



# The Sunrise

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## Sunrise Calendar

(Subject to change)

### April

- 1: Napalm Appreciation Month
- 5: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC – **Ann Marie Suter**, personal safety and first aid
- 9: Club Board meeting, 7am, Zoom
- 12: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC – **Joe Kosner**, Rotary means business
- 19: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC - **Robert Schaller**, Artificial Intelligence and the law
- 20: Rotary Districts 6450/6440 joint conference, Evanston
- 26: No meeting

*please direct ideas for speakers and Club projects to **Bill Hassett***

## Good weather, Music, Food, Beer

Wow! For two years in succession, we've had mild weather for our St. Paddy's Day 5K. You'll recall that the 2022 event drew only about 5,000 runners no thanks to Covid-19 and a starting time temperature of nine degrees. This year we had about 1,000 participants and \$27,000 in sponsorship contributions.

Music was provided by **Bach to Rock** of Naperville using a full-throated sound system assembled by **Stephan Chriqui** and **Jim Ensign**.

**Tim** and **Tom Belgio** provided their famous disappearing PB&J sandwiches, cookies, and beer (regular and green). Following are selected photos. The entire album is accessible at

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/94J8B4XWTYyFSeyu5>

## Newest members sworn in



**President Srimi Namasivayam (left), Geoff Roehll, Nag Jaiswal, Tracy Jensen, Stephanie Randall.**

**President Srimi** officially installed **Tracy Jensen** and **Nag Jaiswal** at our March 22 breakfast meeting.

**Tracy**, whose sponsor is **Stephanie Randall**, is a marketing and communications specialist with the American Dental Association. She has worked with various for- and non-profit organizations using "smart marketing strategies and strategic plans, email marketing and content creation." She has three teenage children.

**Nag** is a senior program architect and digital transformation advisor for Salesforce. He and his wife **Sheela** have three grown children, **Sunny, Karan,** and **Pooja**. Nag's sponsor, **Tom Miers**, was unable to attend the ceremony so **Geoff Roehll** stepped in.

**Jim Ensign**



Race monitor **Steve "Green Hornet" Essig**.



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Ginnie Moore issues a packet.



Chris Kerstin stands ready to hand a bead necklace to Alec Danner, the first to cross the finish line.



President Srimi, John Keough, Geoff Roehll.



Greeting runners



Marion Ruthig, Mark Schroeder, Paul Schroeder.



Tom Belgio

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### Diversity and “pluck” at North Central



North Central College President, **Dr. Anita Thomas**, can often be seen strolling the campus and chatting with students; and they’re not discussing the weather. Her purpose is to hear and learn from students while making them aware of the importance of “living out our mission together in a “diverse community of learners.”

Speaking at our February 16 breakfast meeting, Dr. Thomas emphasized the importance of maintaining a robust liberal arts program at NCC so that students learn “awareness and understanding of their own perspectives.” And she encourages students to be “plucky” by pursuing knowledge outside their academic majors and sharing it with the community.

“As we’re starting our strategic planning and thinking about what the next steps are for NCC, we really want to hone in on the importance of that liberal arts base for our undergraduate students, the importance of helping them to find purpose and to continue in that spirited sense as they solve the world’s problems,” she said, adding that “the liberal arts is also going to continue to be an important part of our graduate programs, particularly in the health sciences.”

Dr. Thomas said a major headache for students and the college is the federal government’s snail-pace overhaul of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) program for the 2024-25 award year. Delays in updating the financial aid request form “are hindering the ability for schools nationwide to offer financial aid packages to students for the fall term. It will impact every student at NCC...students are waiting for their packages to be released and we are waiting at the college for the packages to be released.”

### Rosy Naperville



According to Niche.com's just-released 10th annual city rankings, Naperville is the “best city to live in in America” and the “best city to raise a family.” The city also received an 'A+' grade for its public schools. When he spoke to our breakfast meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>, **Mayor Scott Wehrli** cautioned against sitting back and assuming all is rosy in Naperville. “If we think things are all rosy then you’re not going to get the real story...you’re going to get politics” and not much gets done. Early on, **City Manager Doug Krieger** admonished that city government does not always operate as fast as the new Mayor – a self-described political neophyte with a head full of ideas – might like, “and...we’ve got to be willing to take some chances. I want to ask a lot of questions, question the way things are still being done a certain way and never been challenged with new ideas.”

Early on Mayor Wehrli led an overhaul of the city’s 20 boards and commissions, each of which was being run, as the mayor put it, “in its own unique way...we didn’t have policies or established procedures on this, so we blew the whole process up and created job descriptions for the 150 positions on the city boards and commissions. The improvements were codified in a 17-page handbook that is drawing interest from other communities.

**Boosting commercial development** - Mayor Wehrli praised Naperville Schools Districts 203 and 204, saying their high standards were created by business investment and good community planning that must be perpetuated.

(More Mayor Wehrli)



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Whew!

“When you have more residential than commercial (development) you don’t get the funding, or what you get must be paid by residents.” He pointed out that the Aurora side of District 204 has less money because of tax increment financing (TIF). “I don’t like handing out free money. Tax increment financing takes a project and revenue off the tax rolls for decades,” and when you include the additional children that TIF projects bring in...funding those children’s education is a challenge. Looking ahead, Mayor Wehrli is enthusiastic about high-growth industrial development along the route 59 corridor north to I-88. “District 204 will get the money when the new businesses open.”



Tom and Pati Miers at our March 8 breakfast meeting.

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Vice-President Bill Hassett and President-Elect Marion Ruthig at the recent annual President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) in Itaska.

When Rotarian **Tom Miers** collapsed to the ground while skiing in Colorado last month, his future health was suddenly dependent on the time it would take to get him to Denver and be injected with a thrombolytic. A delay could leave him with a permanent handicap. Because it was snowing, an EMS helicopter was out of the question. So, Tom was whisked to Denver in a 4-wheel drive vehicle, and in time. Back home, he told Rotarians that “there’s only one thing I have control over and that’s my attitude. I’m very positive; I know I’m going to get through this.” Tom has become a strong advocate of regular exercise, advice he follows with regular walks around his neighborhood. “I’m just thrilled by the support I have from the community and my family.”

The signs of stroke:

- Sudden **numbness** or weakness in the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden **confusion**, trouble speaking, or difficulty understanding speech.
- Sudden **trouble seeing** in one or both eyes.
- Sudden **trouble walking**, dizziness, loss of balance, or lack of coordination.
- Sudden **severe headache** with no known cause.

Call 9-1-1 right away if you or someone else has any of these symptoms.

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**Dawn Newman** had a lengthy trans-Atlantic conversation with her 2012 foreign exchange student, **Kiki Finken**. Dawn reports that Kiki has graduated from college, earned a master’s degree, and is now doing political research for the banking system in Dusseldorf, Germany. The 2017 photo shows her with parents **Anja** and **Hermann**.

**Stephanie Randall** reports that the \$500 grant for the pollinator project at DuPage Children’s Museum has been approved. The money is being given to the Cress Creek Garden Club, which will use it to buy plants.



Our March 8 meeting attendees were greeted by violinist **Maria Bochenek**.

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