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# THE WHEELHOUSE

The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Naperville

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# Keeping House

Catch up on our meetings

Missed a meeting? Here's what happened.

## Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Today's Community Service Grants saw 37 organizations receive a total of \$175,000 in a packed meeting at Meson Sabika. Community Service Co-Chair Stephanie Kastelic thanked Naperville Rotary Charities for making this possible. For full list of recipients see The Hub.

## Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup>

Our committee chairs reported back on the great work they've done this year. A big thank you to Maria Caselli, Youth Service; Mike Briggs, Vocational Service; Stephanie Kastelic and Atul Akhand, Community Service; Barry McKeown, International Service; Club Service, Mike Calabrese; Secretary, Kathryn Hoffman; Membership, Jacque Clermont; Finance, Bill Johnson; Technology, Jonathan Newman; Communications, Dave Della Terza; Jason Altenbern, Foundation; Rich Tataara, Programs and Laura Wrasman, Sergeant.

## Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup>

Presidential Transition Banquet. See The Hub for photos

## Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Club Picnic at DuPage River Park. See The Hub for more.





# Housework

## Board updates

Our committees are always hard at work behind the scenes. Here's what they've been doing this month.

### **Holiday Parade of Lights**

Work has already started on this year's Holiday Lights Parade. Last year we raised \$60,000 and this year's goal is \$75,000. If you'd like to help, contact Laura Wrasman or Donna Malone, this year's joint chairs. There's plenty of work to do, so even if you won't be in town for Thanksgiving, you can still help in advance.

### **Community Service Committee**

Following their successful pollinator garden projects at Little Friends and St Patrick's Residence in Spring 2021, the committee is now planning signage/plaque dedication ceremonies. The committee is also planning to support the 5K walk organized by Naperville Park District in honor of Chuck Papanos to support Lymphoma Research Foundation at the Riverwalk Grand Pavilion.

Other future projects include an Alzheimer's Walk on September 18, 2022 and a fall cleanup at St Patrick's on October 22.



# Window View

## What's coming up?

### June 30th

No meeting, Happy Fourth of July!

### July 7th

No meeting, Happy Fourth of July!

### July 14th

12.15 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.

Club assembly at Meson Sabika. Our new committee chairs will share why you should join them this year.

### July 21st

12.15 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.

Regular meeting at Meson Sabika. Our speaker will be Danielle Tufano of the Downtown Naperville Alliance.

### July 28th

5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Raise the Bar at Brand and Mary Ann Bobosky's home. 948 Anne Road, Naperville, 60540.





Looking for some good news? You're in the right place.

### Community Service Awards

Thirty-seven organizations received a total of \$175,000 on June 2nd thanks to the work of our community service committee under the leadership of Stephanie Kastelic and Atul Akhand. The grants were divided into seven categories.

Presented by John Norman, **Education** recipients were: Academy of the Arts; Elyssa's Mission; Indian Prairie Education Foundation; Literacy DuPage; Naperville Education Foundation.

Jacque Clermont presented the **Community Service** awards to: Career and Networking Center; Family Shelter Services; Loaves and Fishes; People's Resource Center; Samaritan Network; Touch My Heart; West Suburban Community Pantry.



# The Hub

## News and Notables

The **Food/Shelter/Clothing** category was presented by Kevin Dickson. The recipients were: Bridge Communities; Hesed House; DuPage PADS; Illinois Independent Living Center.

Alma Jones presented the **Mental/Physical Health and Individual Development** category. They were: The Edward Foundation; Little Friends; NAMI DuPage, SamaraCare; Turning Pointe Autism Foundation; VNA Health Care; Western DuPage Special Recreation Association; West Suburban Fellowship Club.

The **Senior Services** category was presented by Laura Wrasman to DuPage Senior Citizens Council; Naperville and Lisle Triad; Martin Avenue Apartments; Ride Assist Naperville; Riverwalk Adult Day Services; Senior Home Sharing.

Atul Akhand presented the **Youth Services** grants to: The Alive Centre, CASA of DuPage County; The Education Center of Developmental Resources; KidsMatter; Nick's Network of Hope; YMCA Safe n' Sound.

Finally, Joe Russo presented NCTV 17 in the **Community Support** category.

Congratulations to all this year's recipients and thanks to the Community Service Committee for all their hard work. A special thank you to Hunter Byington for the photos.





