



The Sunrise

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Sunrise Calendar

(Subject to change)

February

- 2: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC – **Rita Haake**,
Choose DuPage,
- 6: Cuisine for a Cause - Sixty Four Wine Bar & Kitchen
- 9: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC – **Chief Mark Puknaitis**,
Naperville Fire Department
- 13: Club Board meeting, 7am, Zoom
- 16: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC – **Dr. Anita Thomas**,
President of North Central College
- 23: No meeting

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

New Member



(LinkedIn.com photo)

Please welcome **Tracy Jensen**, a marketing and communications specialist with the Chicago-based American Dental Association. Tracy has worked with organizations ranging from small businesses to eCommerce startups and international nonprofits, using “smart marketing strategies and strategic plans, email marketing and content creation.”

From the Archive



2008: John “Buckeye” Keough building a basement staircase at a Clean Sweep project.



2018: Penelope Belgio and Rich Cullen

St. Paddy’s Day 5K



“**It doesn’t hurt to ask.**” **Ryan Siebert** (above) urged Rotarians to be alert to potential **sponsors** for our 2024 St. Paddy’s Day 5K fun run, scheduled for March 9. Ryan said, “It would be really cool if you have someone potentially looking to get their name recognized in the city...If you know anyone, ask...it doesn’t hurt to ask.” Equally important, he said, is that members recruit **runners** from among family and friends. **Volunteers** are needed for setup (March 8) and for race day. The lead sponsors of the event are the **Naperville Running Company** and **Gerald Subaru**. Last year, the event netted our Club about \$3,000. Key link: <https://saintpadysday5K.com>.

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In thanking the volunteers who helped make Naper Lights 2023 a triumph, **Geoff Roell** gave a nod to the event sponsors, and to **Bruce George** for his efforts in “coaxing” those sponsors into joining the party. Geoff said that with the on-site cash receipts and SECA funding, “we probably netted \$30,000.”

Bruce George and **Ginnie Moore’s** husband, **Terry**, were among those who took down our Naper Lights holiday display (on purpose).



Bruce



Terry

Deb Newman’s youngest son, **Sean** (holding ‘Best dog,’ **Eddie**) married his partner, **James** on December 16 in Port Jefferson, New York. Eddie sports a chic white fur gown. *(photo compliments D. Newman)*



Marion and Greg Ruthig’s son, **Robbie**, was in the SoCal volleyball Competition in Los Angeles with the Boys 16 Elite Sport’s Performance team. The 6’ 7” 10th grader had the highest “kill” percentage on the team. *(Facebook photo)*



It was a long takeoff delay for **Geoff Roehl’s** son, **Spencer**, in his attempt to return to college after the winter break. First, a cracked cockpit window forced a plane change. Then the second takeoff try was halted by engine failure. The third was delayed three hours when the fuel hose stuck to the plane. Spencer finally made it back to Kansas with a \$200 airline voucher.



“Prepare to not take off.”

Rotary Float



While in California for a family gathering, **Shelley Taylor** got a T-shirt and the opportunity to pin flowers to the Rotary float (above in a Google image) in the 2024 Rose Parade in Pasadena. The Rotary entry was cosponsored by Districts 5280, 5300, and 5320. This year’s theme: Clean Water – the Music of Life.” Every year, “the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee has a viewing audience of over 41 million households in the United States and 28 million households in more than 243 countries/territories. The Tournament estimates that more than 700,000 live on the parade route, over 22,000 view the floats as they are decorated, and almost 122,000 view the post-parade floats. That’s what we call boosting Rotary’s public image!”



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A Job Fair Success

On January 6, area students flocked to the Fort Hill Activity Center to take advantage of the 2024 Community Job Fair. The annual event gives students an opportunity to conduct their job searches in one location, network with area businesses and organizations, and learn about a variety of employment opportunities.

Volunteer greeters **Adera Belgio** and **Anna Buchenhauser**.



At the entrance - more exposure for Sunrise Rotary

Don't stop me now!



Lynne Nolan's rapid-fire version of Know Your Rotarian included memories of her years as an award-winning teacher, creator of a high school Interact Club, soccer coach, senior class advisor, new teacher mentor, step team coach, frisbee coach, and 23 years as dean of student activities at Naperville Central High School. Now Lynne is "retired," but don't count on it. Husband **Scott Julian** (at right) was there to lend moral support.



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Bill Hassett heaped praise upon the **Martin Luther King** "I Have a Dream" breakfast at Drury Lane, saying the January 15 fund-raising event was "unbelievable." Also attending were **Mary Ann Bobosky** and **Marion Ruthig**. Featured speakers included **Mrs. Naomi Ruth King**, wife of **Rev. A.D. King**, and **Bob Zellner**, a member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.



Ms. King

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