



# The Sunrise

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## Sunrise Calendar (Subject to change)

### September

- 2: No meeting
- 3: Visitation and Mass for Jon Ripsky, 10am/11am, St. Rafael's. Lunch at noon (RSVP **Pam Leavenworth**)
- 9: Regular meeting, 7am, NCC – CAPS Board of Fire and Police Commissioners
- 13: Rotary Board meeting, 7am, ZOOM
- 16: Regular meeting, 7am, NCC – North Central College Coach **Al Carius**
- 20: Foundation Committee, 6pm Quigley's
- 23: Regular meeting, 7am, NCC – Know Your Rotarian
- 30: No meeting

*please direct ideas for speakers and club projects to **Marion Ruthig***

## Quoth the Queen

**A message from President Stephanie:** Starting October 1, District 6450 is switching over to DACdb (District and Club Database) to manage clubs and club members, as well as host club websites. The District will no longer support Club Express, Club Runner, etc. DACdb will streamline and simplify the administrative end of club and member management. The new website interface is pretty snazzy, too!

A group of Sunrise club officers is prepping DACdb to make the transition as smooth as possible for our club. Please be watching for an email in the next couple of weeks with login instructions as well as a link to our club's new web page. You can email Stephanie ([stephanie@colbertcf.com](mailto:stephanie@colbertcf.com)) with any questions or comments. Linda Yates ([yates.linda@sbcglobal.net](mailto:yates.linda@sbcglobal.net)), District 6450 communications officer, is available for training and questions as well.

## New Member



Please welcome **Renee Miklosik**, director of development for the DuPage Children's Museum. Renee is sponsored by **Deb Newman**.

## Bruce George has been named a charter member of Polio Plus.

Rotary International (RI) describes the "plus" as an extension of the polio eradication program – a sort of well-being bonus: "It might be a hand-operated tricycle or access to clean water, additional medical treatment, bed nets, or soap.

Vitamin A given to children at the same time as the polio vaccine has prevented 1.25 million deaths by decreasing susceptibility to infectious diseases."



## Breakfast Compromise

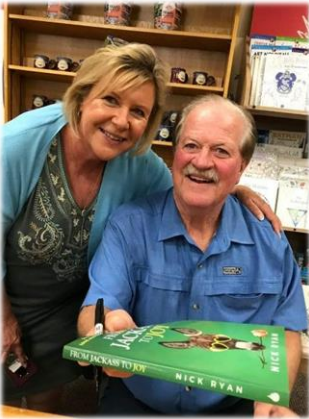


Bacon, sausage and eggs are back on our buffet menu the first Friday of each month. Each Sunrise Rotarian is welcome to host one of these breakfasts for the cost of \$150. **President Stephanie** explained that, for their generosity, each host earns a few minutes to talk about his or her business. Thanks to four of our members, these special buffets are covered through the end of the year. Let Stephanie know if you would like to fund a future eggs and meat offering.

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Nick Ryan, CEO of Marquette Companies, developer of Water Street, and Rotary benefactor, has released his first book: "From Jackass to Joy: The Art and Science of Love, Marriage and Blending Families." Nick poses with publicist Deb Newman at his July 26 book signing. (Photo comp. D. Newman)

Pssst. Hey buddy...c'mere. Wanna buy a bike ride?



SAG (support and gear) driver Jim Ensign and event organizer Kevin K. McQuillan

The Downtown Rotary Club's August 14 charity Rotary Ride was blessed with perfect weather. The ride was launched in 1997 by our Club and eventually was taken over by the South Club. When the South Club dissolved, the ride was adopted by the Downtown Club, which has asked our Club to embrace it once again.

Photos are available at:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/VsfBK8ex3zbLgmD37>



### Praise for Body Cameras

"I've never seen anything like it." That's how Naperville Police Chief Jason Arres described the June 3 shooting of an armed man by veteran Naperville police officer Frank Tonkovich. The officer had pulled over a car whose driver had run a stop sign at the intersection of McDowell Road and Bond Street.

