



District 6450 Headline News

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Information Every Club in District 6450 Can Use

- Rotary Friendship Exchange, **May 28th - June 3rd**
- Rotary Club of Lemont Homer Glen to host planting/seeding event, **May 14th**
- D6450 Annual Meeting, via Zoom, set for **May 16th**
- Hinsdale Rotary announces the 2022 "Bikes for Military Kids" program, **May 21st**
- Second Annual Little Village 5K Race for Peace, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Little Village will be run on **May 21st**
- Rotary Club of Chicago sponsors 9th Annual Chicago Woman of the Year Awards, **May 24th**
- Naperville Rotary leading computer donation drive. Get that old gear to them!
- Rotary Action Group Against Slavery announces RI International break out session, **June 6th** in Houston, TX
- Want your Club to become a ShelterBox HERO? Learn how you can achieve this before **June 30th**.
- District 6450 Speaker Submission Form

Rotary Friendship Exchange is Back!

Believe it or not, Rotarians are moving around the world again and we here in District 6450 have an opportunity to help herald back in this dimension of Rotary fellowship. We have been asked to host a group of Rotarians from District 9125 (based out of Abuja, Nigeria) who will be attending the International Convention in Houston June 4th - 8th. Tentatively, there are going to be 15 people in total and they are tentatively planning to be in our District from May 28th - June 3rd.

What is needed first and foremost is for Rotarians to step up and open their homes to host one or two of the visiting Rotarians. Hosting would include providing comfortable lodging, some meals and providing transportation to and from group meet-up points for daily activities. Hosts are not limited to these things and often involve their guests in activities taking place in their households and communities. As a result, hosts and guests from Rotary Friendship Exchanges often become life-long friends, if not "unofficial" members of the family and possibly business associates.

If you think that you might be interested in serving as a host for our Nigerian guests before the Convention, please don't hesitate to reach out to Past District Governor and District Rotary Friendship Exchange Chair Osei David Andrews-Hutchinson either via email or phone as soon as possible, dg6450osei@gmail.com or via phone at (773) 562-3506.

Planting/Seeding Event, May 14th

The Rotary Club of Lemont Homer Glen will be partnering with "The Forge of Lemont" in presenting a planting/seeding event around the Lemont Quarries. From 9:00 am - 12:00 pm the Club will be planting indigenous wildflowers and seedlings in several areas that have been cleared of invasive species.

District 6450 has made a grant to this project and the effort aligns with Rotary International's new focus on the Environment and Sustainability. To sign up for this event, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/mr4cdufr>

For more information on this event, contact Ben Dykstra at bdystrava@live.com.

Rotary District 6450 Annual Meeting to be held via Zoom, May 16th

We will be conducting the annual business of the district as well as giving out some club and individual awards. All district members are welcome to attend and club voting delegates are required. You can read more about the business of the annual meeting and assigning voting delegates at this link: [Rotary District 6450 Annual Meeting Notice](#). Register here: [Annual Meeting Registration](#).

For more info, contact Linda Yates at: yates.linda@sbcglobal.net

"Bikes for Military Kids" Sponsored by Hinsdale Rotary, May 21st

For the fourth year in a row, the Rotary Club of Hinsdale, in cooperation with the USO of Illinois, will present 100 brand new bikes and helmets to the kids of active Illinois military. The program will run on

US Armed Forces Day, May 21st from 8:00 am to 11:00 am and be presented at the Community House of Hinsdale.

Costs for bikes and helmets are up this year due to inflation and supply chain issues. If your club would like to help support this Hinsdale Rotary event, please contact Tom Norton at tcn062302@gmail.com.

Use this link or QR code to donate to the 2022 "Bikes for Military Kids" program:

<https://secure.anedot.com/608ae6c1-66d6-44f7-8480-1d259dc52197/7917e002-cfd0-4c5b-a5bc-14c17c9468ce>.

Or use this QR code:



2nd Annual Little Village 5K Race for Peace, May 21st

The Rotary Club of Little Village announces the 2nd Annual Little Village 5K Race for Peace on May 21st. Volunteers are needed to staff the race route and help administer the event. For more info, contact Pam Brockman at pam.brockman@jahv.org.



Chicago Little Village Rotary People of Action

2022
2ND ANNUAL

LITTLE VILLAGE ROTARY CLUB

CARRERA POR LA PAZ
RACE FOR PEACE

CASH PRIZES
TOP 3 MEN & WOMEN

REGISTER • SPONSOR • DONATE

5K WALK/RUN
COMPETITIVE & NON-COMPETITIVE

21 MAY 2022 | LA VILLITA PARK
2800 S SACRAMENTO AVE
lot entrance via S. Albany Ave

The Carrera por la Paz, or Race for Peace, is a 5K run/walk event organized by the Little Village Rotary Club to promote Peace and anti-violence programs in Chicago's Little Village and the surrounding communities.

2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NEARLY \$40K RAISED

NEARLY 400 PARTICIPANTS

SCAN FOR MORE INFO

For more information, visit us at LVRCRaceForPeace.com

9th Annual Chicago Woman of the Year, May 24th

The 9th Annual Chicago Woman of the Year Award is to be presented by the Rotary Club of Chicago on

May 24th at the Union League Club. Honorees this year are: Kelly Fair, Polished Pebbles; Deloris Jordan, James R. Jordan Foundation; and Jennifer Soble, Illinois Prison Project. Pre-Registration is required: <https://tinyurl.com/2umhpak4>. For more info, contact Marga Hewko at margahewko@mac.com or click here: <https://tinyurl.com/2p93dbjw>.

