



The Sunrise

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Sunrise Calendar

Subject to change

This month our meetings are at Naperville Country Club

February

- 07: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC – Naper Lights Presentation and sponsors; Downtown Alliance
- 11: Board meeting, 7am video conference
- 14: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC – Service projects
- 21: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC - Mike Briggs, Little Friends
- 28: No meeting

March

- 07: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC – Shae Hess, Know Your Rotarian

direct ideas for speakers and Club projects to Ginnie Moore

Club Giving



Rotarian **Lynne Nolan** presented a \$2,000 Youth Services grant to the Alive Center for Teens. Accepting the check are Executive Director **Amanda McMillan** (left) and Founder/CEO **Kandice Henning**.

Aid for California



Dawn Newman (left), **Mike Tenuta**, **Deb Newman**, **Srini Namasivayam**, **Bruce Dixon**, **Sandy Dixon**, **Ginnie Moore**, **Terry Moore**.

A handful of Rotarians dined at the 64 Wine Bar in Naperville to raise money for the World Central Kitchen’s California fire relief efforts. WCK describes itself as “first to the frontlines, providing meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises.”



The tasty wine doubled as a warm-up on a zero degree evening.



A check for \$2,164 went to the Student Interact Club at Neuqua Valley High School. The money will be used for several projects, including the Club’s blanket-making project, a Rotary International field trip, and student environmental activities.

From left above: **Arnav Godambe** (behind our President **Marion**), **Lynne**, Interact Club President **Alyce Richmond**, **Haasini Potteri**, **Abigail Pierson**, **Ananya Jaiswal**, **Addison Guskey**.

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Lynne with Marc Willensky of Accelerated Climate Solutions.

The Youth Committee gave \$3,000 in grant money to Accelerated Climate Solutions, a Naperville-based not-for-profit recruiting area high-school students for a program called Building Leadership Around Sustainable Transformation (BLAST). Students "with a passion for the environment" form teams in a competition to create environment-enhancing ideas. BLAST Director **Marc Willensky** says the students are assigned mentors who give them guidance as they develop their projects which, when finished, will be presented to a panel of judges. The winning team members will each receive \$1,000 cash.

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Ryan Siebert reports that preparation for our March 15 St. Paddy's Day 5K are on track. A complete rundown and volunteer links are posted at: <https://www.napervillesunrise.com/events/5k> If you would like to help Ryan and his committee, go to: Ryan@SGHomeBuilders.com.



Ryan says several sponsors are on board, but more is better. Rotarians should not hesitate to approach additional potential sponsors. This year's event beneficiaries are the Naperville YMCA, Kids Matter, and the Grow Wellness Foundation.

Flying High



Geoff Roehl said son **Spencer** is back from a five-day reunion in Paris with fellow fraternity brothers. Spencer currently works as an analyst

with Chicago-based AArete, a management consulting. Daughter **Alexandra (Ali)** is back from her recent trip to Australia. She's a research associate at the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago.



Ali and Spencer
(LinkedIn photos)



Chris and Kimberly Kerstin enjoyed a week on Antigua. They also bought a house in Sioux Falls, SD, for son **Jackson**, a student at nearby South Dakota State University.

Mike and Tracy Jensen visited family members in Puerto Rico and Arizona. They hiked in the Sedona and Scottsdale areas and enjoyed magnificent views of the Grand Canyon on a Jeep tour of the Canyon rim. said Tracy: "We were very spoiled over the holidays, and now we'll be home for a long time." A hike into the Canyon is on Tracy's bucket list.



(Facebook photo)

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