

The Sunrise

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Sunrise Calendar

Subject to change

November

- 7: NVHS Interact Club Gillian Schneider and the gang
- 7, 8: Naper Lights setup All hands (see Lynne Nolan)
- 11: Board meeting, 7am, virtual
- 14: Regular Club meeting, 7am Richard **Lam**, Life Lessons of Courage, Perseverance, and Triumph
- 21: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC **Ron Amato**, Know Your Rotarian
- 28: No meeting

direct ideas for speakers and Club projects to **Nick Niemi**

Remembering Bill Hassett





Five days after the passing of **President Bill**, action figure **John Nania** pulled the Club together for a memorial breakfast at Egg Harbor Café. About 30 Rotarians and spouses attended. John requested that Rotarians donate toward a gift to a worthy cause in Bill's honor. Our Board of Directors will choose a recipient and dispense the funds. Send your contribution to John at Zelle (John Nania) or Venmo 630-235-6412. jnania@naniaenergy.com

Without missing a beat, **Immediate Past President**Marion Ruthig volunteered to serve out the remainder



of Bill's term. She was quickly approved in an emergency meeting of the Board of Directors. *Photo*: Bill and Marion at the 2024 District 6450 President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS).



Oct 17: **President Bill** with **Terry** and **Ginnie Moore** after inducting Terry into Rotary.



At our 2024 St. Patrick's Residence Clean Sweep

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Career Bound

Some 1,300 8th grade students flocked to the District 203 Career Exploration Day, AKA Motive-8, at Naperville Yard. The event receives support from our Vocational Committee headed by **Mary Ann Bobosky**. The goal of Motive-8 is "to provide firsthand experience aligned with the District's curriculum to deepen students' understanding of the diverse careers available to them."



Rotarian and Inside-Out Club Founder **Marion Ruthig** standing ready to discuss her non-profit with students.



A student tries out a prosthetic hand.



The Naperville Police Department drew a crowd.

Colbert Custom Framing Stretches Out

After months of challenging work, Colbert Custom Framing and Art Printing is serving customers in its new location at 1842 Centre Point Circle, suite 128. To celebrate the move, owner and past Club President **Stephanie Randall** threw a party for customers, friends, and family.



A warm welcome from Jason Randall



Stephanie with her parents, Sue and Kevin Colbert



Spacious new studio





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Getting sponsors for Naper Lights Fundraising 101

With the Naper Lights switch-on less than a month away, Geoff Roehll reminds us that fundraising for the annual celebration is a Clubwide responsibility. He said that as of October 28, we had \$64,500 in sponsorship commitments toward a goal of \$72,000. "As a Club I know we can do it! The more we make, the more we get to give!"



Guidelines for aquiring sponsorship money were provided **by Bruce George** (left), who said. "believe it or not,

most of the fundraising for Naper Lights has been done by three or four people. This year we'd like to make a big difference...by engaging all of our Club members to help build the fundraising effort." Here's Bruce's suggested text, to be modified as you see fit:

"I've been involved with the Naperville Sunrise Rotary Club, raising money for so many worthy causes both locally and internationally. For the past 10 years, we have been providing a holiday lights display by the name of "Naper Lights" in downtown Naperville to help raise funds for a variety of our club projects.

The Naper Lights display goes up before Thanksgiving and stays up and operational through the holidays and is taken down just after the new year.

Would you be willing to help me and our Club by committing to a \$1500 sponsorship to the Naper Lights event going up on Water Street this year. The setup is very similar to previous years with beautiful light animations, holiday music, visits by Santa and varied planned holiday entertainment provided by locals, with additional lighting displays added each year, funded partly by your donations. The display fills a city block and is visited by thousands.

With your sponsorship, you will receive a 3'X4' sign

banner with your name or company logo located in our sponsorship area throughout the duration of the event, as well as it being displayed on our Naper Lights Web page throughout the year. All proceeds go to Rotary Funded programs both locally and internationally. Let me know if I can count on you to help support me and the Naperville Sunrise Rotary Club for this year's event.

PS. This is a link explaining how you or your company will be publicized throughout the year in addition to the large physical signs that will be on-site throughout the holiday.

Naper Lights

<u>Please confirm with me</u> if you will (continue to) support the lights and I can ensure you get a receipt for your donation. This year we have multiple options for payment. We prefer Zelle or check as we avoid a processing fee, but whatever is convenient for you is OK. Thanks again!"

- Pay using ZELLE. This method saves our club the roughly \$15 credit card processing fee.
 Send your payment (please include your name in the Memo field) to: rotary@napervillesunrise.com
- 2. **Pay by CHECK.** This method also saves us the \$15 credit card processing fee. Please make sure your check indicates the payee and mail it (or hand it to me at our next meeting) to:

Rotary Club of Naperville Sunrise PO Box 5586 Naperville, IL 60567-5586

 Pay by CREDIT CARD. To use thisf method (the Club incurs a \$15 processing fee), go online to our Club's website:

https://www.napervillesunrise.com

From Menu (in top banner) select "pay Sunrise" (ninth item in the dropdown list) and click on the payment link provided.





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