



The Sunrise

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Sunrise Calendar

(Subject to change)

August

- 2: Regular meeting, 7am, NCC – **Megan Bradshaw**, innovations in the treatment of hearing disorders
- 2: Club social – Rolling Stones/Fleetwood Mac tribute band concert, 6-9:30pm, Memorial Park in Wheaton \$10. Contact **Dawn Newman** or **Mike Tenuta**
- 9: Regular meeting, 7am, NCC) – Neuqua Interact
- 11: Rotary Ride charity bicycle event
- 13: Board meeting (virtual), 7am
- 15: All-Rotary fundraiser at Maison Sabika
- 16: No meeting
- 16: Club social – Naper Nights Summer Concert Series, Naper Settlement, \$20. Contact **Dawn** or **Mike**
- 23: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC – Know your Rotarian, **Nag Jaiswal**
- 30: No meeting

*direct ideas for speakers and Club projects to **Ginnie Moore***



Club Advocate **Jo Anne Ragona** (left), President **Marion Ruthig**, DG **Rachel Ossyra**, DG Elect **Bonnie Sanchez-Carlson**.

Governor Ossyra praised our Club, saying we are fully engaged in the community doing “good work.” But we can’t stop there. “We have to be willing to try new things...even start a new club - a cardinal goal of R.I. That could include a satellite or Rotaract club.

The Governor is excited about a new “gold membership” plan being rolled out by our District this month. The concept, already tried recently by other clubs, marshals the tools, resources, and activities needed to build and strengthen club membership and enhance retention. Among its components:

- Complete a short survey to find out what members are interested in and get feedback.
- Have an engagement activity that supports service, leadership, personal growth, or networking (we have that covered in spades).
- Schedule a District membership team presentation.

Governor Ossyra added two additional goals on the District menu: engage our global humanitarian network to do good in the world (such as our plastic recycling project in India), and in your strategic plan or vision, “put people at the center of everything you do.”

Irresistible



Rachel Ossyra

With a new Rotary year comes the familiar commitments from our district to punch harder against barriers to membership. In her July 26 address to our Club, District Governor **Rachel Ossyra** invoked Rotary founder **Paul Harris**, urging us to “be revolutionary at all times.” And in keeping with this year’s theme – “The Magic of Rotary” – “to use our magic to grow and share Rotary...to be simply irresistible.”

District 6450 has “committed to increasing our membership by a net 100 by next July 1;” no easy task, Ossyra said, in view of the North American trend toward shrinking Rotary involvement.

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Rotary Ride is here



An excited Lynne Nolan has created a nifty sign-up schedule for our annual bike event August 11. This is fund-raising at its best: Lots of fun and Beneficial to All Concerned. To sign up go to:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F49A9A72AA2FB6-50306450-rotary#/

Club Social



Dawn Newman, with help from husband Mike Tenuta, is testing the water for interest in getting together August 11 at a Rolling Stones/Fleetwood Mac tribute concert in Wheaton. The event, with the unlikely title of "Rocks Off," begins at 6pm at the Memorial Park Bandshell. Admission is \$10. Direct questions to Dawn..

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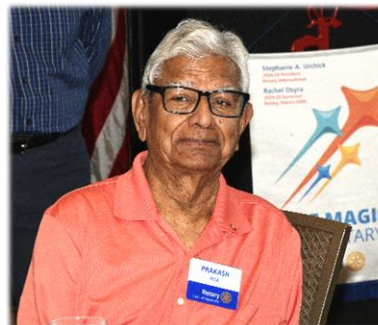
Marion Ruthig's son, Robbie, played in the AAU Boys Volleyball Nationals held last month in Orlando. Robbie played for the Sports Performance Boy's 16 Elite team, which placed third out of 300 teams. In the photo above, Robbie is in the back row right, next to the coach. (photo compliments Marion Ruthig).

Paul and Laurie DeKruif visited daughter Veronica (at right with fiancé Matt Roeper) in St. Charles, Missouri. Paul and Laurie helped Veronica run a beverage tent at the St. Charles Riverfest. A rising Missouri River forced early closure of the event, which raised \$30,000.



Will the Florida invasion of poisonous cane toads, which transgress the 4-way test, prompt John Nania to stay in Illinois? Stand by!

Guests



Prakash Tata, PhD, plastics recycling social enterprise engineer and member of the Rotary Club of Naperville.



Looking for support: Ragu Kannan, visiting from the Rotary Club of Lake District Moinabad Hyderabad, India, a partner in our India-based plastics recycling project.

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Making Room at Little Friends



Mike Briggs

Little Friends is working with the Department of Children and Family Services to establish two residential homes for children needing outside home support. Writing in Positively Naperville, Little Friends CEO **Mike Briggs**, said each new home will accommodate six special needs children. But that’s not enough: “The needs far (surpass) what we are going to be able to do.”

Briggs painted a bleak picture of the current situation, in which children are having to be placed at far-off locations away from family and adequate support. “In total,” he said, “approximately 200 children are in residential care in the state, with several children who, because of limited resources, are placed in other locations outside the state. There continues to be demand for the work we do, and unfortunately that far outpaces the supply and resources available...”

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Ankit Shrivatava has reconnected with Sunrise Rotary following a leave of absence.

Know Your Rotarian

Jim Povejsil attended grade school and high school in Pittsburgh. With degrees in business, information systems, and electrical system, Jim describes himself as a “math and science geek” and “non-practicing engineer.” While getting his education, he carried bricks on a construction crew; and along with some enterprising friends, formed the Alpha Driveway Sealant Company. “It was a complete blast...we made good money.” After business school he got a great job in management consulting that involved world travel. .



After the .com bust killed an attempt to create an internet startup, “I was rescued by a friend who recruited me to come to work at ASI Accurate (bathroom) Partitions.” Jim worked his way up to General Manager, position he held for two decades, eventually retiring last May. He still spends about 20 hours a week on I.T. software.

Jim and his wife, **Carmen**, have been married for 40 years. They have a daughter, **Elise**, who is a content marketer in Oakland; and a son, Alex, works in I.T. Security out of Chicago.

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Rotarian **Brand Bobosky** unveiled the new Naperville Century Walk Guide to the city’s free public art. The superbly fashioned guidebook is sponsored by **Nick and Theresa Ryan**. **Deb Newman** praised Brand for “the work he’s done managing the city, securing funds, and maintaining the projects.”



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