



The Rotary Club of Elmhurst *District 6450*

Fellowship – Understanding – Service - Ethics

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Opening

Welcome to **Jodi Robinson** from the Rotary Club of Oak Forest. An accomplished Rotarian, Jodi is visiting clubs nearer to her home office. Welcome also to former Elmhurst Rotarian **Patrick McDonald**, guest of Bob Villiard.

Art Pitz expressed the thought for the day from *Lincoln on Leadership* by Donald T. Phillips: "Get out of the office and circulate among the troops."

Lucky Joe (Weigel) had his split-the-pot ticket drawn again today; his luck turned south when the three of hearts was drawn from the deck.

For the fine session, Art asked us detailed questions about Civil War war weaponry, such as the caliber of the Union forces' rifles, their range and rounds per minute, cannon range, the casualty count at Antietam, and other grizzly facts. Pay up, folks, the professor strikes again...

Sad news: The club observed a moment of silence honoring past president and past Assist. Dist. Governor **Dennis Sluga** who passed away Monday. Grave-side services will be private; memorial donations in his name may be sent to the Elmhurst Rotary Charitable Trust, PO Box 147, Elmhurst, IL.

Congratulations! Nine generous Elmhurst Rotarians received their Charter Member certificates and pins in District 6450's PolioPlus Society today. The remaining six Rotarians can pick up their certificates at next week's Thursday club meeting. *It's not too late to become a charter member:* Donate \$100 to Polio Plus by June 29 (it turns into \$ 300). See club Foundation chair Bill Lyman or the district website.

Two Elmhurst Rotarians and guest Jodi Robinson attended the District Foundation dinner Friday evening. Elmhurst was prominently mentioned for achieving numerous giving levels last year: Reaching EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) status, having four Major Donors, two members contributing to the Endowment Fund, two members in the

Paul Harris Society, and having 14 charter members of the District's PolioPlus Society.

Thanks, fellow Rotarians, for your generosity in helping Rotary make a difference!

Program

Shawna Roubitchek, from the ECPA (Elmhurst Center for Performing Arts) gave an update on the organization's effort to build a performing arts (music, dance & comedy) venue which would seat about 550 patrons. ECPA has an option to buy property on west First Street, across the street from the Elmhurst Metra station. A recent addition to the plan includes the adjoining building to the west and around the corner to the Christian Science Reading Room on Addison Street. A what about parking question was answered by mentioning the city parking garages to the north and to the west. Funding to date has been to develop a plan, including a survey to rename the venture (the survey is available at ecpa-elmhurst.org). A capital funding campaign will come later. ECPA is aware of the need to keep retail space fronting First and Addison streets as part of their plan.

Announcements

Bob Villiard, Charlie Laliberte, Frank Troost and four Rotaractors will be in the Memorial Day Parade May 30.

See Bill Lyman to be part of the club's Monarch Butterfly committee, helping prepare for the migration event here in mid-September.

If you have ideas for how money from the club's anonymous \$150,000 donation should be spent this year, please email Brian and Mary Beth. The Board will review all suggestions at the May meeting and bring a recommendation to the club.

Our club will be notified when the Ukrainian Medical Service will need more volunteers to package shipments to be airlifted to Ukraine.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- 5-12 Josh Goralski, Goralski & Assoc. Social Sector Consulting
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

- 5-5 Art Pitz
5-12 Marilyn Boria
5-19 Frank Troost
5-26 Bill Shanklin

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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 1st & 2nd Thursdays, the club provides lunch. Bring Your Own Lunch on 3rd, 4th, & 5th 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.

18: The number of Elmhurst Rotarians in attendance today.

Still needed: Thought for the Day and Fine Master for June 16. Call Brian to sign up.

Good news: Warm Coats for Cool Kids was selected by Elmhurst's 100+ Women Who Care for their quarterly award. More dollars & more warm coats for more kids! Congratulations, Garry!

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