



The Rotary Club of Elmhurst *District 6450*
Fellowship – Understanding – Service – Ethics
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October 31, 2024

The **Thought for the Day**: Joe Weigel referred to the old Cherokee story of a grandfather telling his grandson that he has a fight going on inside him; he who wins is the one you feed.

Polio Plus: Joe Weigel's ticket was drawn again today, prompting a comment about how lucky he is. But Joe, after careful consideration, found his luck turning when he drew the six of spades from the deck. And, that deck is now down to 18 cards...

Fines: Joe announced the return of arbitrary and capricious fines, promptly fining president Marilyn \$1. Frank Troost complained it was too little, to which Joe replied that if she were fined that every week as presidents should be, it would bring in \$52. He then resorted to reading us famous advertising jingles without mentioning the product name. Each person had to name the specific product advertised. The long list included:

- 99 and 44/100 % pure; it floats-Ivory soap
- _ _ _ , the San Francisco Treat-Rice-A-Roni
- I'd walk a mile for a _ _ _ -Camel
- When _ _ _ _ _ talks, people listen-EF Hutton

Announcements

* Needed: **a 2025-26 nominating committee chair.**

Not volunteering? Arm twisting begins next week.

* Program ideas are needed for December 5, 12, & 19.

* Elmhurst Rotary will not meet Dec. 26 nor January 2.

* **Winter Gathering details:**

-December 5 at 6 pm in Frank's Car Palace in Hillside.

-Dress Casual (but not trash)

-Italian Buffet

-Guests will be billed \$20 to members' account

-Program: Home Auction and Wine Tasting (bring a bottle of wine you received but never drank)

-Sign up for this event beginning next week.

*December 14: Volunteer for the Elm Court Apartments Teen Christmas Party. Volunteers must have completed Rotary's Protecting Youth Program training, available on-line (instructions on page 2).

Program

Holocaust survivor Eric Blaustein, a resident of Beacon Hill in Lombard, was today's program but was not feeling well enough this morning for the drive from Lombard. A recent acquaintance of Charlie Laliberte, Blaustein had intended to relate his story which included imprisonment at the Nazi concentration camp in Buchenwald.

Charlie gave a brief introduction and then we viewed segments from a YouTube video of Eric telling that story. *Born in 1926*, the discrimination began when he started first grade. Gradually, he and his family were forced into worse and worse living conditions. At age 15, he became a grave digger, a profession that made him useful to the Nazi regime.

While imprisoned at Buchenwald, he acquired the papers of a recently deceased Italian teenager and assumed his identity. Not arrested until 1944, he left Germany for Israel (then known as Palestine) where he eventually obtained a degree in civil engineering. Later moving to the United State, Blaustein used his education in designing one of the first projects in the Eisenhower Interstate Highway project.

Thanks to Charlie, Greg and Marilyn, who turned a cancellation into a captivating program.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

11/7 Joe Nichelle - Legal topic of note

11/21 Eve Green, District 6450 Polio Plus Chair

FINER-THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

11/7 Frank Troost

11/14 C J Merrill

11/21 Jody Robinson

ROTARY 2024-2025

The Magic of Rotary

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Stephanie A. Urchick – McMurray, PA

District 6450 District Governor

Rachael Ossyra – Aurora United

Rotary Club of Elmhurst Officers

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

Sukowicz, Mark	Joan	Accounting
Troost, Frank	Patricia	Retired-Monument Company
Turnbough, Eli		Funeral Director
Tyburski, Susan	Paul Weisel	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.

12: The number of Elmhurst Rotarians in attendance today. The rest of you missed a valuable program.

Winter Gathering December 5. Sign up next Thurs.

If you will be working with Youth, you must complete the required online course Protecting Youth Program Participants in the Learning Center in My Rotary (<https://my.rotary.org>).

To complete this course, go to my.rotary.org and sign up OR login. Scroll down and click on the Learning Center.

Then: Click on View General Courses.

Click on Protecting Youth Program Participants.

Click Let's Begin to start the course.

The entire process takes less than 30 minutes.

When you have completed the course, a certificate of completion will appear with your name. That certificate must be emailed to office@rotary6450.org

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

<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
Libovitz, 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