



The Sunrise

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Sunrise Calendar

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May

- 3: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC – 5K charities presentation, personal safety and first aid
- 10: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC – **Jill Wijangco, Max's Mission**; WSCP diaper drive
- 11: Garden cleanup at St. Patrick's Residence, 8am-11am
- 13: Trivia Night to benefit Cheryl's Home, 6:00pm, Hotel Indigo
- 14: Club Board meeting, 7am, Zoom
- 17: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC – Know Your Rotarian
- 17: Ride Assist Naperville fundraiser, 11:30-1:00 at Val's
- 18: Pollinator garden planting day, DuPage Children's Museum (w. Cress Creek Garden Club)
- 20: Rotary Districts 6450/6440 joint conference, Evanston
- 24: No meeting
- 31: No meeting

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

Save the date: Our Club officer installation dinner is scheduled for Monday, June 24.



Stephan Chriqui was formally inducted into our Club on April 5. He's flanked above by **President Srin Namasivayam** and **President-Elect Maron Ruthig**.

Real World Education



Wendy Goettsch (left) and **Jacque Clermont**

Naperville District 8th Grade Career Exploration Day is six months away, but preparation is underway in earnest. Career Motive-8 stimulates students to continue career exploration and planning by connecting them with area businesses representing multiple careers, according to 203 Director of Communication **Jacque Clermont**. "Career Motive-8 provides firsthand experience for students in alignment with the district's mission to produce students who are self-directed learners, collaborative workers, complex thinkers, quality producers, and community contributors."

Wendy Goettsch, executive director of the Naperville Education Association, thanked our Club for contributing to the District's Incubator Program. saying, "It offers students at Naperville Central and Naperville North an authentic, collaborative entrepreneurship by giving them the opportunity to create and pitch their own ideas for a product or service. Entrepreneurs and business experts serve as volunteer coaches and mentors, guiding student teams through the process."

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Disaster Reality Check



Helpful Neighbors **Kelly Dougherty** (from left), **Kristy Kennedy** and Rotarian **Dawn Newman**.

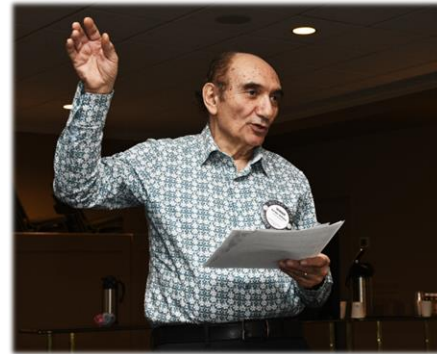
After the June 2021 tornado tore through the Cinnamon Creek subdivision of Naperville, 60 properties were strewn with broken glass, metal fragments, nails, and other debris. Residents **Kelly Dougherty** and **Kristy Kennedy** rolled up their sleeves and began looking for help. “We met with the city to get meaningful relief for our neighbors,” said Kennedy. “Many were having a hard time getting financial help” due to limited insurance payouts. “So, there was a tremendous amount of paying out of pocket,” she said.

Kennedy told NCTV she “assumed that insurance, nonprofits and governments (would) swoop in and save the day, and the truth is that disaster recovery takes a long time and it’s difficult; we learned that disasters happen locally, and the recovery happens locally.”

So, the two women launched Naperville Tornado Relief and soon found support from the Naperville nonprofit MP Foundation. State Representative **Anne Stava-Murray** took their cause to the Illinois General Assembly, which in January 2023 provided a \$1-million grant. Later, the Naperville City Council pitched in the remaining \$500,000 needed for the cleanup. The work began in August 2023 and was completed in the fall.

Dougherty and Kennedy were recognized at a January ceremony at a City Council meeting.

Member Matters



Serdar

At the recent Curtiss Wright Technical Workshop and Sales Conference in Dublin, **Serdar Erkoca’s** company, Bupat Ltd. STI, was awarded “top performer of 2023. Bapat distributes computer applications for three Curtis Wright companies.

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Before retiring from the Century Walk Corporation, **Brand Bobosky** commissioned **Ella Kraimer** to produce the Naperville Century Walk Public Art Guide. With hand-drawn illustrations, this free guide features the collection of public art at 50 Naperville locations. The book is sponsored by the Water Street Downtown Naperville, Ryan Hill Group, and Marquette Properties.



Brand (holding guide) and **Mary Ann** with family. (photo compliments **Positively Naperville**)



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John Keough and Jim Povejsil

The **Povejsil** family celebrated Jim’s retirement from Accurate Partitions Corp. with a party in the Dominican Republic. Jim’s wife, **Carmen**, provided customized T-shirts depicting Jim “Steppin outta the stall and into retirement.” **John Keough**, who modeled the shirt at our April 19 breakfast (above), attended the celebration with wife **Sue**. Jim’s title at Accurate Partitions was vice president and general manager.

Personal Safety

Personal safety instructor **Ann Marie Suter** gave us a primer on how to reduce the risk of being a mugging victim. Suter, an advisor at Code Red Solutions, recommended maintaining a minimum level of awareness of one’s surroundings; being alert and recognizing suspicious behavior. She said perpetrators look for easy targets – people who look like victims, looking at the ground with head down and shoulders rounded. “You are more likely to be attacked if you have poor posture. Keep your head up and make eye contact.”

Suter added that many victims are preoccupied with their cell phones, making them easy to attack from behind. “Since the invention of the cell phone, there’s been a pandemic of inattention,” Suter said, adding that a favorite tactic of thieves is to approach older shoppers in parking lots and offer to help load the car.



She advises that when approaching, entering, or leaving a vehicle, we should scan the area and have our keys ready. When inside the car, lock the doors.

At home, Suter recommends equipping front and back doors with good sturdy locks...something other than doorknob locks that are easily defeated.

As for defensive weapons, Suter likes dogs, baseball bats, pepper spray, legal firearms with training, and tactical concealable 18,000,000 volt stun guns (example at right).



Rotary Means Business



Aurora Rotarian **Joe Kosner** is one of the first to start a Rotary Means Business (RMB) chapter in the Chicago area. Joe explained to our April 12 meeting that RMB “is a Fellowship of Rotary International focused on supporting businesses based on the ethical standards present in Rotary. Rotary Means Business encourages Rotarians to support the success of their fellow Rotarians by doing business with them, and by referring others to them.”

Of the 185 RMB chapters, seven are in our area: Aurora, Montgomery, Oswego, Joliet, Plainfield, Downers Grove, and Joe’s chapter in Naperville. Each chapter is self-governing, lifetime membership costs \$100 per person, and attendance is open to non Rotarians as a way to boost interest and membership. Attendance is free and networking is encouraged.

Kosner said the Naperville group meets the third Wednesday of each month at 5pm at Spartan’s Ale House, 3032 English Rows Avenue.

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