



The Rotary Club of Elmhurst *District 6450*
Fellowship – Understanding – Service – Ethics
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As of today, **FOURTEEN** Polio Plus Society members have made their annual contributions to The Rotary Foundation. One step closer to ending Polio.

Thought for the Day: “The best way to destroy an enemy is to make them a friend.” – Abraham Lincoln.

Polio Plus: Mary Beth Harper’s ticket was pulled from the fishbowl today but the seven of diamonds didn’t do the trick. Forty-seven cards remain in the deck.

Fine Session: Art Pitz continued with the Abraham Lincoln theme, asking questions about Lincoln and his family. Members did surprisingly well with his birth location (Kentucky), his bride’s name (Mary Todd), the number of children they had (4), the Ford Theater, and more but were less familiar with the cause of Lincoln’s anti-slavery bent (witnessing first-hand, slave markets in New Orleans and Washington, DC), and that Lincoln never affiliated with a church.

COD Fuel Pantry luncheon: At least three Elmhurst Rotarians plan to attend the College of DuPage luncheon celebrating the success of the COD Fuel Pantry to which our club contributed \$5,000 in start-up costs. All Elmhurst Rotarians are invited. RI President Gordon McNally will highlight the event.

Please do two things: Save the date (April 12) and let Brian Bergheger know you will be there.
brianbergheger@comcast.net.

Business meeting: The first item of business was electing the club’s **2024-25 officers:**

President: Marilyn Boria
Pres.-elect: Greg St. Laurent
Secretary: Joe Weigel
Treasurer: Jim Clohessy
Past Pres.: Frank Troost
Directors: Al Spada
Dave McKenna (continuing)
Art Pitz (continuing)
Garry Vaccaro (continuing)

President-elect Marilyn gave a thorough report of the the previous evening’s Board meeting. Unfortunately, Art Pitz will be resigning due to an unavoidable conflict on Board meeting days. Our Nominating Committee Chair will be recommending a replacement director.

Fundraiser: Mary Beth reminded us that the fundraiser website will open April 4 and close the night of April 11 at Bottle Theory on south Spring Road. Items for auction include golfing packages, a Florida Condo, family fun, theater packages, botanical gardens, and more. Web participants can also buy split-the-pot tickets and/or make an outright donation. If you are attending, **Email Brian** (brianbergheger@comcast.net). The cost for Rotarians to attend the April 11 event will be paid by the club. Members will be billed \$25 for their guests.

If you haven’t furnished *at least* four email addresses for the club to send invitations to prospective website bidders, send them to Al Spada (alfred.t.spada@gmail.com). Cast a wide net: friends, family, work associates, and especially, in-laws. If we don’t ask them, we won’t get their contributions.
AND: Mary Beth will still take your silent auction items.

Marilyn explained the *negative liability* item shown in the club’s Feb. 29th Balance sheet. To put a simple spin on it, two negatives make a positive. The club’s charitable trust checking account was hacked at the time checks needed to be given to scholarship winners and so they were paid out of the club’s checking account and the club will be reimbursed by the trust account for this one-time event.

The deadline for the club’s scholarship applications was last Friday. A selection committee meeting scheduled.

The next Service Committee project: helping at the UCCA food distribution day at Churchville School April 13.

Garry Vaccaro reported on the monthly youth activities at Elm Court Apartments that our club has funded in partnership with DuCap. As a as a means of thanking us, a video prepared by the teens at the complex was shown.

The Elmhurst Art Museum needs half or full-day volunteers for *Art in the Park*, May 4 & 5 (as well as the Friday before for set-up).

The Charitable Giving Committee is preparing applications to send to area humanitarian organizations.

2024-25 District 6450 Governor visit: September 12.

April 20 is the District 6450 annual conference (joint with Dist. 6440) at the Rotary International headquarters in Evanston.

Aug. 30: District 6450 Family Fun Day at Sox Park.

Effective July 1, Rotarians participating in any club activity involving youth under the age of 18 must have a background check. District 6450 will underwrite the cost of the background checks and the associated training. *More to come on this requirement as details are still being developed.*

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- 3/28 Kathie Watts, Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry
- 4/4 Fundraiser website familiarization
- 4/11 No Noon meeting (Wrap-up at Bottle Theory)

FINER-THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

- 3/28 Bill Lyman
- 4/4 Mary Beth Harper

ROTARY 2022-2023

Create Hope in the World

Rotary International President

Gordon McInally - Scotland

District 6450 District Governor

Connor Gee – Chicago (and Elmhurst)

Rotary Club of Elmhurst Officers

- President Frank Troost
- President-Elect Marilyn Boria
- Secretary Bob Villiard
- Treasurer Jim Clohessy
- Past-President Mary Beth Harper
- Directors** Dave McKenna
- Art Pitz
- Eli Turnbough
- Garry Vaccaro

Member

Spouse

Classification

- Alexander, Don Retired-Finance
- 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
- 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
- Tyburski, Susan Paul Weisel Hospital Development
- Vaccaro, Garry Debra Warm Coats for Cool Kids
- Villiard, Bob Becky Retired-International Logistics
- Weigel, Joe Aileen Commercial Lending

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 at today's meeting.

Rotary is more than simply paying dues, attending meetings, and contributing to The Rotary Foundation. Kudos to Pres.-Elect Marilyn for sharing much of the news from her PETs (President-Elect Training) and listing upcoming District 6450 events.

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

2023-2024
ROTARY CLUB OF ELMHURST COMMITTEES

Charitable Trust Fund Committee – Dave McKenna, Chair
Reviews investments and reports to the membership.

Community Service – Valerie Cahill & Bob Villiard, Co-chairs
Develops and implements educational and humanitarian projects addressing community needs.

Donations/Grants – Marilyn Boria, Chair
Develops grant application, reviews grant requests and recommends funding based on the Club’s strategic plan.

Fundraising – Mary Beth Harper, Chair
Organizes activities to raise funds to support the Club’s charitable work.

Membership Recruitment and Development,
Develops and implements a comprehensive plan for the recruitment and retention of members.

Rotary Foundation – Bill Lyman, Chair
Implements plans to support the Rotary Foundation through financial contributions and program participation.

Scholarships – Dan Kunesh, Chair
Develops scholarship applications, advertise to local high schools and recommend recipients.

Article 8 - Committees

Section 1 -This club’s committees are decided by the Board and appointed by the President.

Section 2 - The president is an ex officio member of all committees.

Section 3 -Each committee’s chair is responsible for the regular meetings and activities of the committee, supervises and coordinates its work, and reports to the board on all committee activities.

(The previous bylaws included a Membership & Recruitment Committee, a Club Relations Committee, an International Service Committee, a Vocational Service Committee, and a New Generations Committee.)