



The Sunrise

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Sunrise Calendar (subject to change)

February - All regular meetings at the Rubin Center,
305 Jackson Avenue, w/ ZOOM option

- 4: Regular meeting, 7am
- 8: Rotary Board meeting, 7am, ZOOM
Youth Services Committee, 5pm, Quigley's
- 11: Regular meeting, 7am
- 18: Regular meeting, 7am
- 25: No meeting
- 28: International Committee meeting. 6pm, ZOOM

*please direct ideas for speakers
and club projects to **Srini Namesivayam***

We're Back



"Are you sure it fell out here?"
(5K File photos)

The wheels are in motion to stage our first live St. Patrick's Day 5K since 2019. Last year, behind the leadership of **Ryan Siebert**, we pieced together a truncated but successful virtual event that was praised by participants. And we made money for the Foundation.

The run-walk kicks off on March 12. In order to get a shirt, participants must sign up by March 1.

As 5K chair, Ryan has assembled a committee of volunteers tackling such tasks as event registration, sponsorships, signs, permits, web site, marketing, volunteer coordination, T shirts, event logo, race route, packet pickup, sound system and entertainment, bib order, portable toilets, tent and tables, fencing, banners, food and beer, photo coverage, and costume contest.

Race day volunteers are needed on March 10, 11, and 12. Captains, co-captains and packet pickup volunteers are among the positions to be filled.

- ✓ To volunteer, go to our Sign-up Genius page: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f49a9a72aa2fb6-stpaddys6>
- ✓ Our 5K web site is being managed by Marian Ruthig. <https://saintpaddysday5k.com/>

New Member

Please welcome **Nikhil Gupta**, who was brought into our Club by **Stephanie Colbert**. Nikhil works for Discover Financial (Discover Card) in an I.T. management role. He and his wife, 11-year-old daughter and 13-year-old son live in Aurora. Nikhil is launching "Kids Build Kids," a charity that will sell framed art and give proceeds to local charities such as Kids Matter and the Inside-Out Club.



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Exceeding Expectations



Naper Lights maestro **Geoff Roehll** reported that our 2021 Christmas lighting event netted \$35,400 for the Foundation. He said the proceeds, which include SECA funds and cash from on-site donation boxes, “totaled three times what we had forecasted.” In an email to Rotarians, sponsors, volunteers, and contractors, Geoff said “(We) handed out over 7,500 hologram glasses, and Santa

listened to hundreds of children’s wishes for Christmas. We thank everyone for helping make Naper Lights be the holiday gift to the community we envisioned! With your support we are able to grow Naper Lights to be better and better. We’d appreciate any feedback on how we can make your support work better for your organization. On behalf of the Rotary Club of Naperville Sunrise, we THANK YOU.”



Chris “Santa” Kerstin saluted the children before vanishing into the night sky. Ho ho hoooo!

(Santa Photo by **Jim Ensign**)

Kids Matter CEO **Nina Menis** told our January 14 breakfast that the recent Job Fair drew 300 people looking to get a career boost. Menis said the one-stop shop hosted over 30 local business representatives that answered questions and helped job seekers with their applications. Businesses were looking to offer seasonal, part-time, and full-time opportunities. The event



also provided guidance in resume writing and interviewing. “The best part,” said Menis, “was seeing young people apply for their first job!”

Edward Hospital Joins Merger Parade “Overarching Trend”

The December 31 merger of Edward-Elmhurst and Northshore health systems was an imperative, according to Edward Hospital CEO **Joe Dant**.

“There’s an overarching trend among hospitals, physician groups, and insurance companies to consolidate. Size is an advantage when negotiating purchasing prices with vendors and insurance companies,” Dant told our January 7 breakfast. He said larger systems are better positioned to deal with the Covid epidemic and the shortage of nurses.



“Since the advent of Covid, we have had a significant increase in turnover...more nurses and clinical staff workers are retiring or finding jobs outside of health care. Dant noted that nurses can double their salaries by moving

to private health care agencies. “We’re stuck in a cycle; we’ve had to increase our pay rates to keep nurses from leaving.”



The merger encompasses Evanston, Skokie, Glenbrook, and Highland Park hospitals; Swedish Hospital on Chicago’s North Side; Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights; Edward Hospital in Naperville; Elmhurst Hospital; and Linden Oaks Behavioral Health.



Gerald “J.P.” Gallagher (above left) heads the combined system.

Mary Lou Mastro serves as CEO of the South Region, which includes the Edward-Elmhurst-Linden Oaks triad.

(web photos)

From **DG Jane Hopkins**: Our Annual District 6450 Conference has been scheduled for April 30 at the Katherine Memorial Park in Hinsdale. For more info contact **Mary Dougherty** at msd2050@aol.com.

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