



The Sunrise

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Sunrise Calendar (subject to change)

June

- 3: Regular meeting, 7am, Naperville Country Club (NCC)
- 10: Regular meeting, 7am, NCC
- 11: Deck-raising at 23W433 Greenbriar Drive (**T. Miers**)
- 14: Rotary Board meeting, 7am, ZOOM
- 14: Youth Service Committee, 5pm, 43 E. Jefferson Ave.
- 17: Regular meeting, 7am, NCC
- 23: Club Officer Installation Dinner (TBA)
- 24: No meeting
- 27: International Committee meeting

*please direct ideas for speakers
and club projects to **Srini Namesivayam***

New Member



Riverwalk Commissioner **Jan Erickson**, a marketing administrator at the Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce, was approved by the Board on May 26.

Smooth Operation



Sister Anthony with Clean Sweep crew at St. Patrick's Residence. (Photo by **Geoff Roehll**)

Once again, the weather cooperated for our annual maintenance of the **Ron Buonauro Memorial Garden** at St. Patrick's Residence. Organizer **Geoff Roehll** was thankful for the robust turnout and speed of the work.



Volunteer **Greg Ruthig** humps mulch. (Photo by **Rich Cullen**)

5K Event Funds Distributed

Bill Hassett distributed St. Paddy's Day 5K proceeds to representatives of three local charities. \$5,000 checks were presented to (clockwise from upper left): **Mary Beth Glenn**, Metropolitan Family Services; **Peggy McGuire**, Project Help; **Geri Kerger**, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).



Mary Beth said her portion will be directed to her organization's children's domestic abuse program, which has experienced a three-fold increase in utilization since the pandemic began. "Ninety percent of homeless people are victims of domestic violence," she said.

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Peggy explained Project Help’s role in filling gaps left by an overwhelmed Department of Child and Family Services. “We (attack) child abuse by mentoring parents - by helping to empower parents. All of our clients are voluntary, and all they need is to have a child in the home under age 18, and we will provide home visitation and parent education workshops. “that \$5,000 has a huge impact, and we can’t thank you enough.”

Through its 500 affiliates, NAMI provides support education and advocacy for people with mental illness and - importantly - to their families, **Geri** said. “Your funds are going to be used for our youth program, which has gained importance since the start of the pandemic. She said the last two years have brought significant increases in anxiety, depression, PTSD, and suicide. A major hurdle, Geri said, is breaking through the stigma surrounding mental illness and treatment.

Foundation Report

When it comes to advancing world understanding, good will and peace, and the improvement of health and education, The Rotary Foundation is just what the doctor ordered. In his first presentation as Club Foundation Chairman, **Mike Albrow** explained that 91 percent of foundation proceeds go into humanitarian projects around the world - “something worth remembering when you make out your will.”



Rotary founder **Paul Harris**



How it works: Rotarians who contribute \$1,000 to the Foundation receive a commemorative certificate and a **Paul Harris Fellow** pin. Those who continue are awarded higher designations for each \$1,000 given; the second \$1,000 Paul Harris contribution earns the designation PHF+1, and so on. Rotarians who contribute \$1,000 annually are inducted into the Paul Harris Society.

“Major donor status” is given to those who contribute \$10,000 or more.

Mike said the Rotary Foundation supports an array of projects that save and invigorate the lives of people around the world and enhance international friendship and understanding. Foundation programs provide educational opportunities, food, potable water, health care, immunizations, and shelter for millions of people. These activities are funded, implemented, and managed by Rotarians and Rotary clubs around the globe.

Diaper Detail



Bill and Deb collected donated diapers for the West Suburban Community Pantry. More are needed.

Guests



Laura Newman, a member of the Rotary Club of Batavia, was the guest of **Bill Hassett**.

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Moving into a smaller home – downsizing - can be a daunting task that drains your bodily fluids. Full-service realtor and downsizing specialist **Lisa Stover**, founder of Presto Real Estate Services, presented our March 11 breakfast with helpful pointers.

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Collaborating with schools and parents, the Inside Out Club DuPage helps children aged three to 12 “develop character inside and out.” Executive Director and Rotarian **Marion Ruthig** announced that this summer, the Inside Out Club is partnering with the Naperville Park District (Seagar and Frontier parks), YMCA, and Glen Ellyn Park District to bring Club activities to an

estimated 360 young campers. The theme: “Love in Our Hearts.” Several Rotarians remained after our May 20 breakfast to measure, cut, and paste the pieces the campers will use to create the four craft projects shown above.



Marion said these projects will be made in the spirit of “kindness, collaboration, gratitude, acceptance, being socially responsible, and embracing humanity.”

Member Matters



Brand and Mary Ann Bobosky’s daughter **Shelby** met with Senators **Ted Cruise** and **John Cornyn** to seek support for legislation protecting big cats. **Shelby**, executive director of the Texas Humane Society, was accompanied by **Carol Baskin**, founder and

CEO of Big Cat Rescue. **Shelby** and **Carol** urge passage of S.1210 - the “Big Cat Public Safety Act,” sponsored by Senator **Richard Blumenthal** (D-Ct). the legislation, which passed in the House in December 2020, currently sits in the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

If the bill is passed and signed by the President, it would become “unlawful for any person to import, export, transport, sell, receive, acquire, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, or to breed or possess, any prohibited wildlife species.” The legislation also sets public display limits for tigers, lions, panthers, snow leopards, jaguars, and cougars. The House bill was sponsored by Rep. **Mike Quigley** (D-II).

“Changing the World”

Stephanie Randall and **Mary Ann Bobosky** presented the “Above and Beyond Presidential Scholarship” from Sunrise Rotary to **Jaisnav Rajesh**. **Jaisnav**, a senior from Waubonsie Valley High School, is a Fermilab QuarkNet Researcher who will enter Princeton in the Fall with the stated goal of “changing the world.” Uh-oh.



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