



The Rotary Club of Elmhurst *District 6450*
Fellowship – Understanding – Service – Ethics

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June 26, 2025

Guests: We welcomed James Tilley, guest of Tony Mandarino, and Becky and Bob Villiard.

Thought(s) for the Day: “Don’t be afraid to give up the good to go for the great.” (John D. Rockefeller)
“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” (Henry Ford)

Polio Plus: Ken Bartels bought the winning ticket today. In the process of the cards being laid out for him to draw, he saw the King of Clubs and deliberately avoided selecting that winner. That was not only honorable, it was also fair to all concerned.

A Rotary related **Fine Session:** First question: What is the Theme of the 2025-26 Rotary Year? (**Unite for Good**) Then CJ had had us use the six letters from the word ‘Rotary’ (four letters plus two ‘R’s), to determine how many three-letter words we could form from those six letters in three minutes (it’s harder than you think). A good number of Abe Lincolns showed up when the cash was collected.

Announcements

There will not be a Rotary Club of Elmhurst meeting next week (July 3), due to the Independence Day holiday. On July 10 we will hear from our own Eli Turnbough on how funerals have changed. Also, the 2025-26 club officers will be introduced (these two subjects are not related). Finally, a vote is scheduled to amend the Elmhurst Rotary Charitable Trust as described on pages 3, 4 and 5 below. Note: A social event celebrating the new officer team will take place next month. Stay tuned.

Program

Ken Bartels introduced Jennifer Veremis, President and CEO of our Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce &

Industry. Jennifer also represents the First Ward on Elmhurst’s City Council, is on the Council’s Planning and Zoning Committee and has been a small business owner in Elmhurst.

The Chamber of Commerce serves as a bridge between businesses and our community and its leaders, connecting individuals in both face-to-face meetings and larger (in-person) social events. The Chamber also sponsors learning events that help members manage rules and regulations, business issues, and so on. In effect, the Chamber is a booster for small businesses and, in turn for the community-as-a-whole.

Jennifer mentioned several positive items on which to ruminate: Our location is great, with good commuter train service (Metra and Pace). We have one of the lowest vacancy rates in our area. Our rental rates are competitive. Our infrastructure (including roads and power supply) is a plus, and we have a vibrant downtown. Interesting fact: 30,000 people commute to Elmhurst to work every day (a big factor being the hospital). Responding to a question, Jennifer told us that the Chamber collaborates with Elmhurst University in an intern program, a mutually beneficial arrangement.

Thanks, Jennifer, for a current glimpse of what the Chamber is doing.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

7/3 NO MEETING
7/10 Eli Turnbow, How funerals have changed & 2025-26 & club officer introduction and voting on the amendments to the Club’s By-Laws.
7/17 Business Meeting
FINER-THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:
7/3 no meeting
7/10 Joe Nilles
7/17 Frank Troost

ROTARY 2024-2025

The Magic of Rotary

Rotary International President

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
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
Mandarino, Tony	Christine	Retired – Business Consultant
Marcucci, Tom	Mimi	Former Mayor
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
Weigel, Joe	Aileen	Retired - Commercial Lending
Wojcik, Woj	Aga Barnak	Financial Planning

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.

16: The number of Elmhurst Rotarians in attendance today.

Overheard at today's meeting: I've been out of office 16 years and I still get calls from residents wanting me to fix something." (former Elmhurst Mayor Tom Marcucci).

Also heard was an appreciation for seeing a child through college and successfully on their own. Parents never stop being parents...

Thanks to Charlie Laliberte for placing our Rotary paraphernalia back in the closet after the meeting and to Mary Beth for table cleanup. Rotarians helping fellow Rotarians...

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

AMENDMENT NO. 2
TO THE ELMHURST ROTARY CHARITABLE TRUST FUND

WHEREAS, on June 30, 1992, the Elmhurst Rotary Club, a charitable not-for-profit organization ("Grantor"), and the current president of the Rotary Club, together with four (4) individuals who served as immediate past presidents of such Club (collectively referred to as "Trustees") entered into the Elmhurst Rotary Scholarship Trust Fund Agreement.

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2011, the Trustees of the Elmhurst Rotary Scholarship Trust Fund changed the name from the Elmhurst Rotary Scholarship Trust Fund to the Elmhurst Rotary Charitable Trust Fund.

WHEREAS, the Grantor and current Trustees desire to amend said Trust Agreement and the particulars are herein set forth.

1. ARTICLE V, Section 1 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

The composition of the Trustees shall be three members of the Rotary Club of Elmhurst appointed by the President with the approval of the Board. Trustee appointments shall be made using the procedure defined in the By-Laws of the Rotary Club of Elmhurst. Trustees will meet at least once a year and report quarterly to the Club on the Charitable Trust. Any Trustee may resign at any time by giving thirty (30) days advance written notice specifying the effective date of their resignation to the Grantor, the Rotary Club of Elmhurst. Further, the Grantor shall then be obligated to replace the resigning Trustee with another member of the Club who is willing to accept the position as Trustee.

2. That in all other respects and except as expressly amended hereby, the Trust is hereby declared to be in full force and effect.

The undersigned does hereby accept the foregoing Amendment No. 2 to the Elmhurst Rotary Charitable Trust dated June 30, 1992 as the day of the year first above written:

Trustee

Trustee

Trustee

Trustee

President of the Board of the
Elmhurst Rotary Club as Grantor

Elmhurst Rotary Charitable Trust – current Article V, Section 1

Article V

1. The composition of the Co-Trustees of the Trust shall be the current acting President of the Elmhurst Rotary Club together with the four past holders of such office. At the conclusion of the term of the currently acting President, he^{she} shall become the first predecessor to the office of the President, and the then acting Trustee who was the Fourth predecessor to such office will terminate his position as Trustee hereunder. Any Trustee may resign at anytime by giving thirty (30) days advance written notice specifying the effective date of his resignation to the Grantor, the Elmhurst Rotary Club. The Grantor shall be then obligated to replace such resigning Trustee with one of the former Presidents of the Elmhurst Rotary Club who is willing to accept the position of Trustee.

Proposed Bylaws Change

In case the President does not want to serve on the Charitable Trust Committee, it is recommended that the Board consider the following amendment to the current bylaws. The rules for changing the bylaws are as follows:

Article 11

Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any regular club meeting. Changing the club bylaws requires sending written notice to each member 21 days before the meeting, having a quorum present for the vote, and having two-thirds of the votes support the change. Changes to these bylaws must be consistent with the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, the RI Constitution and Bylaws, and the Rotary Code of Policies.

Current Bylaws

Article 8 Committees

Section 1 —This club's committees are decided by the Board and appointed by the President except for the Charitable Trust Fund Investment Committee. That Committee will be composed of the current President, and with Board approval, two club members with proven acumen in financial affairs, appointed by the President.

PROPOSED CHANGE

Article 8 Committees

Section 1 - This club's committees are decided by the Board and appointed by the President except for the Charitable Trust Fund Investment Committee. That Committee shall consist of 3 members appointed by the President, with Board approval. These committee members will serve 3-year staggered terms. At least two of the committee members shall have proven acumen in financial affairs.

This information will be printed in the FUSE and voted on at our business meeting in July.