



The Sunrise

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Sunrise Calendar

Subject to change

August

- 1: No meeting
- 2: Clean Sweep at Little Friends, 8am - noon
- 8: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC – **Shelley Taylor** reports on Rotary International Convention
- 10: Rotary Ride
- 12: Board meeting, 7am, Microsoft Teams
- 15: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC – New member Installation; donation to Cheryl's Children's Home
- 22: No meeting
- 29: No meeting

*direct ideas for speakers
and Club projects to **Nick Niemi***



All the buzz - Human and insect visitors to the DuPage Children's Museum are enjoying the pollinator garden our Club planted in May 2024.

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Photo taken at our June 7 Clean Sweep at the home of **Carol Sierzega**. From left: **John Keough, Jim Ensign, Tom Miers, Carol, Ginnie Moore, Terry Moore**. Not shown: **Pati Miers, Bruce Dixon**.

Uncertainty



President **Marion Ruthig** with
WSCP CEO **Maeven Sipes**

Maeven Sipes attended a recent Club meeting to heap praise on our generosity, and also to warn us of lean days ahead due to Congressional budget cuts in the Supplemental Nutrition Benefits Program (SNAP), which was already stressed by increasing demand for nutritional assistance

"We're seeing increases in need year over year," Sipes said. "(Our) pantry is serving about a thousand families every week. We've provided more than three million pounds of food this fiscal year. Last year we served 1,300 Naperville residents and over 200 residents have volunteered a total of 6,500 hours of their time." Added Sipes, "we can always use more volunteers."

Volunteers Needed



Jim Ensign reminds us that our 28th Rotary Ride is fast approaching. The August 10 fundraiser is our annual tribute to the late **Carmen DiGiovine**. Beneficiaries are Loaves & Fishes Community Pantry, Little Friends, The Three Fires Council, Boy Scouts of America. To volunteer Go to www.com/events/rotary-ride and click on "volunteer opportunities."

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Know Your Rotarian Maria Laterza



Maria grew up on Chicago's south side as the youngest of three sisters raised by an Irish mother and Italian father. She joined Rotary in January.

Maria, who has worked in corporate logistics for 30 years, was recently hired by Komatsu as senior project manager, global systems implementation. Komatsu is a leading manufacturer of construction, mining, forestry, and heavy industrial equipment. Her first day on the job was July 21.

From her resume:

"Qualified logistics leader in transportation carrier management providing strategic global process solutions across all modes of transportation to eliminate costs and improve efficiencies. Recognized for consistent and substantial year-over-year savings in unnecessary freight expense. Proven ability to use management, analytical, and problem-solving skills to motivate and adapt quickly to changing business environments."

Maria's first job was flipping 'burgers for Orange Julius at the Ford City Shopping Center in Chicago. Other early jobs included supermarket cashier, bank teller, receptionist at a CPA firm, and 10 years in the accounts receivable department for the Hyatt Corporation. Then came a series of jobs that gave her increasing experience in IT and logistics

Maria attended **Richard J. Daley** High School. She earned a Bachelor of Business Administration at North Central College and a master's certification in project management from Stevens Institute of Technology.

Boboskys host "Dinner with Friends"



Guests of **Brand** and **Mary Ann Bobosky** pose "under the clock." From left: **Terry Moore**, **Ginnie Moore**, **Carmen Povejsil**, **Jim Povejsil**, **Mary Ann**, **Laurie DeKruiff**, **Paul DeKruiff**, **Geoff Roehll**. Not shown: **Serdar Erkoca**. (Photo by **Brand Bobosky**)

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The president of the Rotary Club of Chennai, India, **Hemant Khandelwal**, and his wife, **Sophia**, stopped by Colbert Custom Framing while visiting Naperville. They told store owner **Stephanie Randall** that they were unable to attend our Friday Club meeting, so they settled for an exchange of Club banners.



Stephanie flanked by **Sophia** and **Hemant Khandelwal**.

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