



The Rotary Club of Elmhurst *District 6450*
Fellowship – Understanding – Service – Ethics
www.elmhurstrotary.com

April 4, 2024

Guests: The club welcomed former member Curt Linson for the fourth time. Good to see you again, Curt.

Thought for the Day: Mary Beth Harper read a half page of philosophy in small type about being the best person you can be, written by Anonymous. Fortunately, your scribe does not know shorthand and his memory is, well, not so memorable. The uptake: just smile a lot.

Fine Session: During a multiple-choice quiz on philanthropy, we affirmed that older people are most likely to give more than other age groups; single women who never marry give the highest amounts to charity; Of those earning less than \$10,000 annual income, half were likely to make donations; those with college educations average higher giving than high school graduates, and so on. The conclusion: give freely to our fundraiser...

Polio Plus: Joyce Slone's card was drawn from the fish bowl, but she pulled the 2 of hearts from the rather thick deck leaving next week's contestant a 1-in-45 chance of pulling the King of Clubs. Be patient, the odds improve every week...

THE BIDDING IS OPEN!

THE WEBSITE: <https://www.ElmRotary.givesmart.com>.

First, register your information using a current credit card. You may still be registered from last year's fundraiser but if so, make sure your credit card info is current.

Bid on twenty-seven (that's right, 27) diverse silent auction items, from vacation packages to sporting ventures, theater packages, a pinball party, elegant luxury car evenings, hand crafted pottery items, to a basket of various lottery tickets and more. Or, you can just make a donation or buy split-the-pot raffle tickets. The ElmRotary.givesmart.com website has great pictures and descriptions. These silent auction items make wonderful, unique gifts (if you choose to not enjoy them yourself).

The website is easy to use. **Send it on to friends and family** who will find any number of these items

irresistible. If people don't see it, they won't bid or donate.

The split-the-pot raffle will end at 7 pm next Thursday evening (April 11) at a casual gathering at Bottle Theory at 542 S. Spring Road. If you have not already signed up, let Brian Bergheger know at brianbergheger@comcast.net. No charge for Elmhurst Rotarians; \$25 for guests. Bottle Theory will furnish a light Mexican fare as well as have a cash bar.

Bidders have the good fortune of being automatically notified when they have been outbid so that they can immediately up their bid, until 8 pm sharp when the silent auction ends.

Bid and donate freely; this fundraiser is how we fund our good works for the year. The proceeds and donations go toward the club's annual four-year, \$4,000 scholarship (totaling \$16,000 per year) as well as the club's support of various humanitarian efforts in our local area.

COD Fuel Pantry luncheon: Plans for the lunch were modified. It will take place at Abbingdon Banquets in Glen Ellyn on Friday, April 12. RI president McInally will speak. Anyone wishing to attend must register through the Wheaton AM club.

Saturday, April 6 is Rotary District 6450's Learning Day at The Corral, 4940 Willow Springs Road in Western Springs. It starts at 9am and runs to noon and you will get great ideas on how to help Rotary be more effective in our community, meet truly interesting Rotarians from the greater Chicago area, and get many questions answered. There is no charge and coffee and donuts will keep you fueled but don't rat on Bill's donut count...

Memorial Day Parade: President Frank will provide two of his vehicles for the parade, and Charlie is inviting Rotaract and Interact members to participate. One more driver is needed: it could be you!

April 20 is the District 6450 annual conference (joint with Dist. 6440) at the Rotary International headquarters in Evanston. Never been to the RI HQ? It's a good time to

see the physical location of a great humanitarian organization.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

4/11 No Noon meeting (Wrap-up at Bottle Theory 6-8 pm)
 4/18 Business Meeting

FINER-THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

4/11 No Noon meeting (Fundraiser at Bottle Theory)
 4/18 Marilyn Kosik

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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 |

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| 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 Wcisel | 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.

15: The number of Elmhurst Rotarians at today’s meeting.

Remember: Send this <https://www.ElmRotary.givesmart.com> website to all your friends and relatives; they deserve to see the great auction items and help you help the club!

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.)