



The Sunrise

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Sunrise Calendar (Subject to change)

October

- 7: Regular meeting, 7am, NCC – Riverwalk Master Plan Eggs & meat sponsored by Wintrust (**Matt Gambs**)
- 9: Long-Table Dinner on Water Street to benefit West Suburban Community Pantry; Rotary Table compliments **Mike Tenuta**
- 10: 2nd annual Bernie’s Book Bank children’s book drive 95th Street Library, 10am – 2pm
- 11: Board meeting, 7am, ZOOM
- 14: Regular meeting, 7am, NCC – Cheryl’s Home Orphanage Update, **IdaLynn Wenhold & Bob Marshall**
- 21: Regular meeting, 7am, NCC – **Mary Ann Bobosky** reveals all
- 28: No meeting

*please direct ideas for speakers and club projects to **Marion Ruthig***



New Club member **Renee Miklosik** was born and raised in Aurora and migrated to Naperville as a student at North Central College (NCC). “I started my career in non-profit work at the

Paramount Theater, then spent four years as NCC’s program director for summer camps and conferences.” Renee said after a stint at Little Friends, she joined the staff at the DuPage Children’s Museum where she is now vice president for development. Renee is also a member of the Jaycees.



New Members

Meet **Serdar Erkoca**, a walk-in Rotary applicant who wants to serve his new home community of Naperville, and who likes to tell jokes.

Serdar is a recent arrival from Turkey, where he was a member of the Rotary Club of Ankara Maltepe, serving as president for two years. His military service involved computer programming and systems analysis for the Turkish General Staff. Serdar, his wife **Jale** and son **Arif** own a business marketing and distributing electronic parts and instruments - such as flight test instrumentation – for various U.S. and European countries. Their daughter, **Eris**, operates the *Maison Parisienne* restaurant in Chicago. Arif also tutors students in physics and mathematics.



Serdar is being sponsored by President **Stephanie Randall**.



President Stephanie Randall reviews the new Club web site with **Rich Cullen** and **Jim Povejsil**.

As of October 1 it’s good-bye Club Express and hello DACdb! Rotary District 6450 is making the switch in our member management platforms to make software activities more intuitive and to save money. DACdb describes itself as “an integrated suite (that) makes all functions of member management seamless and easy.” At District headquarters, **Linda Yates** is leading the effort to build what will be a user-friendly replacement for ClubExpress.

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Speakers



Jan Roehll briefed our Club on the Conservation Foundation’s Take a Hike challenge, a collaborative effort with Edward-Elmhurst Health, the Naperville and Elmhurst Park Districts, and

the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County. Jan cited studies showing that “getting outdoors into nature – nature therapy – improves mental and physical health.” Residents can register for the challenge until October 27 by filling out the on-line registration form at:

<https://www.eehealth.org/healthy-driven/take-a-hike/>

- Log six hikes between Sept. 1 to Oct. 27 using the Take a Hike Tracker provided on the web site.
- Turn in the tracker at one of the locations listed on the web site by October 30 and receive a recognition award.



Emily O'Donnell



Mark Garavaglia

Representatives of Administer Justice explained how their organization provides low-cost legal services to those who cannot afford them. **Mark Garavaglia** said, “one in three Americans cannot afford a lawyer, and every year, 46-million citizens are turned away from legal help.”

Emily O'Donnell said, “If you’re a victim of a crime you have to fend for yourself; Only those accused of a crime get a public defender.”

There are 71 Justice Centers in 15 states; 17 are in Illinois. “What they need,” explained O’Donnell, “is exposure and contributions to fund new centers. Help us get the word out. It costs \$5,000 to launch a new center.” Clients pay \$30 for a 45-minute session with an attorney. Also needed are volunteer attorneys: “Give us your time once a month for three to four hours.”



