



**The Rotary Club of Elmhurst** *District 6450*  
**Fellowship – Understanding – Service - Ethics**  
[www.elmhurstrotary.org](http://www.elmhurstrotary.org)

**May 26, 2022**

## Opening

Pres. elect Mary Beth Harper, standing in for pres. Brian, opened our meeting today. (This introduction to our meeting brought the unsolicited response that pres. Brian should really be president for *two years*, just to get in a year's worth of leading our meetings...)

Also in absentia, Bill Shanklin's thought for the day was the Soldier's Prayer for those who have died in service to their country. (Bill was participating in Memorial Day planning today.)

In typical Army fashion (as in arbitrary and capricious?), Bill simply sent word for everybody to contribute \$5 to the fine session. We did.

Elaine Libovicz had her split-the-pot ticket drawn from the fishbowl today only to turn up the three of clubs, rolling over more money for Polio Plus.

Charlie Laliberte welcomed his lovely spouse, Betty.

## Program

Brett Weiss, founder of the Weiss Scholarship Foundation and member of the Naperville Rotary Club, described his foundation's efforts to provide an education to students in a small, agrarian village in Kenya. Unlike the US, Kenya pays for only part of primary school costs and essentially none of the secondary school costs. Abject poverty renders school unaffordable for most families and leads to few receiving enough education to provide a better life for themselves (only 35 of 80 students finish 8<sup>th</sup> grade).

Brett's mantra is that the only way to end poverty in a society is to educate the children. His charity awards scholarships to students, selecting equal numbers of

girls and boys. Several are graduating from a university this year. One young woman will be attending Elmhurst University this coming fall. The foundation accepts general donations and donations from sponsors committing to financing a high school education. The Weiss story is similar to that of Children Up in neighboring Uganda and prompted an exchange of ideas between Brett and the Lalibertes, founders of Children Up. (For more information, go to [weiss scholarship foundation.org](http://weiss scholarship foundation.org).)

## Announcements

Want a Rotary cap or shirt? Bob Villiard will be coordinating an order for members interested in promoting our Club during volunteer activities.

This very morning, our club delivered garden supplies, flowers and vegetable plants to residents of Greencastle Apartments in Elmhurst (a HUD sponsored housing facility). Bob Villiard led this effort for the club; the senior residents will plant our donations in their enclosed garden area.

Bill Lyman asked the club to approve a five-year renewal of the Elmhurst Rotary Charitable Trust Fund as required by the original charter. The motion was unanimously approved.

Put September 15 on your calendar for our club's hosting of the Chicago Butterfly awareness event.

*A club social outing?* Rob Kopecky is suggesting an outing to see the hit musical **WICKED!** at Chicago's Nederland Theater this fall, similar to the club's venture to see **Hamilton-The Musical** several years ago. Because of the appeal to younger people, family members would be welcome. A motor coach would provide

transportation (with a box lunch enroute or dinner at Petterino's Restaurant).

If you are interested, please contact Rob at [rob.kopecy@icloud.com](mailto:rob.kopecy@icloud.com). Let Rob know **by June 2** if you might be interested. For information on WICKED!, click on: [https://www.chicago-theater.com/theaters/james-m-nederlander-theatre/wicked.php?q=Wicked at James M. Nederlander Theatre&cat=CURRENT & UPCOMING SHOWS](https://www.chicago-theater.com/theaters/james-m-nederlander-theatre/wicked.php?q=Wicked+at+James+M.+Nederlander+Theatre&cat=CURRENT+%26+UPCOMING+SHOWS)

#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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**  
8-25 Park Place of Elmhurst (Club 'Road Trip')

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

6-2 Ken Bartels  
6-9 Rob Kopecky

## ROTARY 2021-2022

### **Serve to Change Lives**

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Shekhar Mehta - India

#### **District 6450 District Governor**

Jane Hopkins - Joliet

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Past-President Charlie Laliberte  
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Joe Nichele  
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## **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]

*"Rotary International is the world's leading humanitarian service organization", Cliff Lyda, Past Pres. of Elmhurst Rotary & Past District 6450 Governor.*

**14:** The number of Elmhurst Rotarians with us today.

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

Many of you met Dist. Governor-Elect Ade Onayemi last fall when he visited our club. Sign up for Ade's June 22 installation dinner (at The Abbingdon in Glen Ellyn) by going to: [www.oprfrotary.org](http://www.oprfrotary.org).

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

