



The Rotary Club of Elmhurst *District 6450*

Fellowship – Understanding – Service – Ethics

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October 16, 2025

Guests: No guests today.

Thought for the Day: "An eye for an eye only ends up making the whole world blind". Mahatma Ghandi

Polio Plus: Woj was asked to pull a ticket from the fishbowl today *and he pulled his own ticket!* He immediately prevented a barrage of derisive comments by drawing the queen of hearts from the deck.

Fines: Today's finer Ken Bartels described the former practice of presidents being fined every week, then promptly fined president Greg \$10 for a gaff made at last night's Board of Directors meeting. Then we were fined for being unable to cite Elmhurst's population at the last census (46,108), identifying the favorite color of US residents (blue) and world residents (also blue), the state bird of Montana (meadow lark), the year the dodo bird became extinct (1690), and how many steps there are to the second floor of the Elmhurst Public Library (26). Bonus: how many miles to Mars? (220,000,000).

Announcements

-Garry Vaccaro said six Rotarians helped ICDI (Illinois Community for Displaced Immigrants) unbox and organize coats for distribution last night at Elmhurst Presbyterian church. The next opportunity to assist ICDI will be just before Thanksgiving.

-The Elmhurst American Legion Post 187's 'Stories Behind the Songs' Military Benefit will take place this Saturday, Oct. 18, from 6 to 11pm with four Nashville writers and performers. Tickets are \$125 and include food and an open bar at the Legion Hall at 310 Butterfield Road. Contact Bill Shanklin for reserving your spot. (PS: Unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots campaign would be appreciated.)

-Ten Rotarians have volunteered to assist with the UCCA food distribution effort at Churchville Middle School, Saturday, Oct. 25 from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

-Planning for the club's spring fundraiser will begin at a 11:30 am, Thursday, Oct. 30 at the Library, just ahead

of our weekly club meeting that day. Needed: program ideas, a tentative date, location, and more.

Business Meeting

President Greg mentioned upcoming District 6450 events including World Polio Day, Friday October 24, with retired Chicago restaurateur and Polio survivor Ina Pinkney. See page 3 below for these District events.

Financial reports were delayed due to the Oct. 15 business filing deadline. The reports are expected later this week and Greg plans to pass them on by email.

Although our club planned to sponsor three Interact club members at the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) weekend leadership event, none of our York High Interactors expressed an interest. When the call came to help pay for attendees from the Norridge-Harwood Heights club our club was able to cover one attendee.

Our board recommended holding our annual Winter Gathering December 10 at Victory Meat & Seafood at 116 N York Street in Elmhurst (or just up the street at their new location). No cost for members but we will be billed for our spouses/guests. A cash bar will be available. (No regular club meeting Dec. 11.)

The nominating committee for club officers for the 2026-27 Rotary year will be chaired by Past President Dave McKenna, who tried to avoid the assignment until he realized that the nominating committee is exempt from being nominated.

President Greg, back from an October 12 family celebration for Canadian Thanksgiving was peppered with questions about the Canadian holiday, etc. Yes, Frank, they have turkeys in Canada...

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

10/23 Bridge Communities - Boria
10/30 Ronald McDonald House - Tilley
11/6 Park District/Prairie Path Maintenance

FINER-THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

10/23 Becky Villiard
10/30 Joyce Slone
11/6 Jody Robinson

ROTARY 2025-2026

Unite for Good

Rotary International President

Francesco Arrezo – Ragusa, Italy

District 6450 District Governor

Bonnie Sanchez-Carlson

Rotary Club of Elmhurst Officers

President	Greg St. Laurent
President-Elect	Greg St. Laurent
Secretary	Joe Weigel
Treasurer	Tony Mandarino
Past-President	Marilyn Boria
Directors	Al Spada
	C. J. Merrill
	Eli Turnbough
	Ken Bartels