### Presidential Transition Banquet



Members enjoyed an evening of fun, fellowship and delicious food at Elements of Water Street as we celebrated the great work done by outgoing president Brian O'Malley and welcomed incoming president Kim White.

After the event, Brian said: "As the Rotary year comes to a close and my term as president ends, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone and say thank you for your support, kindness, and encouragement this past year. I especially would like to thank my board for an amazing year. Thank you all for your commitment, dedication, and hard work. You made the year enjoyable for me, you were inspiring, and it was an honor to work with you. I wish Kim the best as she begins her term as president. She is going to be a great leader for our club. I am proud to be a member of the Rotary Club of Naperville."



### Perfect Picnic

At our last event of the Rotary year, members enjoyed a great picnic at DuPage River Park. Thanks to Club Service Director Mike Calabrese for organizing another fun outing.





# Wheels in Motion

## How to Get Involved

Here are some ways you can get involved at Rotary this month.

### **Volunteer to help at Bernie's Book Bank.**

This book drive provides quality books to underserved children. The Community Service Committee is currently planning the next event which is likely to be at the 95th Street Library on Columbus Day, October 10th. If you'd like to help collect, examine and sort books contact Molly Martin [molly\\_martin@mac.com](mailto:molly_martin@mac.com)



# In the House with Kim White

Before Kim takes the reins as our new club President, she took time out to tell us more about herself.

## **When did you join Rotary and who sponsored you?**

I joined in in 2014 and Janet Derrick was my sponsor.

## **Why did you want to join?**

It spoke to me in terms of the work Rotary does around the world and I thought I could add value to the work we do locally.

## **How have you been involved?**

I worked with John Norman on the Program Committee during Nina's year. I also served on John's board and have volunteered from the beginning on the Youth Service Committee and Scholarships.



## **What is your profession?**

Executive Director, Career and Networking Center

## **Can you share any details about your family life?**

I am married to my high school sweetheart, Benny. We will celebrate 35 years of marriage on July 18, 2022. We have two amazing children. BJ, 30, and daughter, Logan, 26. Benny and I moved around a lot while he was in the military. We lived three years in Germany 1988-91, - Herzogenaurach, Germany, right outside of Nuremberg. While living in Germany the Berlin wall came down. One week after the wall came down, we drove to Berlin and noticed the stark difference between East and West. While living in Germany, we were also able to visit a ton of countries including France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, France, Luxembourg, Czechoslovakia, Holland, England and Monaco to name a few.

My favorite stateside assignment was living in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where Benny was stationed at Fort Carson, CO for three years. Other stateside assignments included Fort Lawton, Oklahoma where our son was born and Bloomington, Indiana where our daughter was born.

While I love my adopted hometown Naperville, Illinois, I also love all things KC - including my hometown sport teams - Kansas City Chiefs and the Kansas City Royals, and of course we love yummy Kansas City BBQ!



**What hobbies do you enjoy?**

I love to travel, read, and volunteer

**Tell us one thing members may be surprised to learn about you.**

I was an elected official before my husband. (Benny is a Naperville City Councilman) I was elected to serve on the West Point Elementary School Board, West Point, NY from 1997-1999.

**What do you enjoy most about Rotary?**

Working alongside so many "do gooders" looking to do good in our community and around the world.





# Small Cog in a Big Wheel



Our club is always striving to follow the ideals set by Rotary International. Last month we presented scholarships to young students to help further their education. RI says: “Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults.”

On May 25, Maria Caselli presented certificates to three 2022 Rotary Scholarship recipients from Neuqua Valley High School: Tyler Constantine, (Frank Slocumb Scholarship recipient), Christopher Hall, (At Hope Scholarship recipient) and Alyssa Mead (Rotary-North Central College Make A Difference Scholarship recipient).

On May 31, Marian Stricker presented the 8th Grade Service Above Self award to Hill Middle School students Molly Schalk and Lucas Evans.



# Rotary Celebrates

## Birthdays

Laura Wrasman	July 2
Kathryn Hoffman	July 6
Jim Melsa	July 6
Roger Iliff	July 30
Nancy Wiersum	July 11

## Anniversaries

Atul Akhand	July 7, 2011
Krishna Bansal	July 11, 2017
Julie Carlsen	July 30, 2019
Jacque Clermont	July 11, 2019
Ken Kolbet	July 1, 1978
Prakash Tata	July 7, 2005



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Look out in your inbox on July 29 for our next edition!**