



The Sunrise

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Sunrise Calendar

(Subject to change)

September

- 1: No meeting
- 8: Regular meeting, 7am, Naperville Country Club (NCC)
Vocational Committee – **Mary Ann Bobosky**
- 12: Board meeting, 7am, ZOOM
- 15: No meeting
- 19: Club social at Sixty Four Wine Bar & Kitchen 6:30pm
- 22: Regular meeting, 7am, NCC **Kevin Gensler** exposes all
- 29: Regular meeting, 7am, NCC

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



Working the shirts (from left), **Anna Botos, Ginnie Moore, Bill Hassett, Nina Menes.**

Exceeding Expectations



(Photo by S. Randall)

The 26th annual Rotary Ride held on August 13 drew 198 riders, 59 more than last year, according to Ride Chairman **Jim Ensign**. That was good news for Jim, who led the effort to retrieve the event from the Downtown Club. The charity ride is eponymously named after the late Sunrise Rotarian **Carmen DiGiovine** and is supported by a stable of local sponsors enlisted by **Bill Hassett**.



Beneficiaries include Rotary International's End Polio Now program, Loaves & Fishes, Naperville Responds to Veterans, and 360 Youth Services.



Tom Miers (glasses on forehead)



Tim Belgio, John Keough and Jim Ensign unload food from Belgio's Catering.

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Troubleshooter **Tim Penick** coordinated on-line registration.



Mark Larson sold Rotary yard signs and reminded visitors of our "Bikes for Africa" drive.



Oswego rest stop crew **Ginnie Moore** (white hat) and **Shelley Taylor**. They're flanked by riders **Chris Johnson** (holding helmet) and **Tim Gillerman**.



Chuck and Mary Corrigan maintained the food and beverage area.



The Four Amigos



And then some rest

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“Rotary Clubs are not engaging their communities” – R. Gordon McInally



When he came to Naperville to address local Rotarians, Rotary International President **R. Gordon McInally** brought with him a deep concern about stagnant membership numbers, as well as ideas on how to stop the bleeding.

“For a couple of decades, we’ve been on a treadmill,” McInally told a packed banquet at Meson Sabika hosted by the Rotary Club of Naperville. “We will see tremendous growth in Asia and Africa (but) we lose roughly the same elsewhere.”

The Scottish-born president said 78,000 Rotarians responded last year to a survey by the R.I. Research and Evaluation Team. A key finding: the number one driver of member dissatisfaction is lack of club experience; that experience thrives on community engagement, sustaining friendships, and the belief that the Rotary Clubs represent members’ values.

McInally offered three service and membership strategies for improving the membership experience:

- Take time to understand each member’s needs and expectations; and be sure to deliver an experience that meets those needs.
- Ensure (that) members are actively involved and engaged in service...making friends and, where appropriate, forging connections.
- Improve the meeting experience with “effective time management, better speakers, and more interesting opportunities to learn.”



President McInally was greeted by a full house at Meson Sabika.



In a separate “meet the president” session, **McInally** listened to brief reports by each of city’s four Clubs. Our own President **Srini Namasivayam** is shown.



President McInally with Sunrise Vice-President **Bill Hassett**, President **Srini**, and Immediate Past President **Stephanie Randall**.

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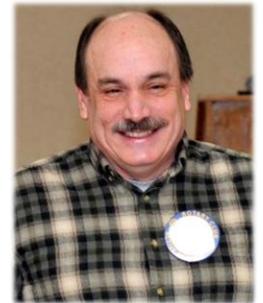


The president of the Neuqua Valley High School Interact Club, **Brady See**, gave President **McInally** an account of his club's achievements and goals. Looking on is Interact faculty advisor **Jillian Schneider**.

Patricia Gensler, mother of Rotarian **Kevin Gensler**, passed on June 27 at the age of 91. Patricia taught kindergarten and first grade at Wheatland School for about 20 years and is credited with teaching hundreds of Naperville children to read.



Kevin praised the “wonderful” doctors at Loyola University Medical Center after he underwent cardiac ablation to correct persistent atrial fibrillation.



Member Matters



Tom and **Pati Meyers** (above at our recent social at the home of **Jim** and **Carmen Povejsil**) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a hiking adventure in Alaska.



Serdar Erkoca sent greetings from Turkey.

- **Mary Ann Bobosky** says she “feels great” four weeks after undergoing total shoulder replacement.
- **Geoff Roehl**'s son, **Spencer**, received a job offer from the consulting firm where he worked a summer internship. **Spencer** is a senior at Kansas.
- **Alice Wood** drove daughter **KC** to Aurora, Colorado, where she's a “brand new” English teacher at Grandview High School.



Marion and **Greg Ruthig** traveled to Maine for a visit with Greg's family and a hike in Acadia National Park.

Our Club received a thank-you note from Fair Lady Productions for our contribution of a \$3,000 projector for their Kidz Kabaret stage productions. The gift was given in honor of **Rich Cullen**, who has been a consistent supporter of the Fair Lady Productions flagship program. The organization holds the vision of “every child center stage” with all productions featuring all-youth casts.

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