



The Rotary Club of Elmhurst *District 6450*
Fellowship – Understanding – Service – Ethics
www.elmhurstrotary.org

May 4, 2023

Opening

Visitor today: Suzanne Pitz, spouse of Art, and part of today's illuminating program.

Last week's guest was Robert Singer, friend and fellow Tau Kappa Epsilon brother of Frank Troost.

Brian Bergher's thought for the day:

"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little." Franklin D. Roosevelt

The fishbowl yielded Brian's ticket today but the jack of spades he drew did not hit the real money.

Brian then proceeded to fine us with more baseball trivia today, from the changes in the 1887 rulebook to more recent changes of shortening the distance between bases (4 1/2 inches), lowering the height of the pitcher's mound (five inches), and the reason for changing the baseball's skin from horse hide to cow hide (cost), and more. In a word, horsefeathers...

Announcements

Speaking of baseball, Rotary Day at the White Sox is July 28. Order tickets at Rotary6450.org.

At least four Elmhurst Rotarians are attending **District Conference this Saturday**, from 10 am to 4 pm. Register at www.rotary6450.org. You can learn more about what you can do as a Rotarian and participate in a food packing service project for The Outreach Program. Rotarians having fun while doing good.

Bob Villiard needs one more volunteer for the **UCCA food distribution** service project at the Churchville School parking lot on Saturday, May 13 from 9:15 – 11:15 a.m. Make sure you have signed up with Bob at <robert.villiard71951@gmail.com>. Wear your Rotary gear!

2023-24 officer installation: June 22 (evening meeting – no noon meeting).

Memoria Day Parade: Frank Troost is organizing our club's entry in the parade with Interact and Rotaract members riding in classic cars.

Elaine Libovicz will be receiving an award presented by Mayor Levin on Wed., May 17, 6 p.m. at the Elmhurst Art Museum. All are invited.

Program

Art and Suzanne Pitz described their White Field Partners not-for-profit corporation that encourages development, humanitarian work, and social justice initiatives primarily in Sierra Leone, West Africa. As Suzanne said, Sierra Leone is a place where the adage "Change a child, change a nation" is still applicable. Two thirds of workers earn \$1 a day. Childbirth is the primary cause of death in young women. Much can be done to improve these issues.

White Field has enabled the drilling of good water wells, has found safe families for 23 children, and seen the local production of Days for Girls kits to help girls avoid missing school during menstruation. Art and Suzanne team up with reliable local residents to further the cause of developing physical infrastructure, economic development and education.

As an aside, Rotarians especially appreciated seeing the video of Art dressed in a chief of chiefs suit, dancing with a chief during an appreciation ceremony in rural Sierra Leone. Who knew?

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

5-11
5-18 Business meeting

Finer-THOUGHT FOR THE DAY-

5-11 Joyce Slone
5-18 Frank Troost

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 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 Wcisel	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: 19

Polio Plus Society members, there is still time to send in your annual donation to help eliminate polio in the world. Make your \$100 check payable to The Rotary Foundation and give it to Bill Lyman who will finish the paperwork. You can also use the Rotary International website: touch "donate" and then select "Polio Fund."

Send announcements (and corrections) for next week's F.U.S.E. to wclyman2@gmail.com