



The Rotary Club of Elmhurst *District 6450*  
**Fellowship – Understanding – Service – Ethics**  
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**August 17, 2023**

**Opening**

Thought for the day: "There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America." (President William Jefferson Clinton)

C J Merrill mentioned the Secret Service code name for each president and asked us to name the President, with a \$1 fine for each incorrect answer. Then he named almost every president's code since FDR. Most of us capitulated at \$5. Some code names seemed more relevant (General for Harry Truman) than others (Celtic for Joe Biden). We also learned that the code name for each first lady usually begins with the same letter as her spouse's code name, as in Eagle for Pres. Clinton and Evergreen for first lady Hillary. Evergreen??

Joe Weigel's ticket came out of the fishbowl today but he had to tear up the 9 of spades he drew from the deck.

**Business Meeting**

Our Board of Directors voted unanimously to present to the club a revision to our club's bylaws, last revised in December 2011. **Each member will be provided a copy of the proposed bylaws with this issue of the F.U.S.E.** and asked to vote on them at the club's September 21 meeting where a quorum will be necessary. The bylaws must be approved by two-thirds of those present.

President Frank described the Board's concerns with the needs of the youth at Elm Court Apartments, the immigrant community living just north of Grand Avenue and west of York Street in Bensenville, an area that is part of Elmhurst School District 205. **His questions:** 1- What can we Rotarians do to help the plight of these young families who are essentially in a fenced-in desert? 2- Do you have suggestions or ideas? If so, call or send them to Bob Villiard ([Robert.villiard71951@gmail.com](mailto:Robert.villiard71951@gmail.com)).

For his work in researching the needs of the children

of these families, President Frank named Bob Villiard **Rotarian of the month.**

**Winter Gathering:** President Frank has headed up this annual tradition for at least the past three years and needs some relief. **Who will volunteer?** Get on this quickly, Rotarians, December venues book up early.

When President Frank asked the club if they wanted entertainment at the Winter Gathering, a past president replied, "You're entertaining enough." That same person had the temerity to correct Frank's reference to our city as a "village".

Rachael Mason "volunteered" to work with the city (not the "village") on the city's blog post project. Thanks, Rachael.

When asked who would be bringing a guest next week to hear Jim Rogers give an update on our Park District, four Rotarians raised their hands!

Feeling a void in the meeting today, our president described the recent theft of his wife's 2022 Jeep Cherokee Summit from their garage. In the myriad of details surrounding this caper, we learned that it does not pay to leave your Chevrolet Traverse in the driveway, unlocked, with the garage door opener to get to the target vehicle. It led to a policeman knocking on the door at 3:00am asking why the garage was open. After incurring Tollway charges and a redlight camera violation, the car disappeared. There was more, but you get the idea.

Corn Fest: The United Methodist Church in Addison is sponsoring a fundraiser for the Addison Food Pantry from 11 am to 5pm Sunday. Tables for vendors and crafters are available for \$20.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

8/24 Jim Rogers: What's Happening at the Park District.  
**BRING A GUEST**

8/31 Exec. Dir. of the Elmhurst Walk-in Assist. Network  
**Finer-Thought for the Day:**

8/24 Marilyn Kosik

**ROTARY 2022-2023****Create Hope in the World****Rotary International President**

Gordon McInally - Scotland

**District 6450 District Governor**

Connor Gee – Chicago (and Elmhurst)

**Rotary Club of Elmhurst Officers**

President	Frank Troost
President-Elect	Marilyn Boria
Secretary	Bob Villiard
Treasurer	Jim Clohessy
Past-President	Mary Beth Harper
<b>Directors</b>	Dave McKenna
	Art Pitz
	Eli Turnbough
	Garry Vaccaro

<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Spouse</u></b>	<b><u>Classification</u></b>
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

**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.*

Charlie Laliberte, not a fan of Andy Warhol, nevertheless enthusiastically recommended a spectacular Warhol exhibit currently at College of DuPage.

**Bylaws begin on page 3.**

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

**PROPOSED Bylaws of the Rotary Club of Elmhurst**  
**Revised August 2023**

**Article 1 - Definitions**

1. Board: The board of directors of this club.
2. Director: A director on this club's board.
3. Member: A member, other than an honorary member, of this club.
4. Quorum: The minimum number of participants who must be present when a vote is taken: one-third of the club's members for club decisions and a majority of the directors for club board decisions.
5. RI: Rotary International.
6. Year: The 12-month period beginning 1 July.

