



The Rotary Club of Elmhurst *District 6450*

Fellowship – Understanding – Service - Ethics

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Opening

With President Harper on vacation, president-elect Troost got off to a rapid start this afternoon, calling the meeting to order at 12:12 before Elaine had time to finish her lunch. Never mind; after hearing about President Eisenhower's desire to have "under God" added to the pledge, it was full speed ahead.

Thought for the Day: Ken Bartels told the story of the mother cabbage and the brussel sprout, with the sprout asking mother cabbage how much he should grow. The response: Quit while you're ahead....

While waiting for last minute split the pot ticket sales, Frank announced that next year (July 1, 2023), we would have decent dinnerware and sturdy plates for our lunch meetings.

Bill Sakash had the winning split-the-pot ticket but came up short when he drew the 3 of spades from the deck (27 cards remain in the deck).

Following the lead of our president-elect stating that his administration would return to some of the club's finer traditions (singing excepted) Finemaster Ken fined those not wearing the Rotary pin, not being on time, not wearing a name badge and, most intriguing, making sure that the president got fined for an (in)significant or otherwise arbitrary act at every meeting. As P-E, Frank got off easy at \$10.

Program-Business meeting

Lacking a quorum, our Board did not meet. Frank did poll the club about returning to meals at every meeting rather than just the first two Thursdays of the month. A large number raised a hand in favor of 'meals on wheels'. Our Board will determine how much dues would increase before deciding.

Learning that our meeting had no program, former history teacher Joe Nilles stepped forward with a riveting story, asking who we considered America's

greatest military commander. Several good suggestions were mentioned but Joe made the case for Benedict Arnold. Yes, the same Benedict Arnold that ended up a traitor in the Revolutionary War.

Arnold was a great strategist and a fighter who was greatly valued by General Washington, and a hero in several engagements that left him wounded and ultimately released from service. Later asked to command the fort at West Point, Arnold accepted but had already been passed over for promotion. That, and marrying a young loyalist led Arnold to ultimately betray Washington, arguably becoming our most famous traitor.

But as Joe explained, it was largely Arnold's efforts at blocking the British Navy on the Hudson River and later nearly winning the Battle of Quebec that convinced the French to join in aiding the colonists against the British. Arnold narrowly escaped to Canada and ultimately to London where he died in 1801, having outlived Washington.

Announcements

NEXT WEEK: We meet at Park Place at noon, preceded by a Butterfly Committee meeting at 11 am. Scott Studebaker promised a great meal despite Elaine's *delicate* but succinct criticism. Directions to the Park Place meeting will be forthcoming.

Volunteers will meet at Churchville Middle School at 9:15am this Saturday (Aug. 20) to package and deliver food to UCCA food recipients. Wear your Rotary gear (caps, pins, *Rotarians at Work* shirts, etc.). We should be done by 11:30.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

8-25 **Park Place (road trip; lunch will be provided)**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY-FINEMASTER

8-25 Marilyn Boria (Thought for the Day only)

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

Road Trip: Next Thursday's meeting will be at Park Place, 1050 Euclid, Elmhurst. **Lunch will be served.**

16: The number of Rotarians at today's meeting.

Elmhurst Rotarians are invited to attend a GATX Corporation employee event at 3 pm Tuesday, Sept. 13 regarding the Butterfly project. GATX is a railroad car leasing company and owner of the boxcar decorated in a monarch motif. Rotarians are also invited to dinner with KCS and GATX following the employee event. See Bill Lyman for details.

Watch the WGN Butterfly interview at the following site:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RVDqOF9-IJA>

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

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 ending at 1:30pm. **On the 1st & 2nd Thursdays, the club provides lunch. Bring Your Own Lunch on 3rd, 4th, & 5th Thursdays.** Note: if you forget to bring a lunch on those days, the BrewPoint Coffee bar, located inside the Library, has a limited supply of snacks and drinks in addition to coffee.

--Reminder: Bring your own beverage for lunch.

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

- Is it the TRUTH?