



The Rotary Club of Elmhurst *District 6450*

Fellowship – Understanding – Service - Ethics

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August 11, 2022

Opening

Thought for the Day: Your mind is a magnet. If you think of blessings, you attract blessings. If you think of problems, you attract problems. Always cultivate good thoughts and always remain positive and optimistic - unknown

How's that again? Nobody seemed to have the winning ticket in today's split the pot drawing until the ticket seller remembered that she had inadvertently placed both sets of Bill Shanklin's six tickets in the fishbowl. It didn't matter much; Bill drew a black ace from the deck. **The pot is now staring at \$1,200** (before Polio Plus gets its half).

Joyce Slone put us in the proper frame of mind for today's program with a quiz on Cambodia: where is it, what countries does it border, what's its main crop, when did it gain its independence from France, and more. Fines today could have been more than the cost of lunch (except that lunch was catered).

Program

Bill Sakash first went to Cambodia in 2011 when he became involved with A New Day Cambodia, a not-for-profit group that began providing for education of children whose families lived at a Phnom Penh garbage dump, scavenging for a living. That group has since ended its program but Bill has continued to follow some of the students, helping some of the last class finish their secondary education and one in particular to finish her university education at De Paul University.

Seeing a critical need to educate girls in a male dominated society, Bill and his family have since helped sponsor female students complete their bachelor's degrees through Education First Cambodia (EFC). EFC currently has seen 54 women graduate with a bachelor's degree or higher and currently is sponsoring 31 more. English is not their

strong point and Bill currently tutors 3 students each week to assist them with their English skills. Bill saw the opportunity to visit Cambodia in May of this year and was able to attend EFC events and see many of the former students he has assisted.

This was Bill's tenth trip to Cambodia and his first to really see the country outside the immediate Phnom Penh area, doing a grand circle of sorts. In the process he was able to see a number of former students who are now in very responsible jobs throughout the country. His appetite for local cuisine is admirable and we enjoyed his excellent photography. Well done, Bill. *-more on p. 2, bottom*

Announcements

Butterfly Awareness: Can you host a Monterrey Rotarian and his spouse for the nights of Sept. 15, 16, 17, and 18? Please contact Bill Lyman (630) 215-3825.

Our club meeting for Thursday, Sept. 15 will be at the Pollinator Pledge signing in Bensenville, from 10AM to noon, and NOT at the library.

The next Butterfly Awareness Committee meeting is at 11:00 am Thursday Aug. 11, just ahead of our regular meeting.

Volunteer: Bob Villiard could use more volunteers to assist with the UCCA food delivery at Churchville Middle School, Saturday, August 20, from 9:15 to 11:30. Contact Bob at (708) 363-5143 to volunteer. (See more on p. 2.)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

8-18 A short mystery program given by a member
8-25 At Park Place (road trip; lunch will be provided)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY-FINEMASTER

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

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- 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 your own Lunch for next Thursday's meeting (August 18). Coffee and sodas are available at the Brewpoint Coffee bar in the library.

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

Bob Villiard encourages us to wear Rotary gear (caps, shirts, etc.) when we volunteer. "**Rotarians at Work**" T-shirts and other Rotary items are available at www.russellhampton.com.

What you missed today if you were not at our meeting was seeing and hearing our very own **Bill Sakash** perform a *karaoke* version of "We All Live on a Yellow Submarine" on board a bus rolling through the Cambodian countryside. Who would have thought?

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?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?