



The Rotary Club of Elmhurst *District 6450*

Fellowship – Understanding – Service - Ethics

www.elmhurstrotary.org

September 8, 2022

Opening

It's butterfly time, folks. Our 'Finer' today, Marilyn Boria, kept us on topic with an Irish butterfly blessing: May the wings of the butterfly kiss the sun, and find your shoulder to light on to bring you luck, happiness, and riches, today, tomorrow and beyond.

Marilyn then proceeded to fine all of us by asking monarch butterfly questions regarding their migration (3,000 miles), longevity (8 months for those born in late summer), and more (their color scheme warns predators that they are poisonous). Many of us had to cough up a good sum.

C J Merrill's ticket came out of the Split-the-Pot fishbowl again. This time, however, his luck ran dry when he drew the five of clubs. As the pot nears \$1,500, only 24 cards are left in the deck.

Program

Conor Gee, Governor-Elect for Rotary District 6450, executive with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, Elmhurst resident, and member of the Elmhurst Economic Development Commission, gave us a positive review of what District 6450 and Rotary International are doing to encourage new membership in Rotary.

With only 1,512 Rotarians, District 6450 is concentrating on increasing membership. The district has partnered with two adjoining districts to buy ad slots on Cable TV, using Northern Illinois.com to make people aware of Rotary and volunteer opportunities. This pilot program allows non-Rotarians the opportunity to volunteer for one-shot projects and offers mentor/mentee opportunities as well.

Another pilot program provides people who ask about Rotary the opportunity to become involved

and sends leads to local clubs to follow up with invitations to visit and join.

Yet another initiative is to create Passport Clubs where people can volunteer for specific work topics like preventing human trafficking, etc.

Plans are underway to celebrate Rotary's 125th anniversary by holding the 2030 international convention in Chicago. The convention would mean an economic impact of \$100 million for the area.

Announcements

Board meeting: Wed., Sept. 14, 5pm, E. P. Library; critical agenda items.

Service: Four Rotarians and one spouse repackaged food and delivered quantities of grapes, carrots, broccoli, corn, lettuce, and tangerines to customers at the McCormick YMCA Tuesday. Photo on page 3.

Monarch Butterflies: We need volunteers starting at 8:30 am Thursday (9/15) for our Pollinator Pledge Signing event. Park near the old school on Green Street on the south side of the park & use the walkway to the boxcar site.

After the event, Rotarians are welcome to lunch at the Green Street Grill, 120 W. Green St., Bensenville (3 blocks from our event). Dutch Treat.

See page 2 for Elmhurst Univ.'s Fall Lecture Series

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- 9-15 **No meeting:** Rotary Butterfly event-Bensenville
- 9-22 District Gov. Ade Onayemi visit
- 9-29 Garry Vaccaro classification talk.

Finer-THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

- 9-15 **No meeting**-Butterfly event
- 9-22 Dave McKenna
- 9-29 Frank Troost

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Imagine Rotary

Rotary International President
Jenifer Jones - Canada

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

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- 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.

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

Larry Carroll gave us brochures (The Legacy We Leave) today describing Elmhurst University's Fall 2022 speaker series. It's a series of thought-provoking intercultural and religious lectures beginning Sept. 21. This is an outstanding good-neighbor invitation to the Elmhurst community. (Registration is required for the Nov. 28 lecture.) Questions? Email marketing@elmhurst.edu.

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

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?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?

--Photo on page 3 below--



McCormick YMCA Food Distribution team, Tuesday Sept. 6.
L-R Bill Lyman, Becky Villiard, Bob Villard, Valerie Cahill, Marilyn Boria.