



The Rotary Club of Elmhurst *District 6450*  
**Fellowship – Understanding – Service – Ethics**

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**August 28, 2025**

**Thoughts for the Day:** Two quotes from General and later President, Dwight D. Eisenhower: "In preparing for battle I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable" and, "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed."

**Polio Plus:** Woj's ticket was pulled from the fishbowl today. He quickly removed the ace of clubs from the deck. Close, but no king. The pot continues to grow.

**Fines:** Well, that went well, all things considered. At the start of the fine session, Dave pulled a Ben Franklin from his wallet and challenged Frank Troost to match it. Frank did and raised the amount to \$200. Dave folded, muttering something about not carrying that much cash on his person. Several members kicked in a few measly Abe Lincolns and the result was well over \$200 going into the club's coffers. It's been a while since a fine session generated that number.

### **FUND RAISER!**

President Greg, Dan, and Woj did it! Initially expecting to cross the finish line just after 11am, the trio was by the banner at 10:15! Greg experienced someone falling on him from a nearby boat and then he hit the bottom of Lake Michigan before surfacing again to finish the swimming portion in 44 minutes. Dan's bicycle performed well, staying upright in a tight crowd. Woj, starting 'slowly' at a rate of 7 minutes & 15 seconds a mile, got a bit miffed after a few runners passed him so he upped the pace to finish 20<sup>th</sup> in his category. Greg and Dan joined him the last few meters to cross the finish line together. Obviously, Woj still 'has it' despite having retired from his soccer career.

These three Rotarians not only met the fundraising goal of \$10,000, their efforts resulted in total donations of **\$12,283.85** as of press time. The club expects several more checks (payable to Elmhurst Rotary Charitable Trust) in the coming days. The website is still open as well:

<http://e.givesmart.com/events/JS8>.

This fundraiser, together with our Rotary Foundation District Grant, will fund our scholarship expense for next year. **A huge *thankyou* to Greg, Dan, and Woj.**  
(Photos on pages 3, 4, and 5)

### **Announcements**

President Greg called for suggestions to sponsor high school students to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) October 10, 11 & 12. The club can sponsor two students.

### **Program**

Dave McKenna celebrated his birthday today by noting the 'Police Riot' that took place at the Democratic National Convention 57 years ago, the same day Dave took his first breath. Dave then mentioned other August 28 events such as Emmet Till's murder (1955), MLK's "I Have a Dream" speech (1963) the Plainfield Tornado (1990) and more.

Then Dave picked eight random Rotarians to give a four-minute bio of themselves. It turns out we have a risk management person, a former pro soccer player now in financial management, a retired professor, a graduate cleaner of house eaves, a retired, world-traveled banker, a retired railroad manager, a retired teacher and a retired monument company president. Two of these retirees are head of 501c3 humanitarian organizations. More instant bios to come in later programs.

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

- 9/4 Pat Motto: IL. Community for Displaced Immigrants
- 9/11 Tour the Peter Troost Monument Co. (Lunch is furnished *after* the tour, next door at Priscilla's Soul Food Café)
- 9/18 Business meeting & new member orientation

### **FINER-THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:**

- 9/4 Tony Mandarino
- 9/11 None: Offsite meeting to tour the Peter Troost Monument Co., 4300 Roosevelt Road, Hillside, IL
- 9/18 Woj Wojcik

## **ROTARY 2024-2025**

**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	Jim Clohessy
Past-President	Marilyn Boria
<b>Directors</b>	Al Spada
	C. J. Merrill
	Eli Turnbough
	Ken Bartels

<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Spouse</u></b>	<b><u>Classification</u></b>
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 Wcisel	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.

**16:** The number of Elmhurst Rotarians in attendance today.

Triathlon tidbits:

Greg noted that his new Farr & Swit watch still runs just fine, thank you, despite wearing it during his Lake Michigan Triathlon swim.

This time, Greg had no problem staying parallel to the shoreline as he swam the first leg of the Triathlon although he did receive a few elbows from fellow swimmers.

Dan inaugurated his new bicycle in style Sunday, a great way to celebrate the beginning of many more miles.

Woj stepped in at nearly the last minute to do the 10K (6.2 miles) run portion of the Triathlon. He is obviously in great shape.

Many thanks to all three!

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

## **Fundraiser photos below**



**Dan Kunesh, determined biker, with his blue Rotary Club of Elmhurst shirt and new blue bike.**





**Woj Wojcik as he seriously steps up the pace. Note the size 13 gray Hokas with the orange accents.**

**Woj's left 'ankle' has the Triathlon 'baton' passed to him when Dan finished the bike portion, Dan having received the baton from Greg at the end of his swimming portion.**





**Greg, Woj, and Dan crossing the finish line at the 2025 Chicago Triathlon Sunday, generating dollars for scholarships!**