



The Rotary Club of Elmhurst *District 6450*
Fellowship – Understanding – Service - Ethics
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Opening

Karen McClure, guest of Jody Robinson, Lisa Sottrel, guest of Frank Troost, Becky Villiard, guest of Bob Villiard, and Mike Muisenga were visiting today.

Garry Vaccaro's ticket came out of the fishbowl today but neither the number nor the color of the card came close to the King of clubs. More money for the pot to split between whomever draws the King of clubs and Polio Plus.

Speaking of The Rotary Foundation, Marilyn Kosik's fine session had us all coughing up money for the Rotary trivia that delved into the good things Rotary does here and around the world.

Program

Jim Rogers, Executive Director, Elmhurst Park District, reminded us that the district was its own, independent for of government with a seven member elected board. Jim summarized the accomplishments of the Park District this past year and its plans for next year.

Centennial Park, the first new part in Elmhurst in 30-plus years, was opened this year next to the Mary Kies Recreation Center on St. Charles Road. In a related development, a Taylor Swift ticketing incident occurred, a software problem that has since been corrected.

In other improvements, Ben Allison Park was redeveloped, including the removal of the storied 'bomb shelter' structure, and with that removal, the bomb shelter 'urban myth' was put to rest.

Jim also mentioned that Sugar Creek was dredged to remove years of silt accumulation that was causing water to back up. The Golf Course is jointly owned by the Village of Villa Park and the Elmhurst Park District.

The proposed dog park on Park District property outside of the actual Park District's boundary as well as outside Elmhurst city limits, to be located somewhere south of Butterfield Road and apparently east of Old York Road, brought a lively discussion about the pros and cons of this canine caper. About the only consensus heard on this project was the suggestion to create a naming program. With all the discussion of where this dog park to nowhere will actually be, one has to wonder if we can actually get there from here... Will we need to follow our nose?

Another new park is the result of merging the Pick Subdivision's Park District into the Elmhurst Park District and building a \$680,000 park on two lots owned by the City of Elmhurst. This is the subdivision that is west of Salt Creek and north of St. Charles Road.

We also learned that half of the Lazadro Museum was razed this morning with the remainder in process. The museum building was styled to resemble a jewelry box from the outside and had no windows. Repurposing the building for another purpose after the museum moved would have cost \$2 million.

Park District is dusting off plans to expand facilities and we can expect a vote next fall to measure voter interest is raising Park District taxes. Rogers claimed that Elmhurst Park District taxes were in the lowest 1/3 of all park districts in DuPage County and that we would have to get Democratic voters out to pass the referendum.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

8/31 Exec. Dir. of the Elmhurst Walk-in Assist. Network
9/7 debi Ross past District 6450 Governor

Finer-Thought for the Day:

8/31 Ken Bartels
9/7 Joyce Slone

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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
Directors	Dave McKenna
	Art Pitz
	Eli Turnbough
	Garry Vaccaro

<u>Member</u>	<u>Spouse</u>	<u>Classification</u>
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
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 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.

18: The number of Elmhurst Rotarians at today's meeting.

Polio Plus is working. Only seven cases world-wide have been reported thus far this year versus 30 for the same period last year. We may well see the last case of Polio by the end of 2024 or early in 2025.

The club's revised Bylaws will be voted on during the September 21 club meeting.

View them starting on page 3.

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