Video showed that as Tonkovich stood talking with the driver, Edward Samaan pulled his vehicle up nearby, exited it and charged at the officer with a hatchet. The officer fired six shots, five of which struck Samaan, who later died. DuPage County States Attorney Robert Berlin has announced that Tonkovich's actions were reasonable and necessary.

"In 21 years of studying police tactics, I've never seen a situation like that, where someone just rolled up and jumped out at someone and tried to kill him. Scary stuff," Chief Arres told our June 17 breakfast meeting.



NPD officer firing at hatchertt-toting Edward Samaan (Photo by Naperville P.D.)

The officer thanked Chief Arres "for pushing the staff to get the body cameras out so quickly, and thank you for blessing us with (appropriate) training."

As for overall crime, the news was mixed. Last year every category of crime was down, and overall crime is down "tremendously," he said. "In DuPage County robberies, burglaries and car burglaries were down, and we're continuing that trend."

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But this year there have been sour notes, with the armed robbery of a service station, an armed carjacking, and two fatal shootings. "My biggest concern," Arres said, "is the large number of people from outside Naperville driving around (the city) with weapons in their cars. Gun crimes are a big challenge. (Last year) we took more illegal guns proactively off the street than we ever have in my career." Officers confiscated 68 illegal guns during traffic stops alone, and many of those stopped by officers were felons, he said, adding "I cannot quantify what we prevented. When you have 60 people in possession of illegal firearms...a gun in a traffic stop can turn to tragedy in a split second."

### Justice for All



One in three Americans cannot afford a lawyer. Three out of four low-income individuals will have at least one legal issue, but a vast majority will get no, or inadequate, legal help according to Administer Justice, an Elgin-based non-profit organization.

Development Director **Emily O'Donnell** told our July 8 breakfast that, according to the World Justice Project, the United States ranks 126<sup>th</sup> out of 139 countries for affordable access to justice. Administer Justice (AJ) partners with churches that agree to serve as a meeting place for clients and volunteer lawyers. For a \$30 co-pay, a person in need of legal advice gets 45 minutes with an attorney and is provided support from an AJ team. The lawyer lays out the client's options, and a "next steps" plan is created that helps the client overcome his or her challenges.

Nationwide there are 71 justice centers in 15 states including two in Naperville – the recently opened River Glen Presbyterian Church and the High Point Gospel Church. AJ is seeking donations to put toward opening new centers. Emily said it costs \$5,000 to launch a center. They're also seeking attorneys to volunteer three to four hours of their time once a month. "And let us know if your church would be interested in starting a center."

### So Long Jon



Much of our August 5 breakfast meeting was devoted to anecdotes about former colleague **Jon Ripsky**, who died on August 2 at the age of 81. Jon, our Club's second president, attended Naperville schools and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1957. After his honorable discharge in 1961, Jon joined the Naperville Police



Department, where he remained for 43 years, retiring as a captain in 2003. Jon is survived by his wife of 37 years, **Jeanne Ripsky**, four sons and several grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will be held Saturday, September 3. from 10:00am to 10:45am at St. Raphael's Church, followed by an 11am Mass and a noon luncheon. Due to limited capacity for the luncheon, please rsvp to **Pam Leavenworth** at [pam11worth@gmail.com](mailto:pam11worth@gmail.com) by August 26th. The full obituary is at: <https://www.friedrichjones.com/obituaries/Jon-A-Ripsky-Sr?obId=25523282#/obituaryInfo>,

**John Ball** and **Bill Hassett** reported that the Hesed House 2022 school backpack drive brought in 110 units, and the YMCA donated 40 school supply packets. John said 80 backpacks were delivered to Hesed House along with \$625 in cash donations. These funds will be used to provide gift cards for families in need of clothing for school.

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