



District 6450 Headline News



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District Governor 2024-25



District Calendar Update 3/19/2025

IRRESISTIBLE 6450-LET'S MAKE MAGIC TOGETHER
LEARNING & CONFERENCE
APRIL 26 - 9AM-4PM
WAUBONSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SUGAR GROVE

DO YOU BELIEVE IN
Magic?

REGISTER NOW!

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 EVENTS

- **District 6450 Learning & Conference – Saturday, April 26, 9am-4pm, Waubensee Community College, Sugar Grove Campus.** Join the fun for a day of learning, fellowship, celebration and service. See the District website for more information and [REGISTER HERE!](#)
- **District Governor Installation – Friday, June 13, 2025, The Stadium Club at Rate Field.** 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. [REGISTER HERE!](#) 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.](#)
- **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.](#)
- **Norridge-Harwood Heights Rotary Bingo Night – Tuesday, April 29, 6pm.** For more information, [SEE THEIR WEBSITE.](#)
- **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](#)

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