



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

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Guest Jeff Waters, Glen Ellyn Rotary Club, explained an effort to get schools in Uganda to plant trees. Also visiting was a Rotarian from the Kampala, Uganda, Rotary Club (whose name escaped your editor).

Thought for the Day: "For loans, negotiate the amount of the requested loan and never expect it to be repaid."
Frank Troost.

Polio Plus: Ticket 122435 from the fishbowl allowed Bill Shanklin to pick the nine of diamonds from the deck. Diamonds were not Bill's best friend today.

Fine Session: In honor of Greg St. Laurent's Canadian heritage, Frank asked us five questions including who just won the election for Canadian prime minister (Mark Carney), what is the second largest country in the world by land (Canada), and what do Canadians celebrate on July 1 (Constitution Day, when they were freed from the crown in 1861).

Announcements

Join Greg St. Laurent at the **Rotary International convention in Calgary, June 21-25.**

Fundraiser: Net proceeds from our fundraiser have now reached over \$40,000. (The checks were in the mail...)

The Board will meet Wednesday, May 14 at 5 pm in the Elmhurst Library. (Normally the Board meets on the third Wednesday, but club bylaws state the Board will meet the Wednesday before the third Thursday of the month.)

Program

Fellow Elmhurst Rotarian Curt Linson provided us an action-packed slide show of his last six months living in the Philippine Islands. Greg typically spends six months there and six months in the US. Those who have experienced the Philippines know that there are only two seasons, the Rainy season and the Dry season. Think frequent tropical rainstorms and you will understand why Curt likes to be in the Midwest for six months of the year.

A native of the Philippines, Curt's wife Nancy has extended family on the island of Luzon and as the family matriarch, is very active in their lives. Located north of Manila (and Manila Bay) in the San Fernando area, Curt and Nancy recently built a spacious new home in a gorgeous setting. Views of a rice paddy on one side, where three rice crops a year are harvested, is complimented on the other side with a distant view of Mount Arayat.

Curt attends the Rotary Club of San Fernando where most members speak English as well as their native Tagalog. Curt does not claim to speak Tagalog but has no doubt picked up a good bit just by listening.

How did an American from Indiana end up in Southeast Asia (SEA)? Essentially, Curt's job with a reseller of food packaging equipment sent him to various locations in the area, including Kuala Lumpur.

Much of SEA does not enjoy reliable electric service to keep fruits and vegetables from spoiling in that tropical climate. Curt's company sold machinery for making containers that are very tightly sealed (think how long a jar of strawberry jam or other fruit would last without being airtight and, once opened, kept refrigerator cold.) Such boxes preserve many food items like mangos and pineapples that are in high demand locally.

Curt was previously an Elmhurst Rotarian but found his job did not allow him to be as active as much as he wanted. He resigned from the club but after retirement last year has rejoined us and now has more time for Rotary. (In addition to the weather, having access to major league baseball is another reason for Curt's six-month rotation.) Thanks, Curt, for a fine program!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

5/8	Bill Shanklin-Memorial Honoring York H.S. students
5/15	Business Meeting
5/22	Open
<u>FINER-THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:</u>	
5/8	Art Pitz
5/15	Charlie Laliberte
5/22	Joyce Slone

ROTARY 2024-2025

The Magic of Rotary

Rotary International President

Stephanie A. Urchick – McMurray, PA

District 6450 District Governor

Rachael Ossyra – Aurora United

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.

17: The number of Elmhurst Rotarians in attendance today.

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

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
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	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
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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
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
Tyburnski, Susan	Paul Wcisel	Hospital Development
Vaccaro, Garry	Debra	Warm Coats for Cool Kids
Weigel, Joe	Aileen	Retired - Commercial Lending