

From our Family to Yours...

*Happy
Holidays*



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Dear Irresistible District 6450 Rotary Members,

I wish you and your loved ones the blessings, peace and joy of the Holiday season. Thank you for sharing the Magic of Rotary throughout our District and around the world. Together we have had a positive impact and created lasting change.

Yours in Rotary,

Rachel Ossyra

District Governor

District Calendar Update 12-30-2024

DISTRICT EVENTS

- **Rotary Youth Exchange Outbound Country Reveal Party – Friday, January 10, 2025** – Join the Youth Exchange team for a fun evening when the outbound exchange students find out what country they'll be going to. [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **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 January 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

- **Hinsdale Rotary Special Program with Catherine Johns – January 10, 2025, noon**, Hinsdale Community House, 415 W 8th St, Hinsdale. Catherine Johns, former news anchor and WLS Radio talk show host, will be speaking at the Hinsdale Rotary meeting on Jan 10th and the club invites anyone interested in hearing her speak to join them. She is a professional speaker and coach and is a catalyst for people who want to connect with others and make big things happen, like landing big clients, influencing decision-makers, and earning long-overdue promotions. Cost is \$20 and includes lunch. RSVP to: Jeff Kida at info@ddsdesignservices.com
- **Aurora United 22nd Annual Wine & Chocolate Fundraiser – March 8, 2025**, Save the Date! Registration coming soon.
- **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.

IMPORTANT NEWS

- **ESRAG announces funding grants for environmental projects** – Has your club joined the Environmental Service Rotary Action Group (ESRAG)? If not, you might want to do so. ESRAG is offering environmental service grants for members. [CLICK HERE 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](#)
- **ShelterBox** is currently responding to needs in Syria due to the civil war. ShelterBox support from all Rotary Clubs in District 6450 is vital to save lives in Syria and in the 14 other countries where ShelterBox is currently responding. <http://www.shelterboxusa.org>
- **The Rotary Club of San Pedro Sula, Honduras** is requesting assistance to acquire a bus for 20 people. Their club is currently sponsoring medical brigades of approximately 20 people that travel every weekend to remote communities in Honduras to provide healthcare services and other support. A bus would help the entire team to travel together with their supplies to these remote communities. Contact Chuck Newman (RC of Naperville) at Chuck@newmanArchitecture.com 630-400-0055.

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