



The Rotary Club of Elmhurst *District 6450*

Fellowship – Understanding – Service – Ethics

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**October 9
9, 2025**

Guests: No guests today.

Thought for the Day: "An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." Benjamin Franklin

Polio Plus: The seven of hearts came out of the fishbowl today. The card was torn up but no hearts were broken as the pot continues to grow.

Fines: With the Cubs' win last night keeping them alive in the current MLB playoffs, Joe Nilles had us guessing about the number of times the Cubs and White Sox have made the playoffs (C-22; WS-11), the number of world series each played in (C-11; WS-5), and the number of world series championships each won (C-3; WS-3).

Announcements

-Garry Vacarro reminded us of the need to help ICDI (Illinois Community for Displaced Immigrants) organize coats for distribution on Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 7 pm at Elmhurst Presbyterian church (St. Charles and Spring Roads). Let Garry Vaccaro know if you can help.

-The Elmhurst American Legion Post 187's 'Stories Behind the Songs' Military Benefit will take place Saturday, Oct. 18 from 6 to 11 pm with Nashville hit writers and performers. Tickets are \$125 and include food and an open bar at the Legion Hall at 310 Butterfield Road.

-Ten have volunteered to assist with the UCCA food distribution effort at Churchville Middle School, Saturday, Oct. 25.

-Those wanting a say in planning the Club's annual Winter Gathering in December should contact President Greg.

-Mary Beth is kicking off the club's spring fundraiser planning with a meeting at 11:30 am, Thursday, Oct. 30 at the Library, just ahead of our weekly club meeting that day.

Program

Marilyn Boria introduced Ron Anderson, executive director of the Elmhurst YMCA and 11-year veteran of YMCA service. A resident of Lombard, he came to the Elmhurst Y earlier this year. The Elmhurst Y is celebrating

it's 65th anniversary next month and has been asking its members about their best memories of their Y.

That prompted an immediate response from several Elmhurst Rotarians who remembered great times learning to swim, skate, participating in youth programs (and later as parents with their kids in youth programs) and more. The local Y was founded May 1, 1952 but did not operate in its own facility until the doors opened on its First Street facility May 1, 1960.

Our local Y is part of the Chicago Metropolitan YMCA but is still very engaged with the surrounding community. It is also unique, being the *only* YMCA in the country with an outdoor ice rink. Several remembered that early players with the Chicago Blackhawks often lived in or near Elmhurst so they could be close to the ice rink.

The Y is a legend in and of itself, being the place where basketball and volleyball were invented, where Father's Day began, and more.

With the help of one of our Elmhurst Rotary Club grants, the Elmhurst Y established a Hydro-Rider program that places stationary-type bikes in the swimming pool, allowing members with joint problems to reduce stress on their leg joints while getting valuable exercise.

Our Y serves the wider community with many programs involving kids, seniors and families with learning, healthy exercise and fun and includes families who cannot always afford program fees. It's the Y, being part of Elmhurst and its surrounding community. Go to the anniversary celebration Nov. 21 (from 6 to 8:30 pm) and to the Community Open Skate Nov. 28 (from 1 to 4 pm).

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

10/16 Business Meeting -
10/23 Bridge Communities - Boria
10/30 Ronald McDonald House - Tilley

FINER-THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

10/16 Ken Bartels
10/23 Becky Villiard
10/30 Joyce Slone

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District 6450 District Governor

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Rotary Club of Elmhurst Officers

President	Greg St. Laurent
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Secretary	Joe Weigel
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	Ken Bartels

<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
Troost, Frank	Patricia	Retired-Monument Company
Tilley, Jay		Retired
Turnbough, Eli		Funeral Director
Tyburski, Susan	Paul Weisel	Hospital Development
Vaccaro, Garry	Debra	Warm Coats for Cool Kids
Villiard, Becky	Bob	Retired Elementary teacher
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 Rotary District 6450 Governor.

16: The number of Elmhurst Rotarians in attendance today.

President Greg started to introduce our program today and then remembered that Marilyn Boria had planned to do the intro. As he passed the baton to Marilyn, Greg commented that he needed more training. A voice from the audience was heard saying, "The second year will be better"...

Frank Troost displayed a Rob Kopeky photograph of the recent Troost Family reunion, noting its professional quality and clarity. Photography is a hobby for Rob. He has shared his talent with us from time to time with, for example, portraits of our club's scholarship winners. Thanks, Frank, for reminding us of Rob's talent and his service to the club. And thanks to you, Rob, for sharing your talent.

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