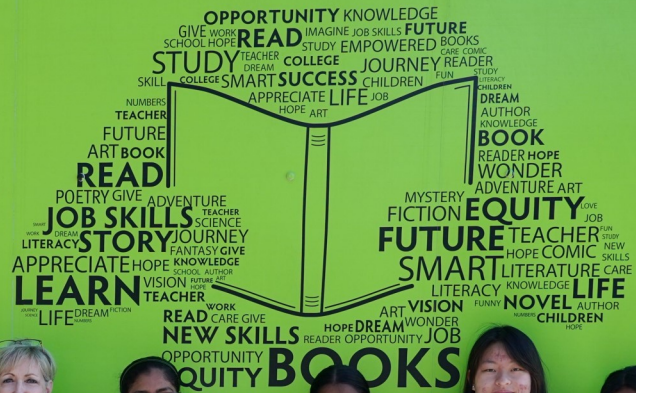


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THE WHEELHOUSE

The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Naperville

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Keeping House

Catch Up on Our Meetings

Couldn't make a meeting? Here's what you missed. More like seconds than minutes!

Thursday September 29th

RI Curriculum Development Supervisor Amy Hopkins was the speaker for a fun Zoom meeting today as she taught us about the history of Rotary with a little trivia.

Thursday October 6th

At today's in person meeting we learned all about the DuPage River from Mary Lou Wehrli.

Thursday October 13th

Today's guest speaker was our very own Rosemary Macko Wisnosky, Honorary Consul of the Slovak Republic in Chicago with jurisdiction for the state of Illinois. Rosemary gave us a very enlightening talk about Naperville's sister city, Nitra and the benefits of twinning. Welcome to our two newest members, Renee Boise, sponsored by Dick Galitz, and Ross Berkley, sponsored by Nancy Wiersum.

Thursday October 20th

Carlos Madinya from the Naperville Convention and Visitors Bureau was the speaker for this month's Zoom meeting. Carlos talked to us about the economic impact of the bureau on the city and how they educate people around the country about Naperville.

Thursday October 27th

Members Raised the Bar at the Alive Center, Naperville. Thanks as always to Mike Calabrese for organizing.



Our committees are always hard at work behind the scenes. Here's a glimpse of what they're up to currently.

International Service

The Rotary Club of Hyderabad Deccan will be leading a global grant for a new dialysis center and our club will be the International Partner.

Helping Babies Breathe is a global grant of the Rotary Clubs of Palm Harbor, Florida and Freetown, Sierra Leone that we are supporting. Helping Babies Breathe is a program that trains birth attendants to perform infant resuscitation when necessary.

Mother's Milk Global Grant – This is a project where mother's milk will be donated, pasteurized and directed to infants in need in the Cancun area of Mexico. This is about a \$35,000 project and our Club will be providing \$16,000.

Our club has supported high school scholarships for students in Dago, Kenya for the past two years. At this annual event, Brett Weiss leads a fundraiser with a goal of at least \$1,750 to be matched by NRC (from ISC matching funds) to provide a scholarship totaling \$3,500 to support four years of tuition, room and board. This year's Zoom fundraiser, held on September 7, 2022, exceeded the goal and raised an incredible \$2,800!

Youth Service

Rotaract students at North Central College have shown their support for Ukrainians at war with a special event. Letters of Love for Ukraine encouraged students to write letters to those in Ukraine and here in the U.S affected by the conflict.

Window View

What's Coming Up?

Here's what we're looking forward to in November.

Thursday November 10th

12.15 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. Regular Meeting Meson Sabika

Rotary Salutes Veterans Program. Veterans receive Quilts of Valor in this heartfelt Rotary tradition.

Thursday November 17th

12.15 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. Regular Meeting on Zoom

The Ben Schumaker Memory Project.

Thursday November 24th

No meeting. Happy Thanksgiving!



Looking for some good news? Read on...

St. Pat's Fall Cleanup

Perfect fall weather made hard work a breeze for volunteers at St. Patrick's Residence. Rotarian Joe Brusseau led his team in the fall clean up around the Naperville nursing home.

Thanks to Stephanie Jones Kastelic and her family, Marian Stricker, Alma Jones, Laura Wrasman, Molly Martin, and everyone else who volunteered!



Wheels In Motion

How to Get Involved

Want to get involved? There are plenty of opportunities coming up.

November 9th

All are welcome at the District Rotary Foundation Dinner, which takes place this evening at the Abbington Suites, Glen Ellyn. Tickets are \$75. More information available from [Rachel Ossyra](#).

