



# District 6450 Headline News



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District Governor 2024-25



Dear Irresistible District 6450 Rotary Members,

I hope you all are doing well and are welcoming in the autumn season!

## People of Action Making the Magic of Rotary Happen!

As I continue to visit our clubs around the District (41 clubs so far), I am in awe of our Rotary family and the impactful service projects, programs and partnerships we are engaged in locally and globally. I am delighted to share this short [People of Action reel](#) from our August projects to address Food Insecurity.



Thank you to clubs who are participating in the Chicagoland Coat Drive and Stand Down for Veterans without Homes on November 8. Our goal is to provide at least 700 men's winter coats. Registration is now open with details and link in District News. *Let's serve our veterans who have served us!*



## World Polio Day is October 24

The eradication of polio is Rotary's signature project worldwide. It is our promise to the children of the world. On October 24 we celebrate Rotary's commitment, which has brought us to the final stage to END POLIO. Since 1985, Rotary members have contributed over \$2.1 billion and mobilized countless

volunteers to immunize 2.5 billion children worldwide.

You can support by joining the [District 6450 Polio Plus Society](#) and contributing \$100 annually to the Rotary Foundation Polio Plus Fund. Our donations are matched 2:1 by the Gates Foundation. Thank you to those who are already annual contributors and Polio Plus Society members. Let's work together to eradicate the 2<sup>nd</sup> disease in history!

Throughout October, we will have informative and fun opportunities to support END POLIO NOW.

- Join us October 24 in Aurora for pizza, beer and an update on polio eradication progress with Past Rotary International Vice President Pat Merryweather and an infectious disease specialist. See District News for details and registration link.
- Stay tuned for our Popcorn for Polio promotion to raise funds and enjoy a delicious treat!
- Check out Chicago Lakeview Rotary Club's Pints for Polio events in Club News.
- Start your own club fundraiser or event and let us know!

Thank you to District Polio Plus Chair [Eve Green](#) and her committee!

## Youth Mental Health First Aid Coming Soon

We have a grant to introduce Youth Mental Health First Aid to interested District 6450 members. It's a 6-hour training

## District Calendar Update 10-1-24

### IMPORTANT UPDATES

- **Rotary Zones 33 & 34 cover the Rotary districts in the areas devastated by Hurricane Helene. If you would like to help the hurricane victims, they have set up a fund for donations. There may be an opportunity later for collection of goods most needed in the affected areas. Get more information and [DONATE HERE!](#)**
- **Website Updates** – we are adding more content to the website to keep you better informed and to give you more resources.
  - **Special District Grants Funds are now available** – go to the new [Service Project Grants](#) page for more information.
  - **Want to get involved in a Global Grant? There are Rotary clubs around the world looking for international partners for their global grants. We started a new [Global Grants Clearinghouse](#) page to help you find opportunities to get involved.**
  - **Are you interested in how the rules of Rotary International are formed? Keep up to date on the Council on Legislation and Council on Resolutions information on [this new page.](#)**

### DISTRICT NEWS

- **2025 Rotary International Convention, Calgary, Canada** Keep an eye out for a new information page on the district website which will be up soon. For more information on the convention, hotels and tours from District Convention Chair Barry McKeown [CLICK HERE.](#)
- **RYLA - October 11-13** Schools will be in session again soon so begin to line up your RYLA attendees. For more information and to download the application [CLICK HERE.](#)
- **World Polio Day Gathering – Thursday, October 24, 5:30-7pm.** Join Rotary District 6450 and the Rotary Club of Aurora United for an End Polio Now event in Aurora featuring Past RI Vice President Pat Merryweather and an infectious disease specialist as key note speakers. Cost is \$25 and pizza, beer, wine, water & dessert will be provided. Space is limited, so [Register Now.](#)
- **Popcorn for Polio** - there's another way you can raise money to End Polio Now. Watch for the Popcorn for Polio update next Monday.
- **Fall Assembly - Grants Extravaganza - Saturday, October 26. REGISTER NOW** and plan to learn about all the ways we can do good in our communities and around the world using our donations to The Rotary Foundation.
- **Veteran Stand Down Day 2024 – Thursday & Friday, November 7 & 8.** Hold a coat drive in your area and collect medium to 5XL and larger new or gently used coats plus men for distribution. For more information and to volunteer for set up and distribution, [CLICK HERE.](#)

### CLUB NEWS

- **Hinsdale Rotary Run Charity Classic - Sunday, October 6.** Dust off your running (or walking) shoes and plan to participate in or volunteer at the Hinsdale Rotary

course developed by the National Council of Behavioral Health that teaches individuals how to identify, understand, support and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders in youth. Plans are being developed to host sessions in January and February. Thank you to District Youth Mental Health Chair [Nina Menis](#) and District Interact Chair [Kanayo Odeluga](#)!

