



# The Sunrise

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## Sunrise Calendar

(Subject to change)

### October

- 6: Regular meeting, 7am, NCC
- 10: Board meeting, 7am, ZOOM
- 13: Regular meeting, 7am, NCC
- 20: Regular meeting, 7am, NCC
- 20: Motiv8 event, District 203, 9am-3pm, Naperville Yard Indoor Sports Complex
- 27: No meeting

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

## Vocational Spending



**Mary Ann** reported that our Vocational Committee has \$7,000 to put toward an array of projects, often in partnership with the Youth Committee. Recipients include the District 203 Career Academy, the Kids Matter Job Fair, and a standout District 203 student chosen to receive a scholarship through the Above and Beyond program. We also support the Inside Out Club's Business

Designers 4 Good program, an eighteen-hour workshop for middle and high school students, teaching them the soft skills needed for school, life and future careers.

Inside Out Club Executive Director and Rotarian **Marion Ruthig** said students learn skills in four key pillars: entrepreneurship, leadership, social responsibility, and emotional intelligence. "Workshops are led by highly qualified leaders in the fields of education, leadership and business."



Marion recently updated us on the impact of our Club's "generous support" of her programs. "We had over 550 students in our K-5<sup>th</sup> series this school year, a successful launch of our Business Designers 4 Good program." She added that "once again, we have partnered with the Naperville Park District, Glen Ellyn Park District, and YMCA Safe 'N Sound to host Inside Out Club at their summer camps. We expect to reach 1,600 kids through this program, and our very first lesson was all about how "Kindness Rocks!" Up next: Love Bugs, Worries & What-Ifs, and Honoring Veterans."

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## Rude Awakening



Before dawn on September 6 lighting struck this 125-year-old ash tree at the home of **Mary Ann** and **Brand Bobosky**. The tree narrowly missed the house and gas grill but struck power lines, causing them to contact the home's aluminum siding and sparking a fire. Mary Ann, who provided this photo, said there was considerable fire and smoke damage. "The living room is gone."

**Geoff Roehl** reminds us that Naper Lights set-up is November 3 and 4. We have \$18,000 in SECA funds for the event, which Geoff reckons will net \$30,000. This year the **Grinch** will roam about, pelting people with cotton "snowballs." Children will get time with Santa at Jaycees Park, with that role to be alternately played by **Jim Smith** and **Chris Kerstin**. Geoff said, "sponsorships are going well, and the budget looks strong...the key will be volunteers."



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### Taking it for Grant-ed?



**Barbara Szczepaniak**

The DuPage Foundation helps donors maximize their charitable objectives, according to Vice-President **Barbara Szczepaniak**. “We also work with non-profits and support them through our grant making. It’s my role to oversee grant making and all of our program-related special initiatives.”

Barbara highlighted her organization’s Community Needs Grants that help non-profits apply for funding in the areas of health and human services, education, arts and culture, the environment, and animal welfare. Altogether she reviews 120 grant applications annually.

DuPage has 2,600 charities, according to the I.R.S. of those, she said 591 are in Naperville, which has the most non-profits of any community in DuPage County. “Naperville is incredibly lucky in this regard.”

### Projection Project



Cast members of the Kidz Kabaret stage production of CATS with the improved backdrop (alley scene) created by the \$3,000 projector donated by our Club.

### Coffee Mojo



Can coffee farming help to reduce levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere? Definitely, says North Central College biology professor **Greg Ruthig**. But he says real gains are dependent on how the coffee is grown. The NCC Coffee Lab promotes the advantages of the Arabica variety, which is grown in shade, and those shade trees

absorb Co2. The more common Robusto coffee is grown in the sun. NCC’s Coffee Lab buys most of its coffee from San Lucas Toliman in Guatemala. Greg said Coffee Lab students benefit from the applied experience of coffee production. “Our goal is to engage students across a multitude of disciplines: Marketing, management, accounting, entrepreneurship, engineering, anthropology and sociology, to name a few.” At the coffee plantation in Guatemala, Greg and other faculty members are using technology to make the farmers self-sufficient, and eventually allow them to receive compensation for the carbon that is stored in their trees.



**Tom Miers** pointed out that NCC coffee is one of the products sold by young people with “diverse developmental abilities” as part of the non-profit “Earn with a Purpose” employment project. The boy on the left (above) holds a bag of NCC shade-grown coffee. (Photo compliments Earn with a Purpose)



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