November 25th

It's that time of year again! Join us as we celebrate with the Rotary Holiday Parade of Lights in downtown Naperville. Questions? Ask [Donna Malone](#) or [Laura Wrasman](#).

December 10th

The most wonderful time of the year will be here again before you know it! On December 10th we'll be supporting the Salvation Army by ringing bells to draw people to the red kettles outside Casey's Foods on Naper Plaza. If you'd like to help, contact [John Lansing](#) to sign up.



Wheels in Motion

How to Get Involved

GiftMart



The Rotary Club of Naperville is once again partnering with the Giftmart program to provide Christmas gifts to 600 District 204 & 203 students. This program is a dignified way for families to create their own Christmas celebration because they purchase toys for their elementary school age children at \$2/toy. It also introduces the concept of philanthropy because the money they spend on the gifts is given back to their respective schools.

The event is on December 10 from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm at Compass Church on 103rd Street. GiftMart is trying to raise \$75,000 to purchase 3,000 toys for District 204 students eligible for free or reduced lunch.

- The goal for Rotary Club of Naperville is to raise \$5,000
- The suggested donation is \$50
- Cash, checks (made out the RCNC with Giftmart in memo) or credit card via [this link](#) or QR code below



Small Cog in a Big Wheel

A Bigger Picture

Learn more about how our club is fulfilling the ideals of Rotary International.

Read All About It:

Bernie's Book Bank event a big success!

Reading is the most important skill a child needs to learn and thrive. RI supports education worldwide, and for the past several years our club has been making a difference locally.

Bernie's Book Bank distributes books to underserved children throughout Chicagoland, and this month Molly Martin and her team helped out at their book drive at the 95th Street Library. This year 3,286 books were donated on the day, with 7,500 processed. We had 22 wonderful volunteers including 20 Interact students. At the end of the book drive, every recipient received a bright green Bernie's book bag with age-appropriate books to take home to keep.

Says Molly: "Special thanks to John Knobloch, Dave Della Terza, Donna Yule and the American Association of University Women, Casey's Foods, Kumon, and every individual, family, business, and organization who donated books to the drive."



In the House with Jason Altenbern

Music and education have always played a huge part in Jason Altenbern's life, but did you know he is also a secret runner? We quizzed him to find out more.

When did you join Rotary and who sponsored you?

I joined Rotary in 2008 and John Buckley was my sponsor.

Why did you want to join?

I wanted to join as I saw Rotary as a continuation of the good works I had experienced with the Naperville Jaycees, the Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce, and through my involvement as an active board member with other local non-profits.



How have you been involved?

I have been the chair of Community Service, Rotary Foundation, Vocational Service, and Membership Committee during my tenure. These roles granted me the chance to serve on the board each of those four years. Former Rotarian Rich Stompanato and I introduced our Club to supporting D204 low-income families around the holidays through the Giving Tree program in 2009. Through my involvement as a worship leader at Wheatland Salem UMC, I introduced the church's Gift Mart Program to our club about 10 years ago to which I am thrilled to see how it continues today under Janet Derrick's leadership.

What is your profession?

I am the Vice President for Agency Advancement at Little Friends. I oversee fundraising, marketing/communications, grants, and community outreach. I also oversee our Serendipity Resale Shop, but the real credit goes to a core of volunteers who have supported us over the years. Our store manager celebrated her 50th year with the agency last year.

Can you share any details about your family life?

I grew up in Colchester, which is a tiny farm community in west-central Illinois. My father was a band teacher for 10 years before he switched careers to work with computers at Western Illinois University. My mother taught piano as I was a child and she eventually joined my father in working at WIU. They both celebrated their 50th year as choir director and organist at our local church respectively.

I met my wife Amy as we were Psychology majors together at WIU. We both completed our undergraduate and graduate work at the institution. My career aspiration was to be a Dean of Students at a large, public university. We married in 1997 and moved to Chicago where I was employed at DePaul University, serving roles as Greek Advisor and later as Associate Director of Student Life for five years. My introduction to Naperville was 20 years ago when I started work at North Central College as Director of Community Education, Conferences and Camps. After a five-year stint at NCC, I left higher education to become the community relations coordinator at Indian Prairie School District 204 and I worked for the district for nine years.

My career took another turn as I left the field of education, and I entered nonprofit work as the director of development for 360 Youth Services in 2018. I was at 360 for nearly two years before I transitioned to Little Friends.

We have two adult daughters Kathryn (21) and Ainsley (18). Kathryn leaves for AmeriCorps in less than two weeks after graduating from Webster University with a degree in Political Science and minors in Human Rights Movement and Cultural Anthropology. Ainsley is a freshman Business Entrepreneurship major at Wichita State University. For the past five years, Amy has worked in change management at PNC Bank. We acquired Mia, our four year-old German Shepherd/Beagle mix from a shelter during COVID and that rounds out the family.