**Article 2 - Board**

The governing body of this club is its board of directors, consisting of the president, immediate past president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer and four members elected at large.

**Article 3 - Elections and Terms of Office**

Section 1 — One month before elections, members nominate candidates for president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and director as needed. The nominations will be presented by a nominating committee (appointed by the President) and by members from the floor. The vote will be taken no sooner than 2 weeks after the slate of candidates has been distributed to the membership.

Section 2 — The candidate who receives a majority of the votes for each office is declared elected to that office.

Section 3 — If any officer or board member vacates their position, the remaining members of the board will appoint a replacement.

Section 4 — If any officer-elect or director-elect vacates a position, the remaining members of the board-elect will appoint a replacement.

Section 5 — The terms of office for each role are:

**President                      one year**

**President-elect              one year**

**Treasurer                    three years**

**Secretary                     three years**

**Board Members at Large 2-year staggered terms**

**Article 4 Duties of the Officers**

Section 1 — The president presides at club and board meetings.

Section 2 — The immediate past president serves as a director on the club board and may be asked to preside at club and board meetings when the president is absent.

Section 3 — The president-elect prepares for his or her year in office, serves as a director and may be asked to preside at club and board meetings when the president is absent.

Section 5 — A director attends club and board meetings.

Section 6 — The secretary keeps membership and attendance records.

Section 7 — The treasurer oversees all funds and provides an accounting of them.

### **Article 5 Meetings**

Section 1 — An annual meeting of this club is held no later than 31 December to elect the officers and directors who will serve for the next Rotary year.

Section 2 — This club meets as follows on Thursdays at Noon at an agreed upon location. Reasonable notice of any change or cancellation of the regular meeting will be given to all club members.

Section 3 — Board meetings are held each month. Special meetings of the board are called with reasonable notice by the president or upon the request of two directors.

### **Article 6 Dues**

Annual club dues are \$ . They are paid billed and paid quarterly. Annual club dues include RI per capita dues, subscriptions to an official magazine, district per capita dues, club fees, and any other Rotary or district per capita assessment.

### **Article 7 Method of Voting/Quorum**

Section 1 - The business of this club usually is conducted by voice vote or a show of hands. The board may also provide a ballot for a vote on some resolutions.

Section 2 — A quorum of the board shall be 5 members.

Section 3 — A quorum of the membership shall be a majority of those present at a meeting OR a majority of those voting by written ballot.

### **Article 8 Committees**

Section 1 — This club's committees are decided by the Board and appointed by the President.

Section 2 — The president is an ex officio member of all committees.

Section 3 — Each committee's chair is responsible for the regular meetings and activities of the committee, supervises and coordinates its work, and reports to the board on all committee activities.

## **Article 9 Finances**

Section 1 — Before each fiscal year starts, the board prepares an annual budget of estimated income and expenditures.

Section 2 — The treasurer deposits club funds in a financial institution or institutions designated by the board, divided into two accounts: one for club operations and one for service projects.

Section 3 — Bills are paid by the treasurer or another authorized officer and approved by designated signers.

Section 4 — A qualified person conducts a thorough annual review of all financial transactions.

Section 5 — Club members will receive an annual financial statement of the club. Monthly financial reports will be available if requested.

Section 6 — The fiscal year is from 1 July to 30 June.

## **Article 10 Electing and Removing Members**

Section 1 - A member of this club or another club proposes a candidate for membership to the board and/or the membership committee. Information on the proposed member is distributed to the membership. Any member concerns should be expressed to the Board. Proposed members must be of good character and subscribe to the Rotary motto of Service Above Self.

Section 2 — The board approves or rejects the candidate's membership within 30 days and notifies the proposing member of its decision.

Section 3 — If the board approves the candidate's membership, the prospective member is invited to join the club.

Section 4 — The membership of members who fail to conduct themselves or their business in accordance with the principles and ethics of Rotary may be terminated by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors at a meeting called for that purpose

## **Article 11 Amendments**

These bylaws may be amended at any regular club meeting. Changing the club bylaws requires sending written notice to each member 21 days before the meeting, having a quorum present for the vote, and having two-thirds of the votes support the change. Changes to these bylaws must be consistent with the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, the RI Constitution and Bylaws, and the Rotary Code of Policies.