

From Our Family to Yours...

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Thanksgiving

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## District Calendar Update 11-25-24

### SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

**CHICAGO THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE - BE A PARADE VIP**, November 28, 2025

**Place your bid now!!**

We have **2 tickets** generously donated by Dennis Evashenk in the VIP seating area at 111 N. State St. for the Chicago Thanksgiving Day parade. For more information on seating, see the [Parade Sponsorship Link](#).

Value - \$280 (\$70 per ticket)

Proceeds will go to The Rotary Foundation in honor of Foundation Month. Here is the

[BID SHEET](#) for the tickets. Bidding will close at 6pm on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

### DISTRICT EVENTS

- **District Governor 2027-28 applications due November 30<sup>th</sup>** – For more information on applying for District Governor for 2027-28, see the [GOVERNOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE](#) page on our District website
- **Rotary Youth Exchange Holiday Party – Sunday, December 8, 2025**, 12-4 pm at the Village Club of Western Springs, 4221 Lawn Avenue. Please join us for a fun afternoon of bowling, music and food, as we celebrate with our 2025-2026 Outbound exchange students and their families! Please RSVP by Dec. 1 to District Administrator [Linda Yates](#) or Western Springs Club Secretary [Barb Kartzmark](#). There is no cost to attend
- **Rotary Youth Exchange Outbound Country Reveal Party – Friday, January 10, 2025 – SAVE THE DATE** and plan to join the youth exchange team for a fun evening when the outbound exchange students find out what country they'll be going to. Registration will open soon.
- **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](#). Registration will open soon.

## Foundation Dinner – Thursday, March 6, 2025, Moraine Valley Community College – SAVE THE DATE!

- **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

- **Chicago O'Hare is helping the Sisters of Notre Dame** – they are in need of 1200 small bags of candy/cookies and gift-wrapping paper if possible. The Fraternite of The Sisters of Notre Dame, serves, feeds and clothes Kids and families in the Austin Area (502 N. Central Ave. Chicago, IL). The candy and cookies are a complement to the Holiday gifts. If you can help, call Sylvia Jewgieniew at 847-533-8053 or email [scjreal@yahoo.com](mailto:scjreal@yahoo.com).
- **Rotary/One is serving Thanksgiving Dinner – Thursday, November 28 at The Lawson House in Chicago.** There are volunteer shifts available for set up, serving and clean up. [SIGN UP HERE!](#) If your busy on Thanksgiving Day but would still like to help, meal prep volunteers are needed November 21-24. To sign up, go to the [Rotary/One Calendar](#).
- **LaGrange Pilgrim Pie Run for Rotary – Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28.** Join LaGrange Rotary at its 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrim Pie Run. Runners, walkers and volunteers are welcome. To register to run or walk, [CLICK HERE](#). To volunteer, contact Linda Yates at [yates.linda@sbcglobal.net](mailto:yates.linda@sbcglobal.net).
- **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](#).
- **Matteson Rotary Holiday Basket Fundraiser – Friday, December 6, 6-9pm.** There will be 15 baskets to choose from as well as door prizes and an ugly sweater contest. Food & drinks will be provided and there will be trivia, karaoke, games, and a DJ. For more information [CLICK HERE!](#)
- **Joliet Rotary Merry Merry Margarita Fundraiser – Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at St Joseph's Park in Joliet.** Leave your ball gown and tux at home and channel your inner Jimmy Buffet or Key West vibes with beach attire for an exciting night of fun. Listen to the grooves by Mr Myers Band, munch on cheeseburgers in paradise, other appetizers, desserts, and of course - margaritas! [Tickets & Sponsorships available here.](#)

### IMPORTANT NEWS

- **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](#)
- **Special District Grant Funds Are Available** for Environmental Service, Cards for Seniors, and Disaster Relief. Check out [the District Website](#) for more information.
- **Diveheart has Released a New Documentary: "The Legend of the Statue" – A Tribute to Gabe Spataro** *An Epic Journey of an Adventurous Man* - Watch the documentary here: [The Legend of the Statue](#). For more information about Diveheart, visit [Diveheart.org](#). Founded in 2001, Diveheart is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering individuals of all abilities through the transformative power of scuba diving. Diveheart's adaptive diving programs help people build confidence, independence, and self-esteem by providing a unique way to explore the underwater world.

**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.

Linda Yates  
District Administrator