



The Rotary Club of Elmhurst *District 6450*

Fellowship – Understanding – Service – Ethics

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Guest: Debbie Mascitti, Rotary Club of Woodridge and Club Advocate (a District 6450 position formerly known as Assistant Governor).

President Marilyn was ill today, and vice-president Greg was suffering a bad cold. Stepping into the breach was past president Mary Beth Harper. We hope both feel better soon.

The Thought for the Day: Ideas are a dime a dozen. People who implement them are priceless (sometimes attributed to Mary Kay Ash of Mary Kay Cosmetics but variations by others are commonplace).

Polio Plus: Mary Beth Harper's ticket came out of the fishbowl today. Mary Beth came close by drawing the queen of clubs from the deck. **Nine (9) cards remain.**

Fines: With the annual Super Bowl coming up Feb. 9, Ken Bartels gave us ten Super Bowl questions worth 5 cents each. Questions ranged from which team played in four Super Bowl games and never held a lead (Buffalo) to how much did a ticket to the first Super Bowl cost? (\$12).

Announcements

The next **2025 spring fundraiser** committee meeting will be at 11:30am, just before next Thursday's meeting. It sounds like we could have a change-up in format. Bring your questions or ideas to Thursday's committee meeting.

Needed: 8 to 10 volunteers to assist with the United Community Concerns Association (UCCA) Mobile Food Pantry distribution March 22 at Churchville Middle School (from 9:30 to 11:00 am).

The **Fundraising Committee** met again today and tentatively set Thursday evening, April 17 for the Spring fundraiser. Expect a different format than that of the last few years. Being considered: a Trivia Night with a cash prize, a paddle-raise for scholarships, live music (York HS musicians?), and more. Have a good suggestion? The committee meets again next Thursday at 11:30 am

The club's \$20,000 scholarship application has been posted on our website and the York High website, with Timothy Christian and IC Prep sites to follow.

Greg St. Laurent is looking for someone to do the 10K run part of our club's Chicago Triathlon team August 24. Greg paid the team's entry fee (costing, shall we say, more than an afternoon at Starbucks). Training is underway (more on page 2).

Program

Beginning with the statement that nobody asked him to do this program, our very own Ken Bartels took a hard look at our club's roster and reminded us that we have about half the number of members that we did about twenty years ago. Furthermore, we are only seeing about a dozen at each meeting. The rub? Most club business is planned and managed before, during, or after club meetings.

While we continue to do many good things for our wider community, we could do even more if we had more members at meetings (and more members in total). Also, more members lead to better fundraising results which enable the club to do more with scholarships and aid more humanitarian efforts in our wider community.

Ken suggested a plan to ramp up Rotary membership and participation:

First, Wellness calls to the 14 members who rarely attend club meetings. We have a meeting every week with good programs. Calls will be made to the 14 missing in action.

Second, create Turnout Thursdays: pick a day (with sufficient notice) and see how many show up.

Third, have each of us phone a friend in the next 60 days and invite him or her to a meeting. While high dues were once considered a barrier to joining, at \$225 a quarter, dues now amount to only \$2.50 per day (and they include lunch every week). Another \$25 a quarter for The Rotary Foundation amounts to only 28 cents more per day.

The Wellness calls will begin right away, by Ken and others.

As Mary Beth asked, do we realize what our members are doing, both within and apart from Rotary? She cited five Elmhurst Rotarians who have started their own charities, real grass-roots organizations with little or no overhead expense. They are Rotarians, doing good things for their fellow human beings. Let's do more!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

2/6 Mary Colleen Powers, 18th Judicial Circuit Court, Dept. of Probations
 2/13 Jake Meding & Jessica Shore, Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation
 2/20 Business meeting

FINER-THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

2/6 Mary Beth Harper
 2/13 TBD
 2/20 Brian Bergheger

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The Magic of Rotary

Rotary International President
 Stephanie A. Urchick – McMurray, PA

District 6450 District Governor
 Rachael Ossy – Aurora United

Rotary Club of Elmhurst Officers

President	Marilyn Boria
President-Elect	Greg St. Laurent
Secretary	Joe Weigel
Treasurer	Jim Clohessy
Past-President	Frank Troost
Directors	Al Spada
	Dave McKenna
	C. J. Merrill
	Garry Vaccaro

<u>Member</u>	<u>Spouse</u>	<u>Classification</u>
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
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
Linson, Curt	Nancy	Retired-Packaging
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	Retired - 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.

13: The number of Elmhurst Rotarians in attendance today.

Dan Kunesh is planning to do the bicycle portion of the August 24 Chicago Triathlon for the Elmhurst Rotary team. He is thinking about buying a new road bike to replace his current model from 1976. That's going to cost him more than the team entry fee for the Triathlon... Go for it, Dan!

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

