



The Rotary Club of Elmhurst *District 6450*

Fellowship – Understanding – Service - Ethics

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Opening

Our club welcomed new member Marilyn Kosik, former member of the Elmhurst Morning Rotary club. An Elmhurst realtor, we'll hear more about Marilyn when she gives her classification talk three weeks from now.

Marilyn brought us former US Senator Bill Bradley's words: "Respect your fellow human being, treat them fairly, disagree with them honestly, enjoy their friendship, explore your thoughts about one another candidly, work together for a common goal and help one another achieve it. No destructive lies. No ridiculous fears. No debilitating anger." He should have been a Rotarian.

Frank Troost had the winning split-the-pot ticket but has draw of the jack of spades wasn't even close. More money for Polio eradication!

Finemaster Marilyn gave us a multiple choice food quiz including such delectable trivia as Midwesterners eating more ice cream than anyone else, lasagna originating in Greece, only 20% of people drink their coffee black, ad infinitum. We know you are still a librarian at heart, but really, Marilyn, do you expect us to believe that broccoli has more vitamin C than an orange has?

Rob Kopecky now has the ticket package for the Oct. 8 presentation of *Wicked*. The group package is making a few more tickets available. Please contact Rob (rob.kopecky@icloud.com) if you would like to join the group, including dinner at Petterinos before the show.

Program

Charlie Laliberte, founder and General Director of Children Up gave a brief history and described current success stories, complete with slides.

Children Up began in 2007 after a trip to central Africa. The organization enables rural students to complete four years of secondary education, school years *not* funded by the Ugandan government.

During the 83 weeks of Covid-induced school closure, Children Up gave students cell phones and solar batteries and hired teachers to teach by phone meetings.

Students are selected from a poor rural area where there is little assistance available for students. Speaking in a red T-shirt sporting the Children-Up logo, Charlie mentioned that the organization continues to grow, and will add ten students to last year's 57. (Children Up will not add students until \$6,000 is in the bank for each new student thereby guaranteeing full funding for secondary school.)

Charlie will be retiring as Director of Children Up this fall but will still be volunteering his services. He is rightfully proud of Children Up alumni, including a newly graduated medical doctor and an ITT engineering student with a 4.0 GPA. Congrats!

Announcements

For those attending the Oct. 8 production of *Wicked*, ticket charges will be on your next dues invoice.

Rob Kopecky and Jody Robinson received their District 6450 Polio Plus charter member pins today.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- 7-14 Three Pillars Initiative- Valeri Cahill
- 7-21 Business meeting
- 7-28 Classification Talk &/or Grant Recipient

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

7-14 Bill Shanklin
7-21 Frank Troost
7-28 Ken Bartels

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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?
 - 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.

Bring a guest: Lunch will be furnished next Thursday, July 14.

19: The number of Rotarians at today's meeting

Have you noticed the Doggie Bag our president-elect brings with him? He claims it is to keep his bring-with drink cold but the truth is he *really likes* Mangia Napoli's left-over pizza.

The conversation at one table today centered on generational changes in music styles and brought comparisons of Elvis, rap, rock & roll, and *Lawrence Welk*. **Lawrence Welk? Are you kidding?** Well, in Welk's defense you can still see his shows on today's TV. Will rap have that longevity?

Not a whole lot of takers for the white pine saplings offered at today's meeting but the two kayaks Art Pitz was offering were snapped up right away.

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