

# February 23, 2023

## **Opening**

Thoughts for the Day: "You should start your life with the illusion that you are completely in control of what you do. You should finish life with the recognition that, all in all, you got better than you deserved. — David Brooks, The New York Times "The art of being wise...is the art of knowing what to overlook." -- David Brooks

Joe Weigel's eyes lit up when his ticket was drawn from the fishbowl today and he managed to keep his smile when the 10 of spades came out of the deck. *Don't miss out*: Only six (6) cards remain and the Pot is staring at \$3,000. Which will come first, the King of Clubs or the Fundraiser?

More Trivia: A mix of music, science, sports & climate questions got surprisingly good responses today, including someone who knew the stage name of Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta. Some of us didn't know that Aretha Franklin was the first woman inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. But others, knew the hottest spot on earth in 1913...

#### **Election Results:**

President: Frank Troost,
President Elect: Marilyn Boria
Secretary: Bob Villiard
Treasurer: Jim Clohessey
Board members: Daye McKenna

Art Pitz
Eli Turnbough
Garry Vaccaro

#### **Fundraiser**

New auction items: A lakefront cabin in Door County for one week in May and Thanksgiving week at a condo in Canmore, Alberta near Banff National Park have been donated for auction (that's the US Thanksgiving, not Canada's — think snow, skiing).

Will you be at Bottle Theory March 31 to celebrate the Fundraiser closeout? Sign up at next week's meeting. A good count is needed for the party (Taco Bar and/or appetizer bar plus cash bar). Remember, Mary Beth needs your written description and photos of your auction items by March 9. Donations for Turkey-Syria earthquake relief can be made at (rotary6450.org). Also, ShelterBox is already on site and in need of many more tents.

## **Program**

Did you realize that there are *nine* (9) business districts in town? Elmhurst Business Development Manager Heather Bereckis described current business activity in these areas, giving an upbeat assessment of our town's economic health. Much but not all the development is retail which is driven by the increasing population density of our downtown area.

The Haven Road development is under construction and a 200 North York Street project is in the planning stage. Even with these two additions, the city will still be within the density that a consulting firm's study deemed desirable.

Heather described several new or soon-to-be eateries including Kong Dog (also known as a Korean corn dog or hot dog), Hello Donut, an upscale donut shop, CHARM (Thai food), Maharaj Indian Grill, and more. But development has not been limited to restaurants; East Ave Lacrosse and HILTI Tools in the Industrial District are up and running. And, three new retail leases have been signed for The Marke at Addison & First streets.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

- 3-2 Novella Ferreri- Rotary Blood Bank in Uganda
- 3-9 Rachael Mason- Classification talk

#### Finer-THOUGHT FOR THE DAY-

- 3-2 Marilyn Boria
- 3-9 Garry Vaccaro
- 3-16 Brian Bergheger

## **ROTARY 2022-2023**

### **Imagine Rotary**

# **Rotary International President**

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
Marilyn Boria
Bill Sakash

Joe Nichele Eli Turnbough

<u>Member</u>	<b>Spouse</b>	Classification
Alexander, Don	Jody	Retired
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 Be	th Jim	Library Director
Hill, Collin	Megan	Retail Jewelry
Hostetler, Harry	Marie	Retired-Manufacturer
Howard, Bob	Karen	Law
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 R	uss Weigand	Commercial Real Estate
St. Laurent, Greg Brenda Lee		Retired-Packaging

Studebaker, Scot	t 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 by1:30pm. **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

Corner Bakery's salad today was so delicious today that only a few scraps remained. A few cookies were left, however, suggesting that some of us try to watch our diet. Others watched the cookies and had a second helping. They were just as good as the salad but had a bit more guilt...

Send announcements (and corrections) for next week's F.U.S.E. to <a href="wclyman2@gmail.com">wclyman2@gmail.com</a>