9th Annual
Chicago Woman of the Year
MAY 24, 2022
11:30 AM NETWORKING RECEPTION
12:10 PM LUNCHEON
UNION LEAGUE CLUB 65 W. JACKSON BLVD. | ALSO STREAMING ON ZOOM/FB LIVE



Please join
The Rotary Club of Chicago
as we honor Chicago women who are making a
difference in our community

HONOREES:



Kelly Fair
Founder and Executive Director
Polished Pebbles



Deloris Jordan
President and Founder
James R. Jordan Foundation



Jennifer Soble
Executive Director
Illinois Prison Project

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Marga Hewko, President
Lisa Russ, 2022 Chair

Naperville Rotary Leading Computer Donation Drive

The Rotary Club of Naperville is leading a collaboration with Comp-U-Dopt to collect used computers to be refurbished and distributed to families in the Chicago area that don't have computers in their homes. Naperville Rotary invites all District 6450 clubs to join in this collaboration. We are working with Comp-U-Dopt to collect used computers and any type of computer equipment, except for printers.

The flyer below further describes the opportunity. Please contact Bill Johnson at bjohnson@napervillerotary.com or (630) 660-3489 if you have computer equipment to donate, or if you have questions.

COMPUTER DONATION DRIVE



WHO WE ARE

Comp-U-Dopt has been providing technology access and education to underserved youth since 2007. Our programs serve to **eliminate** limited access to computers, facilitate **growth** in technical and **digital literacy** skills and support the future of youth in our communities. Since our April 2020 inception in Chicago, we have distributed over **11,000** computers to underserved youth.

THE NEED

Today, according to reports by the Pew Research Center, **10% of households** across the country don't have a computer at home including **41% of families** with incomes less than 200% of the poverty line. The disparity is even more pronounced for communities of color. Compared with 20% of white households 31% of Black and 33% of Hispanic households lack access. We believe that every child deserves equal access to education and opportunity.

WHAT TO GIVE

- MICE
- KEYBOARDS
- LAPTOPS
- DESKTOP COMPUTERS

(Please keep the hard drive in the computer)

Please contact Bill Johnson at The Rotary Club of Naperville with questions or to donate computers
E: bjohnson@napervillerotary.com
P: (630) 660-3489



Rotary Action Group Against Slavery (RAGAS) Announces Houston RI Break Out, June 6th

Session Breakout: Monday, June 6th, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: George R. Brown Convention Center (GRB), Room 372

Interested in hearing the latest from the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery? Check out the RI breakout session that will be held at the Rotary International Convention in Houston on June 6th, 2:00 - 3:00 pm. For more information go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2mw7xaf2>.

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ROTARY ACTION GROUP AGAINST SLAVERY

RAGAS NEWSLETTER

<https://ragas.online/>

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RAGAS REFLECTS ON THE ERADICATION OF FORCED LABOUR IN UZBEK COTTON

Simon John, RAGAS Board Member

One of RAGAS' first ever campaigns was to raise awareness of modern slavery in the form of long standing forced labour in cotton production in Uzbekistan, a former part of the USSR.

Uzbekistan lies North of Afghanistan and is the fourth biggest exporter of cotton globally.

During the last 2 decades Government of Uzbekistan used one of the largest state-sponsored systems of forced labour to harvest its cotton. Every year the government forcibly mobilised over one million of its citizens including children to grow and harvest cotton.

The most recent (2018) edition of Global Slavery Index explained that garments were 2nd highest by value of products identified as being at risk of being made by slaves being imported into G20 countries.

Uzbekistan was in the worst tier of countries producing cotton with slavery in its footprint.

Thanks to global boycotting campaigns by organisations such as RAGAS over the last 13 years, on 10 March 2022, **Cotton Campaign announced that it had ended its call for a global boycott of cotton from Uzbekistan**, which had been joined by 331 international brands.

The boycott's ending followed a report published by Uzbek Forum for Human Rights, which found no evidence of central government-imposed forced labour in the 2021 harvest period.

In his remarks (which can be viewed [here](#)), Bennett Freeman, Co-founder of Cotton Campaign, announced this to be 'the most significant single country victory in the global battle against forced labour so far in the 21st century.

Mark Little founder of RAGAS commented that difficult though these campaigns may seem at the beginning, in time they can bear great fruit and alleviate forced labour, if we work at it.

ShelterBox HERO

Want your Club to become a ShelterBox HERO? Here's how you can achieve that—
A ShelterBox HERO is any Rotary Club that has committed to making an impact in worldwide disaster response by giving \$1,000, \$3,000, or \$5,000 to that effort within the Rotary year.

Currently, in Rotary International Zone 29, our District 6450 is ranked #2 of the 16 districts in our Zone. So far, during this Rotary Year, D6450 has committed \$22,360 to worldwide Shelter Box Disaster Relief.

Can your Club help push D6450 into first place in Zone 29? If so, you must act before June 30th, 2022. Check out how you can accomplish that here: <https://tinyurl.com/2tsbwx5h>.

For more info, contact Bill Tobin at (916) 616-6973.

Rotary District 6450 Speaker Submission Form

Introducing the Rotary District 6450 Speaker Submission Form. Please use this form to suggest potential Rotary 6450 District and Club Event speakers. Suggested speakers will be added to the District 6450 website as a resource for all Clubs.

Submit Speaker Information here: <https://tinyurl.com/2p83fy29>.

Hot News About Your Club? Send it to tcn062302@gmail.com.
We will put it in the D6450 Headline News.

