



The Sunrise

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Sunrise Calendar

(Subject to change)

August

- 4: Regular meeting, 7am, Naperville Country Club (NCC)
Youth Service update from **Alice Wood** and **Lynne Nolan**
/bring school backpacks
- 8: Board meeting, 7am, ZOOM
- 10: **Rotary International President R. Gordon McInally**
At Rotary Club of Naperville, 11 am, Maison Sabika
- 11: Regular meeting, 7am, NCC – **Greg Ruthig**,
Tanzania coffee project / backpack deadline
- 13: Naperville Rotary Ride
- 18: Regular meeting, 7am, NCC
- 25: No meeting

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

Installation Luau 2 President's Recognition Awards

Outgoing President **Stephanie Randall** presented the 2022-23 Rotarian of the Year award to **Marion Ruthig**.



Ginnie Moore was named Club Rookie of the Year.



Jim Povejsil earned the **Art Muehlhausen** "Service Above Self" Award for filling the Club treasurer position with a smile. And Jim is still smiling!

Past President **Ryan Siebert** presented a gift card to **Jason Randall** in recognition of his tireless support of **Stephanie** and care of their children during her presidency.



Serdar Erkoca gave home-made wine bottle holders to **Assistant Governor JoAnne Ragona** (red halo) and **District Governor nominee Bonnie Sanchez-Carlson**...

...and a gavel plaque for the outgoing president



Thirty-five people attended the Installation Luau catered by **Belgio Catering**, from left: **Greg and Marion Ruthig, Tim Belgio, Mike and Dawn Tenuta, Nikhil Gupta, Ryan Siebert, Jim Ensign.**

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Rich Cullen with fiancé **Mary Ann Oresik**. Their wedding is scheduled for September 30.



From left: **Dawn Newman**, **Alicia Belgio** and **Anna Botos** chuckled with **Deb Newman**.



From left: **John and Carol Ball**, **Sandy Dixon**.



Mike Tenuta, **Ryan Siebert**, **Virginia** and **Terry Moore**.

A Garden Party

Fifteen Rotarians and guests turned out May 13 for our annual **Ron Buonauro Memorial Garden** maintenance day at St. Patrick's Residence. The weather was ideal...overcast and refreshingly cool. Coffee, donuts and water were provided. **Chris Kerstin** brought wife **Kim**, daughter **Veronica**, and son **Jackson**.



From left to right front: **Chris Kerstin**, **Ginnie Moore**, **Kim Kerstin**, **Jackson Kerstin**, **Veronica Kerstin**, **Bill Hassett**, **John Ball**, **Jim Ensign** (muscle shirt), **Ryan Siebert**. From left to right rear: **Brian Lynch**, **Jo McElroy**, **Geoff Roehll**, **Mike Tenuta**, **John Keough**, **Bruce Dixon**. (iPhone photo compliments **Chris Kerstin**)

Talking membership



Nick Fairman

As Rotary membership dwindles nationwide, our own District 6450 is adding muscle to its Leads Program, beginning with the recent creation of a full-time staffed membership committee. Committee Chairman **Nick Fairman** said the plan is to attract and maintain members by faithfully following up on membership leads. Committee member **Amy Hopkins** noted that "Currently, 71 percent of membership leads are never contacted by clubs." Amy and Nick, both members of the Rotary Club of Chicago Lakeview, spoke at our Club on June 16.

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The good news, said Nick, is that District 6450 is doing a better job than Rotary International when it comes to recruiting members under the age of 40. “Our District is not in competition with R.I., but we’re winning!”

Why do members choose to stay in Rotary? Amy said, “club experience matters most.” That includes five elements: 1) meeting enjoyment 2) confidence in club leadership; 3) personal growth opportunities; 4) experiencing meaningful service; and 5) making business connections



Amy urges each club to create its own “elevator speech” based on personal stories and personalities; don’t rely on outside sources such as Google. “Draw (potential new members) in with an ‘aha’

moment; personalize your speech with a story about a Rotary experience that stands out for you. Brag on yourself!”

Rotarians Picnic

Naperville’s four Rotary Clubs held a “get connected” fellowship picnic at the Riverwalk Grand Pavilion. About 35 people attended the June 19 event, which included grilled meats, snacks, beverages, music and plenty of chatter.



Marion Ruthig’s husband, Greg, minding the meat with encouragement from Srini Namasivayam and Jason Randall. Jason set up the grilling station and several Rotarians contributed food.



Chow line: Noon Rotary Club members Hunter Byington and Brand Bobosky; Sunrise Rotary’s Mary Ann Bobosky.



Lynne Nolan with husband Scott Julian and Shelley Taylor.



President Stephanie managed to get all three daughters in one place.

Correction: Serdar Erkoca’s “magic box” that was decoded by Jim Ensign contained \$40, not \$20 as stated in the July newsletter.

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