



The Sunrise

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Sunrise Calendar

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May breakfast meetings at the Naperville Country Club

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- 5: Sunrise breakfast meeting, 7am – distribute 5K proceeds
- 6: 2023 District Conference & Club Expo, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at The Max in McCook
- 6: Naperville Food Truck Festival, 12 pm-7:00 pm, Naper Settlement
- 12: Sunrise breakfast meeting, 7am - Avenues of Service, Vocation Committee
- 13: St. Patrick's Residence garden cleanup, 8am
- 16: Monthly Club board meeting, 7am, ZOOM
- 18: Rotary trivia night, Plank at Hotel Indigo
- 19: Sunrise breakfast meeting, 7am – Know your Rotarian
- 26: No meeting

*please direct ideas for speakers and Club projects to **Marion Ruthig***

From President Stephanie



On April 21, the Naperville Sunrise Rotary Club welcomed sponsors and members of the Neuqua Valley High School Environmental Club. The student-led organization's mission is to raise awareness of how we impact the environment, and to promote the protection of people, wildlife, and the planet from environmental harm. The students encouraged Rotarians to keep both business and sustainability in mind when making decisions in their businesses.

Nurturing Philanthropy

A national program designed to educate young people about philanthropy is coming to Naperville high schools. It's called the Three Pillars Initiative, bringing "the art, science, and business of philanthropy to the next generation."

"We teach high school Juniors and Seniors the art of fundraising and grant making," Three Pillars President **Rick King** told our March 3 breakfast. "High School Juniors enroll for a two-year commitment by writing a 200-word essay on "why Naperville is important to you?" about 25 District 203 students will be selected.



Students in the Junior cohort focus on grant making; they evaluate community needs, design an RFP, receiving funding proposals submitted by area nonprofits, conduct site visits, analyze site visit results, and reach consensus on how to allocate \$10,000 in grants.

The Senior student cohort year focuses on fundraising. Students organize a year-long fundraising campaign that includes writing appeal letters, preparing foundation proposals, doing personal tasks, and organizing fundraising events

Mentors wanted –Three Pillars is seeking volunteers to help launch the program by becoming mentors and/or financial backers. Among those who have stepped up to be mentors are **Mr. King, Mark Trembacki** (Busey Bank, **Nina Menis** (Kids Matter), and **Bill Hassett** (Rotary Club of Naperville Sunrise).

Sergeant Bill Hassett



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A “Unique” Nonprofit

Instead of working directly with people in the community, Giving DuPage “works with charities to help them better serve that community,” explained Board member **Jonathan Kruger**. Speaking at our February 10 breakfast meeting, Kruger said Giving DuPage also works with individuals looking for opportunities to serve. “Our mission is to promote giving and volunteering in DuPage County...we are supported by the county government and (also) raise funds to support ourselves.” Kruger described the organization’s three main goals as:



- Mobilize volunteers
- Help nonprofits find volunteers
- Train nonprofits to make them more efficient

Kruger said the Giving DuPage web portal fills some 900 volunteer needs for over 400 organizations. “In 2021 we connected over 1,200 people with volunteer activities.”

An Old Friend



Our club has a long relationship with Hesed House, the second-largest homeless shelter in Illinois. **Lauren Jernigan**, division director of development, stopped by to thank us for our continued support, and to remind us that Hesed House is “the area’s largest comprehensive resource center dedicated to alleviating the plight of those facing homelessness.” In 1983, Hesed house began limited shelter operations in a church. It now has over 7,500 volunteers working at their state-of-the-art facility each year, she said. “They help provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and they share hope for those experiencing homelessness.”

Your Board of Directors has voted to move \$125,000 of idle Foundation cash into a liquid money market fund earning 3.5- 4% interest. The next step will be to design a written policy for future investing of Club money at competitive interest rates.

Member Matters

Dawn Newman’s youngest son, **Alex Ruth**, became a new father to a baby girl on February 1.



Deb Newman’s sons, **Sean** and **Adam**, treated her to a weekend romp in New York City. Among the attractions: the New York Arts Club...the venue for Sean’s upcoming wedding.



Suitable for framing - **President Stephanie** presented **President-Elect Srinivasayam** with a custom frame for the Queen of Hearts that won him a \$625 raffle pot, a portion of which he returned to the club..

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Along the Way



Our thanks to the DuPage Childrens Museum for providing a venue for our April breakfast meetings. Above: **Bill** and **John** dig into food provided by Belgio's Catering.



President Stephanie exchanged club banners with **Yogi Devaraj, Ph.D.**, and **Lilia Valadez** representing Bangladore (India) Global Yoga. Yogi is the founder and president of Swami Vivekananda Yoga Research & Holistic Health Trust in Bangladore. Lilia is a certified alternative care therapist in Bangladore.

Guests



Lewis Johnson is assistant governor of Rotary District 6450 and a member of the Rotary Club of Aurora Sunrise. Our District Conference is scheduled for May 6.

Brian Sloan is a member of the board of Giving DuPage



Bill Mitchell is the founder and owner of Benefits Insurance Group. He's a former Board chairman of the Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce, and has served on the Naperville Public Library board, including one year

as president. Bill is a former Trustee of Naperville Education Foundation and a recipient of NEF's Distinguished Service Award.

Off to Old Dominion



We're going to miss **Mike Albrow** (above with daughter **Nathalie**), who this summer will move to Reston, Virginia, to be near his family. Mike joined Rotary in 2007 and over the years worked on several committees, most recently as Foundation Chair. He also led our Club's role collecting bicycles for children in the African community of Lesotho. Mike is a scientist emeritus at Fermilab focusing on forward physics and diffraction, leading protons, and glueballs (gluons).

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