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## District 6450 Headline News

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Information Every Club in District 6450 Can Use

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### Comments from Governor Ade

A lot is happening in October!

**How are you observing World Polio Day on Monday, October 24th? Will you support fellow Rotarians at the Community Engagement event on Friday, October 21st?**

**Friday, October 21, from 7 am-3 pm – ROTARY - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY**

By now, all of you have received my email requesting volunteers for the October 21 community engagement event. As you may or may not know, our District (in partnership with two other Rotary Districts from Northern Illinois) is bidding on the Rotary International Convention in 2030.

We have an extraordinary opportunity to support a Community Engagement effort. Community Engagement is now a part of the evaluation criterion, and our local districts (6450, 6440, and 6420) are making the most of it.

On Friday, October 21, from 7 am-3 pm, Rotary is renting out Pioneer Court, just north of the Apple Store on Michigan Avenue, right alongside the river, to engage the community. We will set up ShelterBox tents, RILEE - the iron lung, a table to talk about Rotary, and other Rotary materials to engage passersby. We will answer their questions and get information from them to follow up with them as new prospective members.

The RI Convention 2030 committee members will “randomly” stop by that morning to see us in action and visualize what it could look like in 2030. We are looking to spread the word and secure volunteers to help with set-up and breakdown, as well as to engage the community by talking about all the great things Rotary does in the world. Bring your positive energy, Rotary answers, and can-do attitude to Pioneer Court! Feel free to share with your club members as well - the more, the merrier!

If you are interested, please [Sign up here to help volunteer on October 21](#).

Here is the direct link as well if the above does not work:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScy4Njbn-QVtIHF9xeBeOUe\\_idQai5cWzcRV47KFU6HKiMT\\_Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScy4Njbn-QVtIHF9xeBeOUe_idQai5cWzcRV47KFU6HKiMT_Q/viewform)

I appreciate your consideration and hope to see you there!

**24 October – World Polio Day.** What is your club planning for **24 October – World Polio Day**? I invite you to join Rotarians all over the world on this day. **One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio.** It is sad to note that only **1 in 10 Rotarians donate to End Polio!** If all you plan to do is to **donate** on the 24th of October, you may visit District 6450 website and [Join the Rotary District 6450 Polio Plus Society](#).

Ade

### District Events

- [Chicagoland Rotary Veterans Coat Drive Stand Down Day, Thursday, October 27th & Friday, October 28th.](#) [Click for More Information & Registration](#) - NOTE the coat drop off locations, dates & times.
- [2023 Rotary International Convention Housing](#), deadline for room reservations is **Tuesday, October 18th.** [Click Here](#) or Visit the [Rotary District 6450 website](#) for more information or contact [Rich Tatara](#).
- [Rotary District 6450, 6440 & 6420 Community Engagement, Friday, October 21st](#), Pioneer Court, Michigan Avenue, Chicago. Volunteers needed for shifts available from 7:00 am - 3:00 pm. [Click for](#)

[More Information & Registration](#)

- [Rotary Foundation Celebration Dinner](#), **Wednesday, November 9th**, 5:30 - 9:00 pm, Abbington Distinctive Banquets, Butterfield Road & IL Route 53, Glen Ellyn, IL. [Click for More Information & Registration](#)
- [Rotary District 6450 2025-26 Governor Nomination](#), deadline for nominations is **Wednesday, November 30th**. [Click for More Information & to Submit a Nomination](#)
- [Good news! Environmental matching grant applications](#) are once again being accepted for the Rotary year 22-23. These grants are available in amounts between \$50 to \$200 to be matched by the club for earth-related projects. While we have promoted the protection of pollinators these past two years, the grant can be used for any project that protects, enhances, or renews our environment. [Click for Application](#) (If you receive an error message [click here](#) then select File, Download)

## Club Events

- [Rotary Club of Chicago Michael K. McGovern, Chair, RI PolioPlus Committee](#), **Tuesday, October 25th**, 12:10 - 1:20 pm, Union League Club, 65 W. Jackson Blvd, Chicago & Zoom. [Click for More Information & Registration](#)
- [Rotary Club of Naperville After Dark presents A Totally "Rad" 80's Trivia Night](#), **Thursday, October 27th**, 6:00 - 9:30 pm, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Naperville. [Click for More Information & Registration](#)
- [Rotary Club of Chicagoland Lithuanians Haunted Oak 5K Halloween Run](#), **Sunday October 30th**. [Click for More Information & Registration](#)
- [Rotary Club of Chicago Southeast Cultural and Service Visit to Sierra Leone and Ghana, Africa, October 30th - November 12th](#). [Scroll Down for More Information](#)
- [Rotary Club of Woodridge Black Friday Gala](#), **Friday, November 25th, 6:00 - 11:00 pm**, Judd Kendall VFW Post, 908 Jackson Ave., Naperville IL. Early bird pricing ends October 15th. [Click for More Information & Registration](#)
- [Rotary Club of Chicago Citywide Service 2023 Uganda Service Project trip to Kabale Uganda, February 10th-23rd, 2023](#). [Click for More Information](#)

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### Rotary Club of Chicago Southeast Cultural and Service Visit, October 30th-November 12th

Join the Rotary Club of Chicago Southeast from October 30th through November 12, 2022 for a Cultural and Service visit to the African countries of Sierra Leone and Ghana.

During this trip the D6450 group will attend the opening of a Rotary library in Sierra Leone, as a Rotary clinic in Ghana. The itinerary and details of the trip are available below.

Registration and deposits on travel are due shortly! For more information, contact Osei David Andrews-Hutchinson, PDG, at [dg6450osei@gmail.com](mailto:dg6450osei@gmail.com).

[Apply Here](#)

[Itinerary and Details of Trip](#)

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