<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
Kosik, Marilyn		Residential Real Estate
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
Mandarino, Tony	Christine	Retired – Business Consultant
Marcucci, Tom	Mimi	Former Mayor
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
Troost, Frank	Patricia	Retired-Monument Company
Tilley, Jay		Retired
Turnbough, Eli		Funeral Director
Tyburski, Susan	Paul Weisel	Hospital Development
Vaccaro, Garry	Debra	Warm Coats for Cool Kids
Villiard, Becky	Bob	Retired Elementary teacher
Weigel, Joe	Aileen	Retired - Commercial Lending
Wojcik, Woj	Aga Barnak	Financial Planning

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 Rotary District 6450 Governor.

20: The number of Elmhurst Rotarians in attendance today.

Your editor got Greg's travel itinerary wrong; he traveled to eastern Canada for Thanksgiving, not Alberta.

Canadians, it turns out, don't have to apply tariffs to US goods; they simply stopped buying US products, including wine, liquor, and beer.

Hear retired Chicago Breakfast Queen Ina Pinkney tell her story at the World Polio Day in Hinsdale Friday, Oct. 24. Registration is reasonable (\$20) for pizza and beverages. Thus far, one Elmhurst Rotarian has signed up (your editor). It's from 6 to 8 pm at the Hinsdale Community House, 415 W. Eighth Street, Hinsdale.

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

OPPORTUNITIES

- **VIBRANT CLUB – ONE SUMMIT IIS SATURDAY!!** Get registered today using the link in DISTRICT EVENTS below and bring your club team. You will learn how to make your club stronger and develop plan for the future.
- **WORLD POLIO DAY IS OCTOBER 24th!** Join Aurora United on the 24th to celebrate our milestones in eradicating polio and hear from polio survivor Ina Pinkney. Registration is in DISTRICT EVENTS below.

You can also help Chicago Lakeview celebrate with Pints for Polio. See their [INSTAGRAM PAGE](#) for more information.

Stay tuned for more information coming out next Monday on how you can celebrate WORLD POLIO DAY with your donation to support the vaccine drops given to children.

- **Have you always wanted to be a District Governor?!** Now is your chance to apply for the 2028-29 Rotary year. For more information and to get the application [CLICK HERE](#).

DISTRICT EVENTS

- **Vibrant Club – One Summit – Saturday, October 18, 2025, 9am-1pm, Lithuanian Museum of Art, Lemont.** [Register Here!](#) You can also take part in a member orientation from 8:30-9am and get a tour of the museum given by the executive director and our own public image chair, Sandra Scedrina.
- **World Polio Day – Hosted by Aurora United, October 24, 2025, 6-8pm.** Celebrate World Polio Day and

hear the story of polio survivor Ina Pinkney. For more information and to register [CLICK HERE!](#)

- **50 Year Celebration of Rotary Youth Exchange Fundraiser – Sunday, November 2, 2025, 3-7pm at The Hatchery in Chicago.** Join our District to celebrate 50 years of Youth Exchange with an evening of food from around the world. For more information and to register [CLICK HERE!](#)
- **Veterans Stand Down Day – November 13 & 14, Humboldt Park Armory.** Start collecting coats, hats & gloves and [sign up to volunteer](#).
- **Youth Exchange Outbound Country Reveal Party – Friday, January 9, 2026, 6-8:30pm at The Hatchery in Chicago.** Hear from former exchange students about how the experience has changed their lives and celebrate with our new outbounds when they find out what country they will go to in the summer of 2026. [REGISTER HERE!](#)

CLUB EVENTS

- **Hinsdale Rotary Pumpkin Smash – November 8, 2025, 8am-noon at the Hinsdale Community House.** [Click here for more information.](#)
- **Woodridge Rotary Annual Gala – December 3, 2025.** Check out the entertainment and fun to be had and get your tickets by [CLICKING HERE!](#) Get information about sponsorships [HERE!](#)
- **Joliet Rotary 2nd Annual Merry, Merry Margarita – December 13, 2025.** More information coming soon.