### Rotary Foundation Giving Recognition

Big congratulations to the 2023-2024 top giving clubs to our Rotary Foundation: Oak Park-River Forest, New Lenox and Naperville! The following clubs were also recognized for their contributions to the Annual Fund and Polio Plus Fund: Aurora United, Bolingbrook, Bradley-Bourbonnais, Chicago Cosmopolitan, Chicago Financial District, Chicago Little Village, Chicagoland Lithuanians, Downers Grove, Elmhurst, Joliet, Manteno, Moraine Valley, Naperville-After Dark, Naperville Downtown, Western Springs, Wilmington, Woodridge. Recognition Banners will be awarded to these clubs at the October 26 Grants Extravaganza.

### Together We Are Growing Rotary

The Magic of Rotary is in our membership. We are delighted to welcome the new Chicago Chinatown Rotary Satellite Club sponsored by Chicago Little Village Rotary Club! We are progressing towards our goal to be an IRRESISTIBLE DISTRICT by forming at least 4 new clubs (traditional, satellite, caused-based, Rotaract, etc) and increasing net membership by least 100 or more this Rotary year. **Since July 1, we've grown by 51 members and welcomed 2 new clubs!**

I encourage you to invite a friend, a colleague or someone new in your community to discover the magic of Rotary for themselves.

Together we are People of Action making The Magic of Rotary happen!

Yours in Rotary,

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District Governor  
Rotary International District 6450

Run Charity Classic. For more information and to register or volunteer to help, go to [CHARITY CLASSIC](#). And don't forget to check out the race raffle and bid on the prized you want [AT THIS LINK](#).

- **Chicago Lakeview Pints for Polio** – Join Chicago Lakeview for a beverage of your choice as they travel throughout the north side of Chicago to raise money for End Polio Now. Keep an eye on their [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) to see the next stop on the Pints for Polio tour.
- **Naperville After Dark Halloween Spooktacular Trivia Night** – Thursday, October 24. Join Naperville After Dark for its 4<sup>th</sup> annual trivia night. For more information and to sign up [CLICK HERE](#).
- **Chicagoland Lithuanians Haunted Oak 5K** – Sunday, October 27. Run for those who can't. The day includes a kids' run and promises fun for the whole family. Everyone gets a medal and all proceeds go to UPC-Center for Disability Services in Joliet. [REGISTER HERE!](#)
- **Norridge-Harwood Heights Bingo Night** – Tuesday, October 29. Join Norridge-Harwood Heights Rotary at the Goat Village Bar for Bingo! For more information [CLICK HERE](#).
- **Woodridge Rotary Magical Holiday Gala** – Wednesday, December 4, 6pm at Bobak's Signature Events. Join Woodridge Rotary at their annual holiday gala in support of NAMI DuPage. For more information, check out their [WEBSITE](#).

### ADDITIONAL NEWS

**Rotarians: Partner with Us in Packaging 100,000 Meals for Vets in Need!**

Feed6-Outreach is proud to co-host with The Chicago Wolves our seventh annual HungerHeroes! meal packaging event benefiting food-insecure veterans and neighbors - scheduled for **Saturday, November 16th, 2024**, following the Veterans Day holiday, in the Skyline Room on the All State Arena Campus near O'Hare. <https://www.feed6.org/hungerheroes-2024.html>

### Important News About Your Club?

Send it to [office@rotary6450.org](mailto:office@rotary6450.org) and we will put it in the D6450 Headline News

Don't forget that if you want your event to show up on the district calendar, you need to put in on your club calendar and use the event category "club event for district posting only".

If you want additional DACdb and/or website training, let me know.

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