



The Sunrise

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Sunrise Calendar

(Subject to change)

All January meetings at Northern Illinois University
1120 E. Diehl Road, Room #250

January

- 3-4: No meeting – Naper Lights take-down
- 10: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NIU – guest speaker **Trisha Prabhu** on cyber bullying (remote)
- 14: Board meeting, 7am video conference
- 17: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NIU – Kenyan Student
- 24: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NIU
- 31: No meeting

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



Reverence

A blast, Arctic and otherwise



Waiting to visit **Santa** (photo by **G. Roehll**).

Naper Lights hosting got off to a slow start, no thanks to an Arctic cold front that prompted an early closing on November 29. But better weather - and the anticipated numbers of visitors - improved as days passed. There were the enticements: a visit from Santa, an Elf on stilts, balloonists, free cookies and hot cocoa, the iconic holographic eyeglasses, music, and 22,000 sets of lights. A proud **Geoff Roehll** said “it’s the most people I’ve seen ever” at Naper Lights. “It was very festive!”

And be sure to check out the many posts at **Facebook.com/Naper Lights** and a video interview with Geoff at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpV5zYyLKmY>.



Greg Ruthig (left), Club President **Marion Ruthig**, and **Nag Jaiswal** were among the many volunteers.



Lynne Nolan with volunteers from Naperville Central H.S. (NCHS) from left, **Naina**, **Spanie**, and **Staphie**.

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Almost everyone wanted a pair of our free holographic eyeglasses



Look dad!



Volunteers Arohandeep and Savir (NCHS)



Mary Ann Bobosky posed with Kate (NCHS) And Taruni (Neuqua Valley).

Party Time



The **Dynamites**, one of several performance groups of Road Show, Inc., provided lively entertainment at our December 13 Christmas Party.

Lawyer, Rotarian, and Humorist



Shawn speaking at our 2021 Officer Installation Dinner.

Honorary Sunrise Rotarian **Shawn Collins** died on December 15 following a month-long effort to recover from a heart attack. He was 67 years old. Those of us who were around when Shawn was Club Sergeant remember his entertaining quizzes...his quick wit and no holds barred choice of entertainment. A highlight was his hilarious harangue after eating haggis at our Robert Burns dinner in 2012.

On a more serious note, Shawn's most telling legacy is, to quote the Daily Herald, "putting his law firm on the line for Lisle residents suffering the effects of pollution. After (learning) a toxic chemical had leaked into drinking water from the Lockformer Company plant...Collins filed a class-action lawsuit." That – and several other environmental litigations – succeeded.

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New U.S. Citizen



Congratulations to **Serdar Erkoca**, who proudly announced that he passed his citizenship civics interview and took the oath of allegiance at a September 17 ceremony.

To qualify for naturalization, you must:

- Be a permanent resident for five continuous years;
- Reside in the state or United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) district where you're applying for three months;
- Be physically present in the U.S. for 30 months;
- Demonstrate good moral character;
- Meet certain requirements related to English, civics, knowledge, and attachment.

Club Bylaws Updated

At our November 1 meeting, approximately 25 attendees approved changes in our bylaws that were proposed by the Board of Directors. The changes affect four documents, as described by Bill Hassett in his message to all members:

- “clean up some leadership roles that are no longer in use;
- clarify some procedural matters and add language around conflicts of interest for a member who would be a vendor to the club or foundation; this includes being part of a nonprofit that would get a grant from the Foundation.” **Kevin Gensler** provided valuable legal guidance.

Composters and Boreholes

Our Board of Directors approved a motion by **Bruce George** to donate \$2,500 toward a “reverse” international grant to fund a composter for Loaves & Fishes. The machine would convert food waste into a nutrient-rich fertilizer. The machine’s price tag is \$120,000. Our contribution, to be matched by several surrounding Clubs, will be drawn from our Greater Good Fund.

At the urging of **Chuck Corrigan** of the Downtown Club, the Board also voted to sponsor an R.I. grant to drill additional fresh-water boreholes in Sierra Leone. Several other Clubs in our district are contributing money toward the project. Any funding Sunrise Rotary provides will come from our International Fund.

A borehole in Sierra Leone
(Photo by *Rotifunk* Rotary)



A deep borehole is drilled to access a source of clean drinking water, particularly in rural areas where surface water sources may be contaminated. Due to limited access to clean water in Sierra Leone, many organizations and communities are working to install boreholes equipped with hand pumps to improve sanitation and health conditions across the country.

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Maria Laterza, guest of **Marion Ruthig**, has attended three breakfast meetings.

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