



# The Sunrise

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## Sunrise Calendar

Subject to change

### September

- 5: Regular Club meeting – Committee introduction
- 9: Board meeting, 7am, Microsoft Teams
- 12: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC – **Deb Newman**, Grant process
- 19: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC
- 12: Board meeting, 7am, Microsoft Teams
- 19: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC – **Bill Hassett** installation, D.G. **Bonnie Sanchez-Carlson**
- 26: No meeting

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

## Rotary Ride



Undeterred by hothouse weather, 220 cyclists turned out for our annual **Carmen DiGiovine Rotary Ride** on August 10. Those who did their round trips early avoided the worst part of the day...by noon the temperature reached a humid 88 degrees F. As usual, we had all the bases covered: SAG drivers patrolling the routes, well-equipped rest stops, and numerous hospitality and food options. Proceeds of the ride benefit Loaves & Fishes Community Pantry Child Nutrition Program, Little Friends Respite Program, and The Scouting America Three Fires Council camp.



**Eight new members** were inducted into our Club on August 15, with President **Bill Hassett** presiding. From left, with sponsors in parens: **Laurie DeKruiff** (**Paul DeKruiff**); **Cathy Morley** (**Geoff Roehll**); **Dimple Modgil** (**Marion Ruthig**); **John Nania**; **Pat Gilhooly** (**Jim Ensign**); **Tom Castagnoli** (**Tom Miers**); **Kim Coyne** (**Mary Ann Bobosky**); **Ron Amato** (**Mary Ann Bobosky**); President **Bill**. Ceremony pending: **Terry Moore**.



**Giving** – International Committee Chair **Dawn Newman** presented a check for \$24,35.00 to **IdaLynn Wenhold**, executive director of 4:13. Her orphanage helps poor Kenyan children extend their education beyond 8<sup>th</sup> grade to either high school or trade school. **Brett Weiss** provides individual scholarships.



**Jim Ensign**

**Tim Pennick and  
Stephnie Randall**  
at registration.



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**Maria Laterza**



**Nick Niemi with DHJJ representative Emma Yurchik.**



Route 59 pedestrian bridge at upper right.



**Mark Larson**



**Ron Amato, Jim Ensign, Kim Coyne, Dimple Modgil**



**Carillon Old Spokes at Oswego**  
(Photo by *Shelley Taylor*)



**Stephan Chrique watching for incoming riders.**



**Terry Moore, Ginnie Moore, Jim Povejsil**  
(Photo taken at Oswego rest stop by *S. Taylor*)

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## “We’ve had enough.”

In his July 25 talk to our Club, Naperville Police Chief **Jason Arres** described several priority concerns facing his department. The most pressing issue, he said, is **mental health**. “We get over one thousand mental health calls a year,” which strains the city’s four mobile clinicians. “These are among the most courageous women I’ve ever seen...they’re willing to get into a squad car and go to these mental health calls-in-progress with no weapons.” All patrol officers are taught to defuse hairy situations either face-to-face or by phone.

**Teen takeovers** – Described by a frustrated Chief Arres as a problem that brings “bad actors” to downtown Naperville. “We’ve had enough to be quite honest - these groups go on social media and post the time and location of street gatherings.” In one case, a crowd of youths well-controlled in Naperville merely shifted to Glen Ellyn, which has a relatively small police force. In response, Naperville’s police department has joined their counterparts in Aurora and Bolingbrook in a mutual response arrangement: If one of the cities faces a crisis, the other two serve as backup. The Chief said this method maneuver has received good reviews by discouraging gatherings. Newer technologies, such as tethered drones and body cameras, give law enforcement agencies “persistent aerial surveillance and enhance officer safety in a cost-effective manner.”

**E-bikes and e-scooters** – Misuse of these increasingly popular vehicles triggers the most complaints to the NPD. Chief Arres said uneducated users pose serious risks to themselves and to pedestrians. “(These vehicles) are not supposed to be on the sidewalk.” His concern was exemplified this July in Lake of the Hills when two teenagers were injured – one severely – after losing control of their stand-up e-scooters.

In Naperville, e-bikes are regulated based on their class, with specific rules about where they can be ridden and who can operate them. In Naperville, e-scooter use is prohibited on all Naperville Park District properties, including trails and the Riverwalk, due to a recent policy change to address liability concerns. On Naperville public roads, e-scooters are classified as motor vehicles, requiring them to follow the same traffic laws as cars. Riders must be at least 16 years old, obey speed limits of 35 mph or less on roads where they are permitted, and are prohibited from riding on sidewalks in many areas.



Making the situation worse, said Arres, dealers are not telling customers what class of vehicle they’re buying and they’re not inquiring about buyers’ ages. “They’re selling 12-year-olds class 3 bikes that can go 30 miles per hour.”

To get a handle on this exploding problem, the NPD is working through state law. Meanwhile, Chief Arres has not ruled out “enforcement action.” “I don’t want to start citing a bunch of kids who don’t understand that they’re doing something wrong; those are the ones I like to educate,” he said.

**Illegal gun possession** continues to reach new heights. Chief Arres said the number one location for these arrests has been the parking lot at Top Golf, where bad actors leave guns in their cars while they play. He said the number two location for gun arrests is downtown Naperville. “In my 24 years with the department...I have never seen illegal firearms to the degree we see now.”

**Noise pollution** - Rotarians responded positively when Chief Arres added souped-up car and motorcycle noise to his list of issues. Police often have a tough time catching the perpetrators, but they may soon get help from yet another new technology: Roadside noise cameras, which the city is experimenting with. When the device detects noise over a given decibel, it photographs the license plate and issues a ticket.

Concluded Arres: “We may be chasing the wrong people. What about the businesses that sell engine noise enhancers and e-scooters?”

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