



The Sunrise

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Sunrise Calendar

(Subject to change)

January

- 5: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NIU campus, 1120 E. Diehl Road, second floor (room 250)
- 5-6: Naper lights takedown
- 9: Club Board meeting, 7am, Zoom
- 12: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NIU campus
- 19: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NIU campus
- 26: No meeting

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

Members of the local nonprofit Road Show Inc provided dance and music entertainment for our December 15 Christmas meeting at NIU:



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024!

From the Archives – 2011



2011 horseplay - Microphone keep-away. (from left) **Tom Miers, Jon Ripsky, Brand Bobosky, Geoff Roehll, John Ball.**



Tim Belgio juggled coffee cups



Carrie Bramlett is founder and executive director of Road Show Inc. (Photo by Road Show, Inc.)

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Meanwhile, at Naper Lights...



President Stephanie took her three daughters to see Santa (**Jim Smith**). Left to right: **Elizabeth, Lydia, Chloe**. How about that eye-popping chair!



Nag Jaiswal and **Nikhil Gupta** work a cash box. Volunteers appreciated the unseasonably mild temperatures.



The enduring popularity of the "magic glasses" provided by Wintrust Financial.



Rotarians **Bill Hassett, Stephanie Randall, Nikhil Gupta** and **John Nania** chat with strollers.



Sri Namasivayam with NVHS volunteer **Sophie Lin**. **Anna Botos** (not shown) was also on this shift.



Student volunteers from Neuqua Valley H.S. (from left) **Pajar, Ashmit** and **Arush**.

Shelley Taylor and son **Lucas** shared a selfie.



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Naperville Rotary Update

Officers from our three brethren clubs attended our November 10 meeting to update their activities. **Mike Calabrese** (at right), president nominee in the “Noon Club,” described several international and local projects; among them, a shared global grant with our Club for a plastic waste recycling plant in India. “We’re also working with your Club to help finance a low-income medical facility in Pueblo, Mexico,” Mike said, adding that most of the cost is being borne by wealthy residents of Pueblo. In Cancun, Mexico, the Noon Club is funding equipment for the pasteurization of breast milk for newborns. He also discussed community service grants for several local projects.



Chuck Corrigan represented the 15-member Downtown (4:44) Rotary Club, whose 2007 charter was sponsored by our Club. Downtown Rotary giving emphasizes local projects, chief among them the annual Rotary Ride and support for Loaves and Fishes. Chuck said his club engineered a global grant to purchase neonatal equipment in a Romanian intensive care unit.



Kristy Sullivan is immediate past president of the “small but mighty” After Dark club. Kristy described her members as folks “who like to get their hands dirty,” often helping other clubs. Their signature fundraiser is the October “Spooktacular” Trivia Night.



(Photo by Rotary Club of Naperville After Dark.)

Teaching Philanthropy



Speaker **Nina Menes** (right) posed with (from left) **Mary Ann Bobosky**, NVHS English teacher **Margarita Altidis**, and “retired” high school Dean **Lynne Nolan**. Mary Ann and Lynne helped to kick-start the Three Pillars Program.

Naperville’s two school districts are training a future generation of philanthropists through the Three Pillars Initiative (TPI), a new career exploration opportunity for teens. The Naperville program - Teen Philanthropy Initiative - is led by **Mark Trembacki** and **Nina Menes** with coordination by **Janet Sommerville** and assistance from local businesses, organizations, and North Central College. This year, Kids Matter is giving \$10,000 to selected charitable organizations involved in the Teen Philanthropy Initiative in school districts 203 and 204. Thirty-one juniors have enrolled and have made a two-year commitment to a program that includes five adult mentors, one being our own **Marion Ruthig**. The TPI provides students with a clear path to college. “Their first year is devoted to giving money away in the community and providing solutions,” she explained. “The second year is devoted to “learning and fundraising” that includes campaigning (“direct ask”) and developing Requests For Proposals (RFPs).

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Nikhil Gupta introduced guest **Abir Gupta** who is visiting from Bangaluru, India.

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