



# The Sunrise

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## Sunrise Calendar

Subject to change

### June

- 6: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC – West Suburban Food Pantry
- 7: Clean Sweep – 8:30 AM, 23W433 Greenbriar
- 10: Board meeting, 7am, Microsoft Teams
- 13: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC – Year wrap-up
- 19: Officer installation dinner
- 20/27: No meeting

*direct ideas for speakers  
and Club projects to **Ginnie Moore***

## Spring Tradition

Several Sunrisers grabbed their tools and spent a few hours cleaning up the **Ron Buonauro Memorial Garden** at St. Patrick's Residence. Gazing out windows, a few residents watched as trees were trimmed, flower beds were raked, weeds were pulled, and mulch was spread.



With Sister Raphael (from left): Nick Niemi, Ryan Siebert, Lynne Nolan, Paul DeKruif, Shea Hess, John Keough, Bruce Dixon, Jim Ensign, Mike Tenuta, Chris Kerstin (front).



## New Members



**President Marion** inducted **Nick Niemi** (dark shirt), **Shae Hess** (grey shirt), and **Maria Laterza**. They are flanked by their sponsors, **Geoff Roehl** and **Marion**.

**Nick Niemi** and **Shae Hess** joined our Club together after learning about Rotary from their boss, former Sunrise Rotarian **Sean Sebold**. Nick and Shae are financial advisors at **Sebold Capital Management**.



In his “Know Your Rotarian” presentation,” Nick recalled happy summers with family at Klinger Lake in Michigan. He met his wife, **Melissa**, when he was 15; she was his partner in driver’s education class. The couple graduated from NIU together in 2013. They have two boys: **Derek**, age 6, and **Henry**, age four. Nick said “this has been my first pass with an organization like Rotary, and it’s been awesome. Thanks to everyone for welcoming me.”

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**Shae**, a NASCAR enthusiast whose “Know Your Rotarian” presentation was published in the May newsletter, resides with partner **Chelsea** and dog **Arlo** in Western Naperville.

**Maria** is Senior Project Manager in consulting services at Chicago-based Logistics Solutions.



**Maria** helped **Deb** collect diapers for the West Suburban Community Pantry. The drive raised \$1,000 worth of diapers for what Deb described as a pantry “overrun” with demand.

Membership Chair **Geoff Roehll** says **Ankit Shrivastava** is transferring his membership to the “Noon” Club. Sunrise now total 43 members, including 37 active and six honorary.



On April 25 Sunrise Rotarians filled out greeting cards for Seniors as part of a District 6450 initiative. The Neuqua Valley High School Interact Club participated.

## Avenues of Service

Proceeds from the Trivia Night event are being distributed to the Cherish Watoto ministry in Kenya. According to International Chair **Dawn Newman**, the money will be used primarily to fund scholarships. The goal is to get the kids out of the community and into high school and continue their progress toward higher education.

Standing in for Dawn, **Deb Newman** said it costs \$1,000 to outfit a high-school-bound student with books, shoes and other necessities. “If they don’t move on to high school, they go back into the slums to fend for themselves.”

Our Club is also assisting with the Pink Box program, which has distributed over 10,000 feminine hygiene products in Honduras. Sewing machines enable Honduran women to start their own businesses and boost local manufacturing, Deb said. “we’re also supporting a grant for furniture and educational supplies for a school in Honduras, and another grant to fund a diagnostic imaging center in Mexico.”

Shifting to Community Service, Chairwoman Deb clicked off the array of programs undertaken by our Club:

- Clean Sweep, including the annual cleanup of the garden at St. Patrick’s Residence
- Holiday gifts (under evaluation)
- Diaper/food drives for the WSC Pantry
- School backpacks (under evaluation)
- Rotary Ride
- St. Paddy’s Day run and walk
- Naper Lights
- Donations to Kids Matter, YMCA, DuPage Children’s Museum, Little Friends, 360 Youth Services, the Grow Wellness Foundation, Teen-Parent Connection, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI DuPage), the Naperville Education Foundation, Indian Prairie Educational Foundation, and the Turning Pointe Autism Foundation.

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**Mary Ann Bobosky's** Vocational Service update underscored youth education and making the most of limited funds. She said the committee is allocating \$8,000 across several essential projects, including a scholarship. "We were able to help the Kids Matter Volunteer Fair, the District 203 Career Fair, (and) the Lego League Tournament."



\$5,000 of the fund was awarded as an "Above and Beyond" scholarship to **Emily Wu**, a star senior graduating from Neuqua Valley High School. A certified mathematics instructor, Emily, will attend MIT on the pre-med track with a degree in biotechnology. She

currently volunteers in the Department of Biomedical Imaging at St. Joseph's Hospital in Joliet.

**Building confidence** - In her brief, Youth Service Chairwoman **Lynne Nolan**, said "our vision is to engage youth by supporting local Interact clubs and inviting teens to assist at our community events such as Naper Lights and the 5K." Lynne said Interact students are provided necessary resources and encouraged to assume leadership roles and use grants to develop their own desired projects. "We create that space in which students can grow," she said.



**Lynne** with student volunteers at our 2014 Naper Lights.



As our Club officer installation dinner approaches, incoming President **Bill Hasset** has been communicating with other incoming presidents. "It was great to talk about how we might collaborate further...things like speaker

lists and making each other more aware of the events that we commonly sponsor."

### Parks & Playgrounds & Paths Oh My!



Park District Executive Director **Brad Wilson** gave our Club a snapshot of the many recreational amenities available to Naperville residents. They include 75 miles of bike paths, 76 ball fields, 24 pickleball courts, Centennial Beach, Knoch Knolls Nature Center, Naperville River Walk (maintenance), the **Alfred Rubin** Riverwalk Community Center, early childhood and senior programs, and two golf courses. Brad said the popular Ft. Hill Activity Center presents "capacity issues," with long wait lists for some activities.

### Looking Ahead



Volunteer sign-ups for our August 10 Rotary Ride are being accepted by **Stephanie Colbert Randall**.

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