



The Rotary Club of Elmhurst *District 6450*

Fellowship – Understanding – Service - Ethics

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September 22, 2022

Opening

Finer Dave McKenna completely lost your F.U.S.E. editor with his thought for the day. Then Dave really left everybody in a Tule Fog with a *four question* super stumper trivia quiz as a pay-back for past sports trivia fine sessions (which he hates). The best part: It cost \$1 per question and no change was given. Dave collected a lot of Abe Lincolns.

The only real clarity in all this was Jim Clohessy announcing that his daughter just received her Eagle Scout rank. What a fine accomplishment (no pun intended).

Brian Bergheger's ticket was drawn from the Split-the-Pot fishbowl but his luck turned south when he drew the 8 of hearts from the deck. Only 23 cards are left. More \$\$\$ for Polio-Plus (and the winner).

Program

District Governor Ade Onayemi inspired us as he described Rotary International president Jenifer Jones's theme of Imagine Rotary and his own goals for District 6450 for the 2022-2023 Rotary year.

Imagine how to improve diversity, equity and inclusion; expanding our Rotary reach (did you know Rotary is partnering with Shelter Box, Toastmasters, the UN World Health Organization? (think Polio eradication efforts), and empowering girls (60 million girls in the world are denied education).

As he prepared for his year as governor, Ade looked at District 6450's declining membership numbers. The issue is not new members, it's keeping them. We lose a significant number of members in their second and third years. A follow up of these former members is underway to see why they left and to invite them back. If you don't ask, they don't

come back. Some of them have passed on; have we contacted their families to express our condolences and inquire if any of them might be interested in joining Rotary?

Announcements

Following a bizarre closing of our Charitable Trust checking account at Inland Bank, our treasure opened a new account with The Community Bank of Elmhurst. No funds were lost in the transfer.

Brian Bergheger is leading the effort to determine whether our annual fundraiser will be live or virtual.

Eli Turnbough reports that the headmaster of a school for Ukrainian refugees in Chicago will present a proposal for funding technical items. Stay tuned.

Volunteers needed: Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Elmhurst Yorkfield Food Pantry to distribute food and take orders for coats for kids. Sign up with Brian Bergheger (brianbergheger@comcast.net) or Garry Vaccaro (gvaccaro55@gmail.com).

Plan Ahead: District Conference will be May 6, 2023, at the McCook Athletic & Exposition Center (MAX); each District 7450 club will be asked to have a booth there to show what the club does (projects, activities, etc.). Showcase our club and get ideas from other clubs. Meet live and interesting Rotarians.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

9-29 Garry Vaccaro classification talk.
10-6 To Be Announced
10-13 Johannes Favi, Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants

Finer-THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

9-29 Frank Troost
10-6 Marilyn Kosik
10-13 Larry Carroll

ROTARY 2022-2023

Imagine Rotary

Rotary International President
Jenifer Jones - Canada

District 6450 District Governor
Ade Onayemi- Oak Park-River Forest

Rotary Club of Elmhurst Officers

President	Mary Beth Harper
President-Elect	Frank Troost
Secretary	Bob Villiard
Treasurer	Jim Clohessy
Past-President	Brian Bergheger
Directors	Marilyn Boria
	Bill Sakash
	Joe Nichele
	Eli Turnbough

- 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]
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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.

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

It takes four to six years to become a Rotarian; to fully realize what Rotary is all about. **Being a Rotarian is akin to a ham and egg sandwich; the chicken contributed but the pig is committed** – (District 6450 Governor Ade Onayemi).

Percent of women in Rotary world-wide: **30%**.
Percent of women in Dist. 6450: **38%**.

A big thank you to all who worked on the Butterfly project that culminated in a Pollinator Pledge signing in front of a Monarch-decorated boxcar in Bensenville Thursday, Sept. 15. Look for a write-up in the Elmhurst Independent next week as well as photos on the club website in the coming days.

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

See photos below

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?



Save the Monarch event, Sept. 15, 2022



Pollinator Pledge Signers



Rotary Club of Elmhurst Butterfly Awareness Committee