



# The Rotary Club of Elmhurst *District 6450*

## Fellowship – Understanding – Service - Ethics

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May 12, 2022

### Opening

Marilyn's Thought for the day: *gratuity*. Reminding us that the average human is not 'hard-wired' with a gratuitous nature, she went on to say how grateful she is for several factors in her life but specifically for three Rotarians who are no longer with us.

He keeps trying: Joe Nilles had his split-the-pot ticket drawn from the fishbowl again today only to turn up the 6 of spades, no substitute for the King of Clubs...

Following her driving vacation to the southeast last week, Finemaster Marilyn Boria took us on a virtual road trip today, asking questions about the interstate highway system, such as which president began the program, how highways are numbered, which interstate highway is the longest, when construction started, and "Can we get there from here?"

Sad news: The club observed a moment of silence for the three Rotarians who passed away recently: Dennis Sluga, Frank Mushow, and former member Jan Pauli.

### Program

Josh Goralski, founder of Goralski & Assoc. Social Sector Consulting, described an effort to expand the manufacturing and distribution of simple water filtration systems and clean-burning stoves in Haiti.

A novel concept, the filtration pots are made from clay, sawdust (or rice hulls), water and nanosilver. The pots produce enough clean, clear and pleasant tasting water for a family of 5 to 10 people for two years at a cost of \$22 per pot. The effort includes training locals in the entrepreneurial business basics of selling products currently produced in Guatemala. A new, larger factory is underway in Haiti.

The group also makes clean-burning metal stoves (in Haiti) that use 50% less charcoal than traditional cooking methods, a big factor in Haiti where only 5% of the land is forested.

Thanks to Valerie Cahill and her YMCA connection for learning about these efforts to help Haitians help themselves while improving health and environmental conditions in Haiti.

### Announcements

Bob Villiard, Charlie Laliberte, Frank Troost and four Rotaractors will be in the city's Memorial Day Parade May 30. Tell president Brian if you wish to volunteer for the parade; or imply show up by 9am at the parade forming area near Third & Michigan.

President Brian reminded us to send our suggestions for the club's 2022 grant award (from the anonymous \$150,000 restricted gift fund) to the Board of Directors prior to next Wednesday's board meeting at 5pm, Elmhurst Public Library.

Evanis Myer donated a number of Dennis Sluga's Rotary memorabilia to the club for members to share. See Mary Beth (or help yourselves...).

Thus far, those expressing an interest in the club's Monarch Butterfly committee are: Brian Bergheger, Bob Villiard, Joe Weigel, Marilyn Boria, Mary Beth Harper, and Bill Lyman. See Bill if you wish to be part of the planning for this September 15 celebration.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- 5-19 Monthly Business Meeting
- 5-26 Brett Weiss, Weiss Scholarship Foundation (providing education to children in Kenya)
- 6-2 Kate Knicker, Exec Director, Foundation 205
- 6-9 Rebecca Kevil, 2022 Scholarship Recipient
- 6-16 Monthly Business Meeting
- 6-23 Installation of Officers and Board - Medinah CC**

6-30 Park Place of Elmhurst (Club Road Trip)

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

5-19 Frank (bring your own lunch) Troost  
5-26 Bill Shanklin  
6-2 Ken Bartels

**ROTARY 2021-2022**

**Serve to Change Lives**

**Rotary International President**  
Shekhar Mehta - India

**District 6450 District Governor**  
Jane Hopkins - Joliet

**Rotary Club of Elmhurst Officers**

President Brian Bergheger  
President-Elect Mary Beth Harper  
Secretary Bob Villiard  
Treasurer Jim Clohessy  
Past-President Charlie Laliberte  
**Directors** Marilyn Boria  
Bill Sakash  
Joe Nichele  
Frank Troost

**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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays, the club provides lunch. Bring Your Own Lunch on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> 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?
  - 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.*

**21:** The number of Elmhurst Rotarians in attendance today. Great to see all of you!

Club Foundation Chair Bill Lyman thanked fellow Rotarians for their generous donations to The Rotary Foundation. **Last year (2020-21) every Elmhurst Rotarian gave to The Rotary Foundation, averaging well over \$100 per member.** And every Elmhurst Rotarian has contributed to the Foundation again in this 2021-22 Rotary year. By June 30, every Elmhurst Rotarian will be a Paul Harris Fellow. Congratulations!

**Still needed: Thought for the Day and Fine Master for June 16.** Call, text, or email Brian to sign up.

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