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Information *Every* Club in District 6450 Can Use

Comments from Governor Ade

"Join us on May 6th at The MAX for the 2023 District Conference! Register now; admission is free!"



Saturday, May 6 - District Conference

Are you wondering why attending the District Conference is essential? The Rotary Conference in District 6450 and districts worldwide are not just a regular event. It's an event filled with excitement, inspiration, and connection with like-minded individuals who share the same values and commitment to improving the world. This year the conference is for one day!

By attending the conference, you'll have the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of individual Rotarians and clubs and be reminded of the core values and principles that drive us to be Rotarians. You'll witness Rotary in action and see our members' impact on their communities and the world firsthand.

The conference provides a platform to explore the motivation behind the Five Areas of Service and learn about the remarkable work done through Rotary Grants locally and globally. You'll also get an update on our efforts to eradicate polio and the latest initiatives to promote your club's and Rotary's public image.

But that's not all. The conference will also showcase Rotary programs, giving you an inside look at the incredible work Rotary members do worldwide. You'll have the chance to connect with Rotarians from across the district, exchange ideas and experiences, and learn new strategies to make a more significant impact.

And the best part? Admission is free! So why wait? Come experience Rotary in District 6450 and beyond, and join us in making a difference in the world. We can't wait to see you there! Take advantage of this opportunity to be a part of something bigger than yourself and positively impact the world. Imagine Together: A Rotary Exposition. See the link to register below in this newsletter. Visit the district website for a calendar of events.

Club annual goals, Rotary International Initiatives, and District Initiatives

How is your club progressing toward this year's goals? Did you assess your efforts toward RI and District focus areas discussed during my club visit? RI's Imagine Rotary initiatives include advancing DEI commitment, creating a welcoming club experience, expanding outreach, and continuing the Girls Empowerment initiative. The District's initiatives include membership retention, onboarding Rotaractors, engaging youth, promoting mental health, building a 'Comfort Kit for Kids,' and showcasing Rotary and DEI.

As always, I urge you to continue to **track your service hours and share a showcase** of your work with Rotary and your community.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Ade Onayemi

Are you the Club Foundation Chair and is your club involved in Global Grants? If so, you need to attend Global Grants Management training. The first Global Grants Management Seminar was held via Zoom last Saturday, April 15. If you were unable to attend, you can watch the recording and check out the powerpoint posted on the District website. You will be contacted by the Grants committee on next steps to be certified to take part in global grants. Link to recording and powerpoint

District Events

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- 2023 District Conference & Club Expo. May 6, 2023. Plan on spending Saturday, May 6, from 10:00 am 4:00 pm at The Max in McCook bragging about what your club has accomplished this year and checking out what other clubs are doing. There is no charge and food will be available for purchase. Register here
- 2023 District 6450 Annual Meeting, May 6, 2023. The Annual Meeting of Rotary District 6450 will be held at 1:30pm during the District Conference. Each club should be represented by at least 1 delegate. All club delegates need to register separately for the Annual Meeting at this link - Annual Meeting Delegate Registration
- <u>2023-24 District Governor Conor Gee Installation</u>, **June 24**, **2023**. Registration is now open. Register Here
 - Sponsorships and Program Book Ad information for the installation is available at this link.
- Rotary Day at the White Sox, July 28, 2023. Get your club members together and order tickets now!
 Don't forget to sponsor a veteran for the game and dinner. For more information and to order tickets click here: 2023 White Sox Game tickets

Club Events

- <u>DEI Event Celebration of Earth Day</u>, Friday, April 21, 2023 12:10-1:30pm
 The Rotary Club of Chicago, in collaboration with the Maywood Proviso Rotary Club, and the Aurora Sunrise Rotary Club, is hosting a DEI panel event. This event will also honor Earth Day as environmental work is interconnected with social justice and equity. For more information and to register <u>Click Here</u>.
- <u>Earth Day Grant Park Clean-Up</u>, Saturday, April 22, 2023 10am-noon Click here for more information and to volunteer
- The Rotary Club of Darien Casino Night Fundraiser, Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 6:00 10:00 pm, Ashyana Banquets - Events & Catering, 1620 75th Street, Downers Grove IL 60516. Come play Las Vegas style casino games and raise money to feed kids. Click for more information and registration
- Join Aurora Rotary in celebrating it's 100th Anniversary, Friday, May 12, 2023, 6:00-8:00pm at Two Brothers Roundhouse in Aurora. For more information and to register Click Here.
- ROTARY/One 10th Annual Chicago Woman of the Year Awards, Tuesday, May 16, 2023,
 12:10pm The Rotary Club of Chicago is pleased to honor three women again this year for our 10th Annual Chicago Woman of the Year Lunch. As the world's first service organization, we realized a while back that we were in a great position to honor people for their service to the Chicago community. In honoring women, we underscore the immeasurable strength that women have brought to the Rotary organization. Register Here
- <u>Channahon-Minooka Spring Swing 9 Hole Golf Outing</u>, Friday, May 19, 2023 at Heritage Bluffs Public Golf Club. More information available soon.
- The Rotary Club of Chicago O'Hare will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on Friday, May 19, 2023 at 6pm at The Great Escape in Schiller Park at a cost of \$60/person. To join the celebration, RSVP by May 12th to rotaryohare50@gmail.com.
- Help Hinsdale Rotary provide "Bikes for Military Kids", Saturday, May 20, 2023, 8:00am-11:00
 am, The Community House of Hinsdale, 415 W. Eighth Street, Hinsdale IL 60521. Click for more information
- The Southland Rotary Club Service Above Self Awards Gala, Saturday, June 10, 5-10pm, Matteson Holiday Inn Conference Center Click here for more information and to register
- The Rotary Club of Chicago Calling all employers for their JOB1 Program. Please consider signing up to hire a summer intern and to provide valuable work experience. <u>Click for more</u> <u>information</u>

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