For the past 20 years, **Roger Breisch** manned a suicide hotline out of Batavia. He said the job is still emotionally draining. Those he speaks with, including many adolescents, beat themselves up...defining themselves using “words in red,” like “failure,” “boring,” “lazy,” “worthless,” and “unwanted.” Breisch said for adolescents “it feels like the end of the world because they don’t have the wisdom and experience that come with adulthood. He added, “when you’re lonely and in darkness, reach out...find a truth teller who knows you and loves you.”

Citizens Appreciate Public Safety (CAPS) is a Naperville community group that recognizes public safety personnel for their contributions to the City. CAPS Chairman **Wes Warnette** said, each year, Naperville residents are asked to nominate public safety employees who have served “above and beyond the call of duty and exhibited a genuine concern for the welfare and well-being of all Naperville citizens.”



The CAPS Board “comprises residents from the Naperville community who discuss and decide on specific incidents and actions, accomplished throughout the year by Fire and Police Department personnel, that deserve recognition. A CAPS Awards event honoring the Naperville Police Department is held each May and a CAPS Awards event honoring the Naperville Fire Department is held in October. The public is always welcome.”

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Thankful



Carol Sierzega in her back yard with (from left) **Dan Framberg, John Keough and Tom Miers.**

In appreciation of Sunrise Rotarians spending two days rebuilding her deck, **Carol Zierzega** sent the following note by way of **Tom Miers**: “With heartfelt thanks, you really made a difference, and you are truly appreciated. The kindness between you and your fellow Rotarians continues to be in the same beautiful way that it was given to me. Thank you so much. You are the best.” Carol also gave Tom 36 homemade kolaches to distribute at our breakfast. Yum.

Naper Lights Looms



Setup for our annual Naper Lights event is only one month away. It will be all hands on deck as we set up displays at City Hall, along Water Street and the Riverwalk. **Geoff Roehll** teased that “a couple of new attractions” will be added this year. Geoff said the city of Naperville has provided \$20,000 to the project. The funds will go into the Club Foundation account.

Stephanie and Jason Randal’s youngest daughter **Chloe** turned one on September 20. The photo shows Chloe upon her arrival home last year after spending 64 days in a neonatal intensive care unit.



Geoff Roehll’s son, Spencer, turned 21 on September 10. Spencer is attending Kansas University. *(High school photo)*



Spencer at Rotary breakfast in 2014.



Chris Kerstin gave sunshine bucks for son **Jackson**, a 6’4” 250-pound senior lineman at Naperville North H.S. Chris said Jackson is getting recruiting offers from Division One colleges. Video highlights at <https://www.maxpreps.com/athlete/jackson-kerstin/DWtv13INEeuAzqREozo6lw/default.htm>

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Congratulations to **Paul and Laurie DeKruif** on their 30th wedding anniversary. Paul said they renewed their vows in Las Vegas without **Elvis**. (Archive photo).



Rotarian **John Nania** has announced his impending marriage to **Terri Lynn Fotheringham**.



“The passing of (Queen Elizabeth II) was very emotional for me,” **Mike Albrow** told our September 16 breakfast. “She was such an amazing, gracious woman.” The day Elizabeth became Queen, young Mike, his sister, and aunt went to Buckingham Palace to see her step onto her balcony. Years later Mike encountered the Queen at Birmingham University, where he was a student. “I exchanged a few words with her...there was a press photographer...who took a photo of me, the Queen and a few others (Mike is second from left in photo above).”

Honduras Health Project

International Committee Co-Chairs **Dawn Newman** and **Deb Newman** discussed a project providing sanitary products to young women in Honduras. The aim is to prevent the students from having to take a break from school during menstruation. Dawn said a grant has been approved to fund supplies for the project, which will benefit from assistance from Interact students. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is working to “level the educational playing field” in developing countries where girls often get short shrift academically. Dawn said some policy makers have argued that menstruation may be causing girls to miss a significant number of school days.

Guests



Neuqua Valley H.S. Interact members (from left) **Hansika Sathianarayanan**, **Sudi Harbool**, and **Elicia Desmaratti**.



Vinothni Narayan is a grad student at The University of Illinois at Champaign.

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