



# The Sunrise

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## Sunrise Calendar

(Subject to change)

### December

6: No meeting – Mayor’s Interfaith Community Breakfast at Fry YMCA

13 Holiday party – 7am, Northern Illinois University

20: No meeting

27: No meeting

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



Our November 16 Friends Giving dinner drew about 25 guests and \$291 in donations for the Rotary polio project. Several folks had a hand in making the evening a success, including hosts **Tom** and **Pati Miers**, several organizers, and those - like **Dawn Newman** - who prepared their own favorite dishes.



**Serdar Erkoca** provided Turkish hors d'oeuvres, as well as a bottle of his home country’s national liquor, Yani Raki, “to be served with ice.”

*(Photos by **Pati Miers** and **Jim Ensign**).*

View editor’s gallery at:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/1Apmd1cjJhGaHQs17>

## Up and Running



**Jim Ensign** peers through the new penguin display at Naper Lights.

**Geoff Roehl** is all grins: The lights are up, and they work. A job well done by a contingent of students and Rotary volunteers led by **Lynne Nolan**. Geoff, Jim, **John Keough**, and Lynne are making necessary adjustments.



**Geoff**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4CAAAA2FA75-52116741-naper>

Stephanie placed the photo link on our web site.

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### Helping Hands

A handful of Rotarians worked a shift at the West Suburban Food Pantry, capping **Deb Newman's** morning food drive.



**Deb** shelved food.

**Tracy and Marion** tackle a fresh shipment of apples.



**Terry and Ginnie Moore.**



**Robbie Ruthig**

### Foundation Overview

Foundation Chair, **Mike Tenuta**, gave us a global overview of the Rotary Foundation's role, summarized here (Mike emailed the full PDF document to members on November 11).



The Foundation was launched in 1917 by RI's sixth president, **Arch Klumph**, who wanted an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It was formally named the Rotary Foundation in 1928. In 1929, the first gift of \$500 went to the International Society for Crippled Children.

Mike said Rotarians annually contribute to the Foundation via the Annual Fund. Contributions are invested for three years to generate earnings and the Foundation's operating expenses. The Foundation offers four types of matching grants: district grants, disaster response grants, global grants, and programs-of-scale grants addressing community needs.



**Tim Walsh** (from left), **Tim Belgio**, **Geoff Roehll**

Our Club uses District 6450 grants for community projects, including: Maintaining the Buonauro Memorial Garden at St. Patrick's Residence; Clean Sweep property improvement, such as the deck replacement (photo) for a local resident; and annual Holiday Gift giving. Go to:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xo5tyjswYDC74tOZ7IgdDzI4N564mR8u/view?usp=sharing>

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**Amanda McMillan** stopped by to thank Sunrise Rotary for our recent \$2,000 donation to the Alive Center.



**Deb Newman** flew to London to spend time with friend **Nicki Scott** (above in 2014 District 6450 convention photo when Nicki was DG). Nicki is currently on the Board of Rotary International.

🎵 **Young man, what do you want to be?**



**Erika Wood**

The Chicago area YMCA is developing an “Economic Equity Institute” to level the playing field in the construction and trades workforces. Fry YMCA Executive Director **Erika Wood** described two main goals: “increase the number of qualified construction workers, and increase the racial, ethnic, and gender” composition of the workforce. “This is not a jobs program; We want to (provide) the skills so they can get an apprenticeship, be part of a union, and get into the construction trade,” Wood told our September 13 meeting. She said the program is not specific to Naperville, “but we benefit from the leadership and expertise to bring those opportunities to Naperville.”

The Y of Chicago was awarded \$1.1 million in state funds to implement the program.

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*(FPDDC photo)*



DuPage County has a higher percentage of protected acreage than any other Illinois County, according to **Jeannine Kannegiesser**, chief philanthropy officer for the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County. Twelve percent of county land is being held, protected, and restored “for the education, pleasure, and recreation” of DuPage citizens. And:

- In 2006, 3 million people visited the forest preserves compared with 5.5 million last year.
- Since 2006, the District has added 30 miles of trails, 639 acres of land, and 8,500 acres restored.

In November, DuPage County voters approved a referendum to increase the limiting rate of Forest Preserve’s tax levy 035% - equal to 0.1033% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for 2024. The Forest Preserve District will use these additional funds to: “support its mission to “preserve, restore, and maintain forests, other open spaces, and water quality; acquire lands to protect rivers, watersheds, and wildlife habitats; plant trees and enhance flood-control and drainage systems; maintain and improve woodlands, wetlands, and prairies; provide nature education and outdoor opportunities for all ages; and improve trails, campgrounds, and other recreational features.”

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