



The Sunrise

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Sunrise Calendar (subject to change)

May - All regular meetings at Rubin Center

- 6: Regular meeting, 7am - presentation of check
- 7: Clean Sweep, St. Patrick's Residence, 8am, 1400 Brookdale Road; then do minor cleanup at 23W433 Greenbriar Dr (**Geoff Roehll**)
- 7: Annual Hessed House Derby Party, 3pm, White Eagle
- 10: Rotary Board meeting, 7am, ZOOM
- 10: Youth Service Committee, 5pm, 43 E. Jefferson
- 13: Regular meeting, 7am - diaper drive for West Suburban Community Pantry, 8am, Jackson Street parking lot across the street from the Rubin Center (**Deb Newman**)
- 20: Regular meeting, 7am
- 27: No meeting - fourth Friday

June

- 3: Regular meeting, 7am, Naperville Country Club (NCC)
- 10: Regular meeting, 7am, NCC
- 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

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

It's Official



Nikhil Gupta was formally inducted into our Club on March 11 (see the February 2022 newsletter). President **Ryan Siebert** officiated as Nikhil's sponsor, **Stephanie Randall**, looked on.

And it Will Be Fun

Our annual Spring Clean Sweep at St. Patrick's Residence is scheduled for the morning of May 7.



Crew members posed at our 2021 spruce-up of the **Ron Buonauro** Memorial Garden at St. Patrick's Residence.

If you plan to work, bring the proper tools labeled with your name, and be sure to take them home when you're finished. Useful tools include wheelbarrows, scoop shovels, pitchforks, and rakes (to spread mulch), weeder, trowel, pruners, loppers, and a pole saw. Cleanup tools include brooms and a blower. Also bring gloves and consider protective glasses/goggles as an extra precaution against debris.

Geoff Roehll predicts the job will be completed around 10:30am. Then it will be off to Carol Dunlap's home at 23W433 Greenbriar Drive for some touchup following our major clean sweep there last October.

Our Spring drive for the West Suburban Community Pantry is scheduled for 8am May 13 in the parking lot across from the Rubin Center at 305 West Jackson. The pantry is in serious need of diapers.

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Protocol and attention to detail



There's a correct way to introduce guests at our meetings, **Geoff Roehll** told a recent Club breakfast. At the outset of a meeting, before the sergeant asks for guests and visiting Rotarians, "Look around your table. If there's a visiting

Rotarian, introduce him by saying, "This is Bob, and he's from the Rotary Club of (Henry)." Then we all respond, 'Hi Bob!' without applauding." Only applaud non-Rotarians.

President **Ryan Siebert** said a guest may be tempted to grab the microphone and introduce herself. Give her the mic only after she has been introduced and wants to say something.

When introducing a speaker:

- ✓ Smile and be enthusiastic in tone, gesture, and choice of words.
- ✓ Know enough about the subject to sound knowledgeable
- ✓ Announce the speech title as described by the speaker

Ryan added that there have been problems communicating Club information to guests. "Guests and speakers have shown up for what they thought was a scheduled meeting only to find the meeting room empty" - they had been given the wrong time or the wrong day.

For a four-page Rotary guide with more detail on protocol, go to: <https://fliphtml5.com/cwdx/qrqi/basic>.

In the Trenches

Addressing the slump in Rotary membership, **Tom Gump**, immediate past president of District 5950, told *Rotary Voices* that we can't just wait for people to walk in the door. "If you don't tell them about Rotary AND ask them to join, most people won't. More than 85% of new members found out about their clubs because a Rotary member personally invited them."

Geoff emphasized that "(Rotarians) have to invite that neighbor, that colleague, that friend," that corporate executive you may know." No easy task in an environment of declining interest in community service



generally, as Geoff and Membership Co-Chairman **Tom Miers** will attest. "We've reached out to Edward Hospital...tried multiple times to get someone from North Central College to participate in our Club," Geoff said. "We're trying to get someone

from the City of Naperville, the Naperville Park District, and some of the other organizations in town. So, if you know someone in a leadership role in a corporation, see what you can do about encouraging them to send a representative to one of our meetings...have them reach out to Tom or myself."

Our Board of Directors needs an infusion of new talent, said President **Ryan**. "We need leadership on the Board (and) barring a surge in membership, we'll need people who have been officers before to consider returning to the Board." Ryan said those who are interesting should contact him or **Stephanie**, who Ryan said "will need all the help she can get."

GIFTS FROM NICKI



Deb Newman delivered gifts from former Sunrise President and current R.I. Board Member **Nicki Scott**, who sent President **Ryan** an official R.I. hat, and President-Elect **Stephanie** a Rotary jacket.

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Downsizing? Don't panic



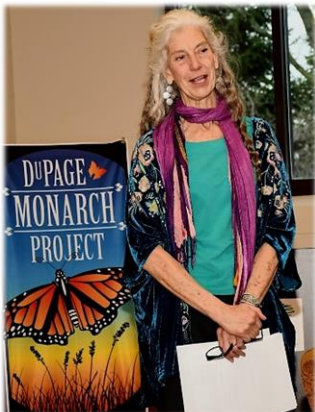
On March 11 we received some downsizing tips from **Lisa Stover**, founder of PRESTO Real Estate Services.

If you're moving yourself, you're in charge, she said. "You know where you're going, what to bring, and what to get rid of." Stover said some choices are easy: if you're moving to a condominium or an apartment



you can sell or donate the lawn mower, snow thrower and leaf blower. If your destination is an independent senior living arrangement, you don't need the full complement of cooking utensils. She said you will need clothing, a bed, enough tools to do routine repairs, and essential furniture. And that beautiful hutch full of cherished items? Stover said young home-buyers don't want it or its contents. Likewise oak furniture. "Donate it or junk it," she said.

- Carefully sort and pack items for move day
- Safely relocate your items to your new home
- Arrange your items in the new space
- Sell, donate, or discard all items left behind
- Repair and refresh your home for today's market
- Oversee the marketing and sale of your home



Connie Schmidt of the DuPage Monarch (butterfly) Project told us her organization is contributing to monarch recovery "by mapping existing habitat in the County, offering programs and advocating for cities, villages and park districts to sign a monarch conservation resolution."



With a sad expression, President **Ryan** told our April 1 meeting that he had "bittersweet" news: By order of District 6450, our Club will formalize a merger with the Rotary Club of Naperville ("Noon"), and the weekly meetings will "probably be mixed."

Momentary silence..then **John Keough**: "Shouldn't there be a Board meeting or something about this?" Ryan: "It's out of my control. District Governor **Jane Hopkins** is pushing this." More confused silence until **Dawn Newman** shouted, "Is this an April Fool's joke? C'mon!!" (General laughter)

Brief Windfall



Deb Newman got a jaw-dropping surprise at the ATM. When she withdrew \$40, the machine dispensed \$3,200 in 50-dollar bills. "My hands were shaking, and I looked around to see if I was being watched," It was Saturday and the bank was "unresponsive." Deb called **Tom Miers**, who advised her to return the money to her bank Monday morning. When she did, the agent admitted that the bank was unaware of the overdraft, asking Deb, "why did you bring it back?"



Meeting guests, from left: Neuqua Valley High School teachers **Gillian Schneider** and **Laura Dabezic**, Laura's son **Aden**. The Neuqua Valley H.S. Interact Club will be featured in the June newsletter.

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