



District 6450 Headline News



Rachel Ossyra
District Governor 2024-25



Dear Rotary District 6450 members,

Many have asked how Rotary is responding to the devastating fires in the LA area, and how we can help. Below is information sent by the RI Director for the LA area regarding Disaster Relief Funds that the 2 local districts have set up. We hope that RI will also set up a disaster relief fund for LA. At this time, we as a District are not collecting goods, but that may change in the future once we understand what the needs are.

Please help if you are able, and keep the LA area people in your thoughts and prayers. We will update as further information and relief opportunities become available. Thank for being People of Action!

To access information and links to District 5280's Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund and other resources, please click [here](#):

<https://rotary5280.org/page/2025-wildfire-disaster-relief/>

To access information and a link to District 5300's Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund, please click [here](#):

<https://www.district5300.org/ca-wild-fires/>

Yours in Rotary,

Rachel Ossyra

Governor

Rotary International District 6450

District Calendar Update 1-13-2025

DISTRICT EVENTS

- **Get the most out of Rotary's Learning Center – Wednesday, January 22, 10am & 6pm.** If you're a president-elect, club officer or a member of Rotary interested in learning more about our organization, you will find a great many learning topics in Rotary's Learning Center. Register here to join one of these sessions to learn more - [10:00 am Session](#) or [6:00 pm Session](#).

- **Youth Mental Health First Aid Training for Adults – two options available - Saturday, February 1 & February 15, Fountaindale Public Library, Bolingbrook.** The District in conjunction with Kids Matter will be hosting this training for up to 50 adults. For more information on what the training includes [see the Kids Matter website](#). [Register for Feb 1 here](#). [Register for Feb 15 here](#).
- **PRIVP Pat Merryweather is hosting an Evening of Peacebuilding – Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 6-8:30pm** – Dr. Olha Palivchuk from the Rotary Club of Cherkasy, Ukraine, RI General Secretary John Hewko, Executive Director of US Ambulances for Ukraine Chris Manson, and MedGlobal Ukraine Health Programs lead Dr. Olga Maihutiak will be panelists on Healing the Wounds of War – Visible & Invisible at the Ukraine Cultural Center, 2247 W Chicago Ave, Chicago. The event is free with heavy appetizers and a cash bar. [RSVP ONLINE BY JAN 31st](#).
- **Foundation Dinner – Thursday, March 6, 2025, Moraine Valley Community College – SAVE THE DATE! Registration will open soon.**
- **District Governor Installation – Friday, June 13, 2025 SAVE THE DATE!** Join in the celebration for the installation of 2025-26 District Governor Bonnie Sanchez-Carlson at the Huntington Bank Stadium Club at Guaranteed Rate Field. Registration will open March 1st.
- **2025 Rotary International Convention, Calgary, Canada** For more information on the convention, hotels and tours from District Convention Chair Barry McKeown [CLICK HERE](#).

CLUB EVENTS

- **Norridge-Harwood Heights Spaghetti Dinner – Friday, February 7.** Join Norridge-Harwood Heights Rotary for their annual Spaghetti Dinner at Estelle Sieb Community Center in Norridge. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).
- **Rotary Club of Chicago 120th Anniversary Exclusive Bourbon Gift Set** – by J. Henry & Sons Distillery. There are a limited number of sets available, so order yours now at [BOURBON GIFT SET](#).
- **Rotary Club of Chicago is Celebrating 120 Years! – Sunday, February 23, 1-4pm at Chicago Theater Works.** [CLICK HERE](#) for sponsorship opportunities and to get tickets.
- **Aurora United 22nd Annual Wine & Chocolate Fundraiser – March 8, 2025, Save the Date!** Registration coming soon.
- **Bolingbrook Mac and Cheese Event – Saturday, March 8, noon-2pm, New Life Lutheran Church, Bolingbrook.** Come taste and vote for the best Mac and Cheese in the western suburbs.
- **Naperville Sunrise St. Paddy’s Fun Run – Saturday, March 15.** Take part in the Naperville Sunrise Annual St. Paddy’s Fun Run through Downtown Naperville. For more information and to register, [CLICK HERE](#).
- **Bolingbrook Rotary 50th Anniversary – May 30, 2025, Bolingbrook Golf Club.** Save the Date and plan to join Bolingbrook Rotary in celebrating 50 years of doing good in the world. [Purchase Tickets](#)

[Here!](#)

IMPORTANT NEWS

- **Special District Grant Funds Are Available** for Environmental Service (\$300), Cards for Seniors (\$250, 1 left), and Disaster Relief. Check out [the District Website](#) for more information.
- **New People of Action District Rotary Wear Now Available** – T-shirts, hoodies, & zip hoodies are now available in heather blue with white printing. [ORDER HERE TODAY](#)
- Did you miss the Navigating MyRotary & DACdb Zoom session on November 21st? Would you like to review the video of the session and the resources provided? Everything has been posted on the Resources tab of the District website under President Resources. You can find them at [THIS LINK](#).

Important News About Your Club?

Send it to 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.

Linda Yates
District Administrator