



# District 6450 Headline News



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## THINGS TO REMEMBER

**Buy  
Popcorn  
for Polio  
every  
October  
weekend!**



Buy Popcorn for Polio online each weekend of October -  
click on here to buy online

Don't forget to support Polio Plus by buying your **Popcorn for Polio** during October. 50% of all sales will go to Polio Plus. The final campaign will start at noon on Thursday, Oct 24, so keep an eye out for the link.

**World Polio Day** – There are lots of events going on to acknowledge World Polio Day on October 24. Check out the District Events and Club Events on the right for what's going on and register to attend today.

**Grants Extravaganza** – someone from every club should attend the Grants Extravaganza on Saturday, Oct 26 from 8:30-noon and clubs who are already doing or planning on doing global grants must attend the global grants training during this event in order to be certified for another year. Use the link in the district events to the right to get registered today!

**Also drop off coats for Stand Down Day at the Grants Extravaganza.**

**Veterans Stand Down Day Coat Drive** – Collect new or gently used men's coats in medium to 5XL and drop off at Reebie's in Naperville. Needs and drop off dates and times can be [found here](#).

**New District Wear Now Available** – T-shirts, hoodies, & zip hoodies are now available in heather blue with white printing. [ORDER HERE TODAY](#) and you can pick up this week at the World Polio Day event in Aurora on Thursday or the Grants Extravaganza on Saturday. After Saturday we will work with you on best delivery options.

**RYLA** had the benefit of using the exceptional skills of Sarah Giroux from the Chicago Lakeview club to create and incredible video. Check out the video she created - [RYLA 2024](#).

**Interested in Youth Exchange?** – Save the date for the Outbound Country Reveal on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome. More information coming soon.

**Shelter Box response to Hurricane Relief** – Shelter Box is matching disaster relief funds donated through Zones 33 & 34. Check out the information on the our [DISASTER RELIEF PAGE](#) to find out how you can take advantage of the match through your donation.

## IMPORTANT NEWS

## Calendar as of 10/21/24

### DISTRICT EVENTS

- **World Polio Day Gathering - Aurora – 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 keynote speakers. Cost is \$25 and pizza, beer, wine, water & dessert will be provided. Space is limited, so [Register Now](#)
- **World Polio Day Gathering – Chicago – Thursday, October 24, 5:30-7pm.** Join Rotary District 6450 and Polio Plus Chair Eve Green for an End Polio Now event in Chicago at Half Sour featuring Rotarian Dr. KK Odeluga. Cost is \$25 and heavy appetizers will be served. [Register Now](#)
- **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](#).
- **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](#).

### CLUB EVENTS

- **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

**We are sad to announce the passing of 2 excellent Rotarians – Lori Wilcox from Chicago Heights-Park Forest and Hilary Decent from Naperville. There will be a memorial gathering and celebration on Saturday, Oct 26 for Lori. You can get more information [HERE](#). Hilary's funeral services will be held in England. You can find the piece done ABOUT her by NCTV17 [HERE](#).**

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](#).
- **Hinsdale Rotary Pumpkin Smash – Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 8am-noon at The Community House of Hinsdale, 415 W 8<sup>th</sup> St, Hinsdale.** Want to know what to do with your leftover pumpkins on gourds after Halloween is over? Take them to the Hinsdale Rotary Pumpkin Smash. The smashed pumpkins will be taken to the Republic compost heap in Romeoville.
- **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](#).

#### **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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