What hobbies do you enjoy?

Music has always played a key role in my life and that continues to be my biggest hobby. I like to golf, play tennis, cycle, and my family enjoys camping and hiking – basically most anything outdoors. I am a life-long Cubs fan and I love Notre Dame Football.



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

I will be running my 13th half-marathon in November and as part of a virtual race as I am unable to run in the Naperville Half Marathon. I only picked up running eight years ago – family still thinks I’m crazy – and I love it.

What do you enjoy most about Rotary?

You can truly find your voice at Rotary and there is no shortage of opportunities to pursue within the organization locally, regionally, and beyond. We have an amazing club and I have a collection of amazing people in my network as a result of wonderful friendships we have forged over the years.

Rear View Mirror

Looking Back

This month club historian John Knobloch profiles former club President Tom Eganhouse.

Recently admitted members of the Rotary Club of Naperville may have heard the names of former members but not of their work as members of the club. Veteran members may recall their former colleagues but specific memories may have faded. Today's article continues a series that looks back at former members of the Club. Some served as president or in other leadership positions; others worked more quietly to make a difference, advancing the ideals of Rotary.



Longtime Rotarian Tom Eganhouse was born on September 14, 1936, in Bellevue, Iowa. Raised on a farm in rural Iowa, Tom worked in a veterinary clinic in Des Moines, where he saw “how pets serve the community in a profound way. Community Animal Veterinary Medicine served the community in a non-economic context. I enjoyed seeing the pleasure pets bring to their owners and the owners to their pets.”

After graduating from Iowa State University, Tom began working in Northbrook, Illinois. One of his fraternity brothers, Gene Drendel, recommended that Tom set up a practice in Naperville. In 1966, Tom moved to Naperville and established Parkview Veterinary Animal Clinic on North Center Street, across from Burlington Square Park. After purchasing the building, Tom remodeled it with the assistance of designs by our own Rotarian Chuck George and changed the name to Burlington Square Animal Hospital. In 1982, Tom purchased the home across from Naperville Central High School, remodeled it (again with the assistance of Chuck George) and moved his practice to what was known as The Animal Hospital.

Tom was introduced to Rotary by Dr. Hal Henning, who would sponsor Tom for membership in 1967. Tom, in turn, introduced his old fraternity brother, Gene Drendel, to Rotary and sponsored Gene for membership in 1975. While your author can only imagine what fraternity life must have been like with Tom and Gene, any longtime members of our Club can only imagine how much less of a Club we would have had if Tom and Gene had never joined our Club.

Tom served as president of our Club for the 1978–1979 Rotary year. John Bobbitt had been scheduled to serve for that year but unexpectedly passed away, resulting in Tom's elevation from vice president to president a year early. In a July 1994 profile in the Nairator, Tom noted that those circumstances gave him little time to prepare for his year as president. He noted that because the Club was smaller, he knew everyone and was easily able to fill any open committee positions. As president, Tom worked to get the Club more involved with the district as this was a goal that had been previously set by the Club and which was followed by subsequent presidents.

Tom recalled that when the Club met at the YMCA on Washington Street (later renamed the Kroehler YMCA and recently demolished), meals were served family-style. Everyone would pitch in to pick the food up from the pass-through window and carry it to the tables, even clearing the plates from the tables. He noted the meetings had a different atmosphere but didn't think it would be workable as of 1994 since the Club had become so large (estimated at about 130—150 by your author).

Tom noted in 1994 that in earlier years, the Club didn't have projects or fundraisers but served the community in ways other than monetary. Tom noted that Rotary has always been a great organization for professional people, noting Polio Plus as an example of how members of different professions can come together to work for the greater good. He went on to suggest that the "healthcare crisis" (a topic brought to the forefront during the early years of the Clinton administration nationally and globally) would have been for the establishment of a "think tank" of Rotarians of various classifications to apply the principles of Rotary to a plan that would be consistent with the Four-Way Test.

Tom noted that during his presidency, he raised the issue of the prohibition of women joining Rotary and noted that this was one very significant way in which Rotary had changed since he became a member. Tom noted that 98% of the clients who brought pets to his clinic were female so his weekly attendance at Rotary gave him the chance to visit with the guys. He noted that it was not a paradox that he was the one to raise the question of female membership but later would be the only member to vote against opening up our membership as he objected to this change being the result of the "federal government telling Rotary who could be a member."

