



The Sunrise

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Sunrise Calendar

(Subject to change)

July

- 5: No Club meeting – Fourth of July
- 9: Board meeting (ZOOM)
- 12: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC
- 19: No meeting (site conflict)
- 26: Regular Club meeting, 7am, NCC
- 31: No meeting

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



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New Club Leadership



Marion being sworn in by Past District Governor **Chuck Corrigan**.

The theme of our June 24 officer induction ceremony matched the Rotary International theme: The Magic of Rotary. Our ceremony at Go Brewing drew a robust turnout of Rotarians and guests.

Following her induction,, President **Marion Ruthig** set three goals for the coming year:

- Share the magic of Sunrise Rotary with more people.
- Create even more service opportunities.
- Grow Club membership by 10%.

Outgoing President **Sri Namasivayam** thanks all those who made 2023-24 a successful year for our Club, including the distribution of \$18,500 in Community Service grants and events such as the 5K, Naper Lights and Rotary Ride.



Stephanie (left) with husband **Jason**, **Jim Ensign**, **Sandy Dixon**.

Rotarian of the Year - Stephanie Randall, for her “tireless contributions to the Club while being a full-time mom. She worked tirelessly to find club meeting locations and send out meeting invites.”



Art Muehlhausen Service Above Self Award - John Keough is “the man behind the scenes” who “goes the extra mile” at our hands-on events.

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Rookie of the Year – Nag Jaiswal “has been a very active member...taking part in all service events. With his passion for service, (Nag) found his way to our club finally” under the sponsorship of **Tom Miers**.

Community Service Grants

Last month we awarded \$18,500 in Community Service Grants to six nonprofit organizations. Recipient representatives are shown below posing with Community Service Chairwoman **Deb Newman**.



From left: Remington Fairlamb, Community Access Naperville; **Nancy Wiersum**, Loaves & Fishes; **Nina Menes**, Kids Matter; **Brea Hayes**, 360 Youth Services; **Wendy Gross**, The Grow Foundation; **Deb Newman**.



Srini passes the gavel to **Marion**.



Jason Altenbern (left) and **Mike Briggs**. Represented Little Friends.



Your Board of Directors from left front: Bill Hasset (president elect), **Jim Povejsil** (treasurer), **Geoff Roehll** (membership), **Dawn Newman** (International Service), **Mike Tenuta** (Foundation), **Lynne Nolan** (Youth Service), **Deb Newman** (Community Service/public image coordinator). Not shown: **Ginnie Moore** (vice president), **Tom Miers** (membership), **Mary Ann Bobosky** (Vocational Service), **Anna Botos** (secretary).

Pollinator Garden

Rotarians and members of the Cress Creek Garden Club turned out at the DuPage Children’s Museum May 18 to plant a pollinator garden. Seven District Rotary Clubs have been busy planning pollinator and planting gardens approved for the 2024 Environmental Grant. The effort, partially funded by our Club and District 6450, includes annual and perennial plants. Our participation is consistent with Rotary’s commitment to environmental and sustainability issues in the community.

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Districts 6450 and 6440 signed a pollinator pledge at their joint conference on April 20.



Shelley Taylor applied sunblock to Marion Ruthig and Stephanie Randall.



Museum building engineer **Mike Maroni** watered plantings as **Diane Stein**, president of the Cress Creek Garden Club, looks on.



Man of action: Ken Cox was walking to the post office and decided to stop and help. Future Rotarian?



Stephanie used both feet to break through hard soil. At left is **Mary Nelson**, secretary of the Cress Creek Garden Club.



Digging it. **Lynne Nolan**, **Ginnie Moore**, and **Shelley Taylor**.



Marion studying planting locations.

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Tragedy to Hope



Jill Wijangco

After **Ray** and **Jill Wijangco** lost their 15-year-old son **Maxwell** to suicide two years ago, they founded the nonprofit **Max’s Mission**. Foremost among their goals is providing resources and support to bereaved suicide loss survivors. It was immediately obvious that there were crippling gaps in the kinds of support needed in the weeks following the death of a loved one by suicide. “We hope to be able to help other grieving parents navigate that path...and to spread mental health awareness in our community,” Jill told our May 10 breakfast meeting.

Introducing Jill, educator and Rotarian **Shelley Taylor** said such tragedy brings a rush of community support that fades quickly and is gone after the last casserole is given; The family are suddenly on their own.

Jill said suicide prevention should be a three-legged stool...including prevention, intervention and postvention,” which refers to activities that reduce risk and promote healing after a suicide or death. Jill said postvention “(relieves stress in survivors coping with their loss. When we are informed of a family that has lost someone to suicide, we immediately get a suicide loss survivor resource guide in their mailbox. The guide includes access to therapists specializing in loss, grief, depression, and anxiety.”

This month a team of cyclists from Naperville will participate in **RAGBRAI- L (Register’s Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa - 50)** to raise money for **Max’s Mission**.



“**Look for me at your local Walmart**” - After 43 years at Occidental Chemical Corporation, veteran Rotarian **John Keough** has decided to cash in his chips. He formally retired Sunday as Senior Account Manager.

Guests



Shae Hess (standing) and **Nick Niemi** are with **Sebold Capital Management**.



Tom Miers (left) brought grandson **Evan Wischmeyer** and daughter **Jenny Wischmeyer**. Evan, age 16, is a rising star in the **FIS (International Ski and Snowboard Federation)** halfpipe and slope style competitions. Jenny teaches 3rd grade in the **Summit, Colorado, School District**. Husband **Jon** teaches high school science. They reside in **Dillon, near Breckenridge**.

Club treasurer **Jim Povejsil** reminds us that it’s once again time to pay our Club dues. Watch for an invoice coming to your email box.

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