank	Patricia	Retired-Monument Company
Turnbough, Eli		Funeral Director
Tyburski, Susan	Paul Weisel	Hospital Development
Vaccaro, Garry	Debra	Warm Coats for Cool Kids
Villiard, Bob	Becky	Retired-International Logistics
Weigel, Joe	Aileen	Commercial Lending

THE ROTARY CLUB OF ELMHURST meets for lunch at 12:00 noon at the *Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Avenue*, Elmhurst, followed by a program and ending by 1:30pm. **Lunch is catered except for a beverage.** The BrewPoint Coffee bar, located just inside the Library, has a limited supply of drinks in addition to coffee *your way*.

THE FOUR WAY TEST of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
- No. 5: "Is it any fun"? [Ted Arey]

"Rotary International is the world's leading humanitarian service organization", Cliff Lyda, Past Pres. of Elmhurst Rotary & Past District 6450 Governor.

Rotarians at today's meeting: 17

Sign up with Bob Villiard to help distribute food from the UCCA mobile food pantry Saturday, **May 13**.

2023-24 officer installation: **June 22**, (evening meeting).

Polio-Plus Society members: If you haven't sent in your \$100 pledge for the 2022-23 Rotary year you still have time. If the Rotary website baffles you, just write a check to "**The Rotary Foundation**" and give or send it to Bill Lyman who will finish the paperwork and get it in. Thank you!

Used clothing drive for donation to the Salvation Army: clothes (used but not ripped, torn, dirty or with broken zippers or missing buttons)

purses

hats

gloves

belts

shoes

coats

blankets

towels

Items must be clean and bagged and dropped off at:

Bob Villiard's home-- 285 S. Cottage Hill, Elmhurst, on

Saturday, April 22, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Bob will have Salvation Army tax receipts for donations.

Send announcements (and corrections) for next week's F.U.S.E. to

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