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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

#### March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month!

The Rotary Foundation has invested globally in water, sanitation, hygiene, and water resource management interventions. Providing clean water supply, water treatment or purification, waste management, irrigation, WASH in schools, sanitation, menstrual hygiene management, and hygiene in healthcare facilities are some of the projects that Rotarians support.

Protecting the environment is one of Rotary's areas of focus. Rotary is committed to supporting activities that conserve and protect natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment. I invite you to visit the link below to see the types of water, sanitation, and hygiene projects and activities eligible for global grant funding.

<https://my-cms.rotary.org/en/document/water-sanitation-and-hygiene-guidelines-global-grant-funding>

#### Rotarians and Rotaractors are on the frontline providing humanitarian service in Turkey.

Rotary members from ROTARY/One recently hosted a virtual meeting where the Chicago area and Rotary leaders from Turkey presented an overview of the devastation from the recent earthquake in Turkey and Northern Syria. District Governor Emre Ozturk, District 2430, presented a three-stage disaster recovery plan for assisting the survivors that remain in the area. The first stage addresses the immediate emergency needs, the second stage focuses on providing accommodation, and the third stage will use global grants to provide a multi-clinic equipped with ultrasound equipment, a mobile kitchen, and a mobile childcare center. In addition, DG Ozturk's presentation included information on ways to provide funding directly to the district.

**13-19 March — World Rotaract Week** – The district has many openings on our various committees. Serving on committees is an opportunity for you to engage in Rotary. Join a district committee and learn more about Rotary International. I implore you to share your talent while honing your leadership abilities and expanding your knowledge. Inquire about the following committees: Membership, Training, DEI, Interact & Youth Services, Youth Exchange, Mental Health, Community Services, and Public Image.

#### 31 March — Preregistration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention

*'Sharpen your leadership skills, get inspired with new ideas, and learn from others at a breakout session in Melbourne, Australia, 27-31 May 2023.*

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN for the 2030 District Conference!** The district conference will be held on **Saturday, May 6, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at The Max in McCook, 4750 Vernon Avenue, McCook, IL.** There is no charge, and food will be available for purchase. <https://rotary6450.org/>

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

### District Events

- **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](#)
- **Save the Date – 2023-24 District Governor Conor Gee Installation, June 24, 2023.** Stay tuned for more information coming soon.

- **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](#)

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## Club Events

- **ROTARY/One Chicago Woman of the Year Award Ceremony Nominations, Deadline extended to 5 pm on Friday, March 3, 2023.** The Chicago Woman of the Year Committee would like to extend the call for honorees. To nominate a candidate, please fill out this automated [Nomination Form](#). [Click here for more information](#) or email Chicago Woman of the Year Committee Chair [Lisa Russ](#) or [office@rotaryone.club](mailto:office@rotaryone.club).
- **Bolingbrook Mac & Cheese Competition, Saturday, March 11, 2023, 12:00 - 2:00 pm,** New Life Lutheran Church, Bolingbrook. [Click for more information](#)
- **2023 Annual CORKL Luncheon presented by Western Springs Rotary, Friday, March 17, 2023, 11:50 am,** Village Club of Western Springs, 4221 Lawn Avenue, Western Springs. CORKL stands for Chamber, Optimist, Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions. Join local service organizations and business professionals at this fun event. [CORKL registration](#)
- **ROTARY/One Foundation Fundraiser - A Taste of Germany, Thursday, March 23, 2023, 5:30 - 8:00 pm,** DANK Haus German American Cultural Center, 4740 N Western Ave, Chicago IL 60625. Come out and enjoy German cuisine and support The ROTARY/One Foundation's mission. [Register here](#)
- **Aurora Sunrise Wine & Chocolate Extravaganza, Saturday, March 25, 2023, 5:30 - 9:00 pm,** Stonebridge Country Club, 2705 Stonebridge Blvd., Aurora IL 60502. [Get your tickets and see auction items here](#)
- **Woodridge Rotary Presents Old St Andrews Virtual Golf Challenge, Sunday, March 26, 2023, 4:00 - 8:00 pm,** XGolf 1310 Butterfield Road, Downers Grove IL 60515. [Click here for more information and registration](#)
- **The Rotary Club of Chicago is requesting grant proposals** from Chicago Public Schools teachers and administrators to support underserved areas and student populations and to improve educational outcomes in Chicago. **Proposals are due April 1, 2023.** [Click for more information](#)
- **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](#)
- **Help Hinsdale Rotary provide "Bikes for Military Kids", Saturday, May 20, 2023, 8:00 - 11:00 am,** The Community House of Hinsdale, 415 W. Eighth Street, Hinsdale IL 60521. [Click for more information](#)
- **The Rotary Club of Chicago - Calling all employers for their JOB1 Program.** Please consider signing up to hire a summer intern and provide valuable work experience. [Click for more information](#)

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