



District 6450 Headline News



Rachel Ossyra
District Governor 2024-25



District Calendar Update 3/10/2025

OPPORTUNITIES

- **District Board Openings:** There are 3 two-year District 6450 Board positions opening up for the 2025-2027 Rotary years. If you would like to be considered for one of these positions, please fill out [the application](#) and return according to the instructions on the form.
- **District Governor Nominating Committee:** Selecting our District Governor is one of the most important things we do collectively as a District. Succession planning, preparation and teamwork in the District Governor line is integral to our continuity and success in cultivating a vibrant club and district experience for our members into the future. **If you are interested in serving on the District 6450 Nominating Committee for District Governor, please respond to [DG Rachel Ossyra](#) by email by March 14.**

DISTRICT EVENTS



- **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. If you would like to be a **sponsor** or have your congratulations to Bonnie in the program, [opportunities can be found here.](#)
- **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

- **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.](#)
- **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.](#)
- **Rotary Club of Chicago 12th Annual Women of the Year Nominations – Deadline March 31st.** The Chicago Woman of the Year Committee would like to extend the call for honorees to the Chicagoland Rotary community at large and to colleagues or friends of Rotary. If you would like to submit a candidate, use this [NOMINATION FORM.](#)

- **Downers Grove Rotary Community Blood Drive – Wednesday, April 16, 1-6pm.** American Legion Hall, 4000 Saratoga Ave, Downers Grove. For more information and to sign up go to <https://www.dgrotary.org/service/#>.
- **Darien Rotary Casino Night – Tuesday, April 29, 6-10pm, Alpine Banquets, Darien.** Come play Las Vegas style casino games while helping Darien Rotary support their community. 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

Recruit Rotary Peace Fellow candidates

Rotary and Rotaract clubs can work with their district Rotary Foundation chair or Rotary Peace Fellowship subcommittee chair to [recruit and recommend candidates for Rotary Peace Fellowships](#). Each year, the Foundation awards up to 130 fellowships to experienced peacebuilders from around the world so they can study at one of our Rotary Peace Centers. The fellows can earn a master's degree or an advanced professional development certificate in disciplines related to peace and development.

Applications will be accepted from 1 February through 15 May. Peace fellows will begin their studies in 2026 at partner universities in Australia, Japan, Sweden, Türkiye, Uganda, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Find out [who is eligible and how they can apply](#). The Foundation pays for tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and internship and field-study expenses. Clubs and districts do not need to provide funding in order to recommend fellowship candidates. [Use this referral form](#) to have information sent to potential candidates.

Since the Rotary Peace Centers program began in 2002, more than 1,800 fellows have graduated from our programs. They are working in peace and development in more than 140 countries.

- **Special District Grant Funds Are Available** for Environmental Service (\$300) 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