



The Rotary Club of Elmhurst *District 6450*
Fellowship – Understanding – Service - Ethics
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January 4, 2024

Opening: President-Elect Marilyn Boria opened today's meeting with the news that President Frank Troost has gone south for the rest of the winter. Frank has vowed to return at least twice for Board and Business Meetings.

Thought: Having previously taken heat about his Canadian roots, Greg St. Laurent took note that today's Thoughts were from Abraham Lincoln: "Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm." Standing firm, your editor promptly forgot the second quote. Greg took more heat anyway, someone apparently trying to warm the temperature north of the border...

Guests: Charlie Laliberte introduced **Diego Figueroa**, Rotary Youth Exchange student from Easter Island whom our club hosted in 2013. Diego graduated from York High School only to return home to graduate from his local high school, then proceeded to graduate from a six-year college course in civil engineering in Santiago, Chile. Diego works for a geotechnical engineering firm and was on his way to a company meeting in Canada. He hopes to pursue a master's degree in engineering.

Polio Plus: Rachael Mason's ticket was drawn from the fishbowl today but the seven of diamonds ended her brief streak of luck. Thirty-three cards remain in the deck.

Fine Session: Greg St. Laurent fined us each \$10, fines that could be reduced by \$2 for each correct answer to his questions related to Elmhurst history. Who would have thought that this Canadian by birth would be able to teach us about the 1836 Treaty of Chicago, or that Elmhurst U. was founded in 1871 by a predecessor of the Evangelical and Reformed Church (now UCC-United Church of Christ)?

Sad news: News of the late Wednesday passing of Don Alexander's wife Jody arrived after today's meeting concluded. Funeral arrangements are pending with Elmhurst Community Funeral Home, the Ahlgrim Chapel. Our sincere condolences go to Don and his family.

Program: Hayley Rightnowar, Inclusive Services Librarian for Elmhurst Public Library (EPL), described the many and varied services EPL provides for adults and seniors with

disabilities. The services provided include items to help with book reading for those with eyesight and other issues, help for seniors with memory loss issues, memory care programming and, most intriguing, animated dogs, cats, and birds that can be checked out.

One of Hayley's props was an artificial cat that meows, purrs, and sleeps. Those with anxiety issues have found these animals to be a calming factor while not requiring the attention required to feed and care for a live pet.

Another service of EPL is home delivery of library books, be they books in regular or large print, CDs, listening books or e-books (also including large print). Hayley has given presentations on the library's many tools for helping seniors to the eight nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Elmhurst.

The library's care-givers corner can be a great resource for those attending patients or loved ones needing assistance. EPL can also help people sign up for reading assistance provided by the state of Illinois.

Many library items and services are available that you might not expect to find, including brain games, brail items, and trails and travel kits. Hayley noted that many individuals with alzheimers can still read after other skills have gone.

In conclusion, Hayley said the best way to determine helpful approaches for a specific situation is to ask an EPL librarian for suggestions.

Bottom line: ELP tries to reach out to everyone in Elmhurst.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

01/11 Elmhurst YMCA Special Olympics
01/18 Business Meeting
01/25 Brian & Nancy Steinberg-Elmhurst Living Magazine

Finer-Thought for the Day:

01/11 Mary Beth Harper
01/18 C J Merrill
01/25 Bill Lyman

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Create Hope in the World

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Gordon McInally - Scotland

District 6450 District Governor

Connor Gee – Chicago (and Elmhurst)

Rotary Club of Elmhurst Officers

President	Frank Troost
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Secretary	Bob Villiard
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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.

No Club meeting Thursday, December 28.

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.

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

Among those Rotarians missing at today's meeting were Elaine Libovicz and Bill Sakash. We have a surprise for each of you....

Don't forget, our president-elect needs your program ideas. Also, do you have a two-minute item from your past, perhaps something we don't know about you? Keep this in mind for days when scheduled programs cancel at the last minute. **Two or three minutes from five or six of us would make an interesting, fun program!**

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

Member	Spouse	Classification
Alexander, Don		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

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ROTARY CLUB OF ELMHURST COMMITTEES

Charitable Trust Fund Committee – Dave McKenna, Chair
Reviews investments and reports to the membership.

Community Service – Valerie Cahill & Bob Villiard, Co-chairs
Develops and implements educational and humanitarian projects addressing community needs.

Donations/Grants – Marilyn Boria, Chair
Develops grant application, reviews grant requests and recommends funding based on the Club's strategic plan.

Fundraising – Mary Beth Harper, Chair
Organizes activities to raise funds to support the Club's charitable work.

Membership Recruitment and Development,
Develops and implements a comprehensive plan for the recruitment and retention of members.

Rotary Foundation – Bill Lyman, Chair
Implements plans to support the Rotary Foundation through financial contributions and program participation.

Scholarships – Dan Kunesch, Chair
Develops scholarship applications, advertise to local high schools and recommend recipients.

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.

(The previous bylaws included a Membership & Recruitment Committee, a Club Relations Committee, an International Service Committee, a Vocational Service Committee, and a New Generations Committee.)