Tom noted that his profession had changed in many ways over the years due to technical advances, business trends of marketing and more competition. He noted the veterinary practice would be a more relevant profession if the principles of Rotary were more universally applied in the practice setting. He suggested that the Rotary Ethics Committee consider "the revitalization of professions as a challenge."

Tom met his sweetheart, Betty, at Iowa State and they were married for 48 years. They had three sons and one daughter with seven grandchildren, with twins on the way when, sadly, Tom succumbed to leukemia on April 26, 2008. (This was almost six months prior to the passing of Gene Drendel – 2008 was indeed a rough year for our Club!)

Tom's 1994 profile concluded with the fact that he loved his work and couldn't imagine ever retiring. (And he didn't except for making preparation for his demise with his clients.) Tom noted that his Christian faith and Rotary were "very instrumental in helping me find joy in serving through my profession and personal life."

The author acknowledges the work of Nairator staff for the profile of Tom that appeared in the Nairator in July of 1994.

If any member has a suggestion for a story from the Club's past, whether a particular individual, Club project or a memorable event, please email the author, [John Knobloch](mailto:John.Knobloch).

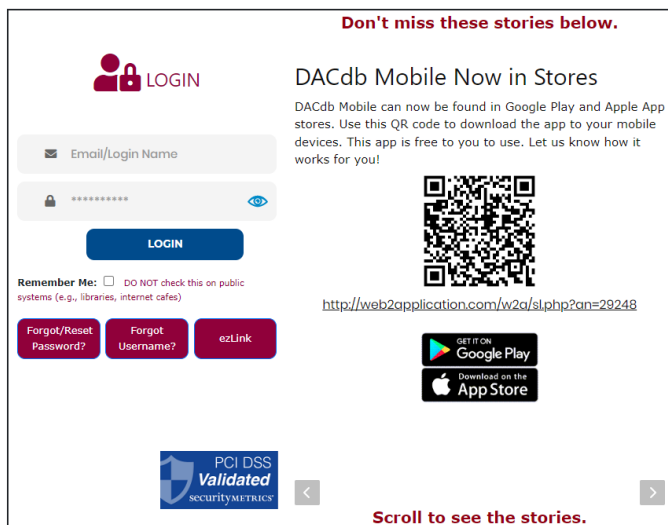
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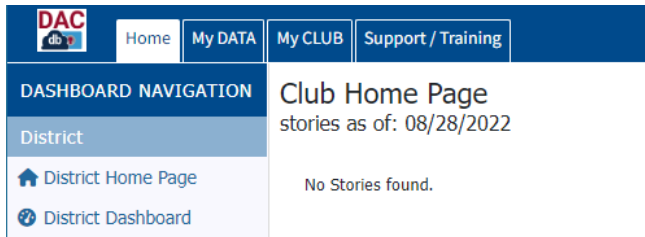
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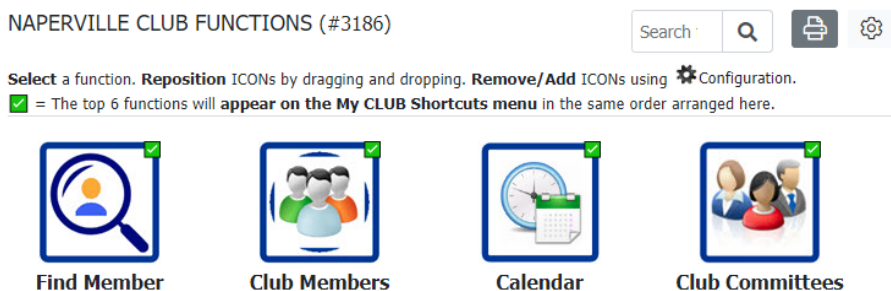
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- **Find Member:** This searches our Club directory. You can search by name, email, business name, occupation, and more.
- **Club Members:** A list of our Club members.
- **Calendar:** The calendar for our Club and the District.

Rotary Celebrates

Birthdays

Brand Bobosky	November 19
Ed Chapman	November 10
Michael Dalough	November 30
Paul Feith	November 11
Alma Jones	November 8
Donna Malone	November 20
John Norman	November 16
Ron Ory	November 3

Anniversaries

Hunter Byington	November 4, 2004
Richard Joseph	November 16, 1989
Stephanie Kastelic	November 29, 2018
Sophia Luo	November 12, 2016
Barry McKeown	November 15, 2007
Kim Spayer	November 19, 2015
Adrian Talley	November 12, 2020
Brett Weiss	November 30, 2017
John Wightkin	November 12, 2016



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HARRIET TUBMAN

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