



The Rotary Club of Elmhurst *District 6450*

Fellowship – Understanding – Service – Ethics

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Opening

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." - Gandhi

What kind of odds? For the third time in a row, president-elect Troost's ticket was drawn from the Split-the-Pot fishbowl. Perhaps he bought extra tickets because the pot is now over \$1,100? While the rest of us were 'aced out' of the drawing, Frank drew the ace of hearts. Not a tear was shed...

Charlie Laliberte was kind enough to give us all a \$5 credit for the fine session but then deducted \$1 for every answer we did not know about the Elmhurst Rotaract Club. A lot of \$5 bills were collected...

Marilyn Boria asked for Finemaster/Thought for the Day volunteers for the month of September.

Program

With only six members, the Elmhurst Rotaract club showed us that numbers don't necessarily restrict accomplishments. For being in existence for just over a year, the club has participated in nine projects helping others (with two more projects in the works), conducted six fundraisers, and gathered socially for mini golf, bowling, coffee, and more. Action photos of these events expertly augmented the presentation.

Projects included a shoe drive for Soles for Kids, collecting 439 diapers during a diaper drive for new moms, snack bags for new immigrants, a Great Western Prairie cleanup, participating in the Memorial Day parade, helping We Pop Up assist with a apartment residents, assisting with Feed My Starving Children, conducting a tech day at Park Place retirement center (which will also be conducted soon at Green Castle apartments).

Thought for the Day: "The best way to find yourself
The fundraisers included a couple of Virtual Jeopardy games to benefit Cook for a Cause, Meals on Wheels and EWAN (Elmhurst Walk-in Assistance Network).

Rotaract clubs are designed for those in the 18 to 30 age bracket and can participate in local and world-wide service projects. There are 6,700 Rotaract clubs world-wide with 155,000 members. District 6450 has four Rotaract clubs: Chicago, Chicago Lithuanians, North Central College, and Elmhurst.

Two of the local Rotaractors will be moving on soon and the club is actively recruiting new members. We wish them well; their desire to put Service Above Self has been well demonstrated.

Announcements

Butterfly Bingo is set to fly August 15. Kudos to Mary Beth for leading this aspect of our Butterfly Awareness project. Two members will meet with Bensenville tomorrow regarding the Sept. 15 Pollinator Pledge signing at the local park. The next Butterfly Awareness Committee meeting is at 11:00 am Thursday Aug. 11, just ahead of our regular meeting. (See more on p. 2.)

Volunteer to assist with a UCCA food delivery at Churchville Middle School, Saturday, August 20, from 9:15 to 11:30. See Bob Villiard.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

8-11 Bill Sakash, Cambodia 2022
8-18 Business meeting
8-25 At Park Place (road trip; lunch will be provided)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY-FINEMASTER

8-11 Joyce Slone
8-18 Ken Bartels
8-25 Marilyn Boria (Thought for the Day only)

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	Bill Sakash
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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.

Lunch will be catered at next Thursday's meeting (August 11); all you need is your own drink. (Coffee and sodas are available at the Brewpoint Coffee bar in the library.)

22: The number of Rotarians at today's meeting, Plus four Rotaract members. Today's meeting attendance was the best since COVID-19 interrupted our lives.

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.