



**Rotary**  
District 6490



## District Governor Mike Martin

Hello, D6490!

It seems hardly possible the first two months of the 2024–2025 Rotary year have come and gone. As we bid a fond farewell to August, and September brings milder temperatures, fall foliage, and a change of seasons, I am reflecting on my official club visits and participation in Rotary events and activities during the last few weeks.

It's interesting to witness and experience—firsthand—the personality of each club. So far, I have attended D6490 club meetings in a coffee shop, public libraries, American Legion Halls, college campuses, a brewery, office buildings, a train terminal, churches, and a community center.

Some of our clubs are traditional; others are more modern. Some club members gather weekly at their regular location, day, and time. Some have other arrangements, such as coming together only twice a month (one traditional meeting and another solely for projects). Most of our fellow D6490 Rotarians meet in a regular location. Other clubs rotate locations—like Paul Harris and the original “Big 4.”

When I consider how, when, and where D6490 clubs meet, a couple of things come to mind. First, for most, the way members meet today is the way members have met since the club was chartered. While many clubs have changed their meeting location, time, and the day they meet, or the number of monthly meetings, the meeting format has generally remained the same. Why?

In the United States, Rotary clubs were generally chartered to accommodate a specific group of people.

Initially, it was Caucasian male professionals, executives, business owners, and other influential men who had the resources and flexibility to manage their time—which enabled them to meet regularly on a particular day of the week. Seldom were blue-collar workers (service professionals, mid-level managers, or others in similar professional roles), women or minorities, included because they did not meet the criteria for Rotary club membership.

In the 1980s–1990s, the demographics of Rotary began to change as clubs began expanding membership by recruiting women and people of color.

However, despite opportunities for more diverse club membership, when potential members considered joining, many were unable to gather for Rotary meetings during the weekday lunch hour. Some prospective members were unable to commit to breakfast or after-hours club meetings due to family or other obligations. And not everyone has the resources to sustain the time and financial commitments of Rotary membership.

Today, as expressed through our international commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion: *“We understand that cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture is essential to realizing our vision of a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change.”*

As we move forward together, it is critical that D6490 Rotary clubs expand our ability to cultivate a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture to attract, support, and unite our clubs and members. What can help us do that?

First, the Rotary Action Plan works!

Please review the Action Plan on [MyRotary](#) or click the link [here](#). Utilize the Action Plan Toolkit to get started. The information there can help develop skills and provide access to invaluable resources to:

- ◇ **INCREASE OUR IMPACT**
- ◇ **EXPAND OUR REACH**
- ◇ **ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT**, and
- ◇ **INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT**

Second,

- ◇ **INNOVATE!**

Consider alternatives and non-traditional club membership options: Companion, Corporate, Emeritus, Family, Friends of Rotary, Introductory, Satellite, and Trial memberships. More information is on [MyRotary](#).

As District Governor, it is not my goal to check the box by casually suggesting that clubs make changes to be perceived as more modern. Rather, my goal is to offer encouragement, resources, and to work together to better understand the needs of potential members of our clubs. That includes facilitating innovative ways to enhance current and new member participation and engagement.

What can your club do differently to attract new members and better engage current members?

With that, be kind. It costs nothing.

Mike Martin, Rotary District Governor 2024–2025

## D6490 ROTARIANS HONORED



(L-R) Past Club President, Peter “Pete” Falstad (Bloomington) is all smiles after receiving his Paul Harris +7 from D6490 Governor, Mike Martin and Rotary Club of Bloomington President, Nathan Hinch.



D6490 Governor, Mike Martin, explains how “*The Magic of Rotary*” works after presenting the District Governor’s Award to Past Club President and Paul Harris Fellow, Gaye Beck (Bloomington).



D6490 Governor, Mike Martin, congratulates Paul Harris Fellow, Erich Adickes (Urbana) after presenting Erich with his District Governor’s Award.



During an official District Governor club visit to the Rotary club of Champaign, Chester “Chet” Alwes (Champaign) expresses his appreciation to D6490 Governor, Mike Martin, after receiving his District Governor’s Award.



**MIKE MARTIN**  
**DISTRICT**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**2024-2025**

# Rotary



## District 6490

### 2024 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 4-5, 2024  
HOLIDAY INN & CONFERENCE CENTER  
101 TRADE CENTER DRIVE, CHAMPAIGN, IL

### SCHEDULED SPEAKERS



**SHANDRA**  
**SUMMERVILLE**



**KIMBERLY**  
**DENTON**



**JENETTE**  
**JURCZYK**



**DEVANKAR**  
**MUKHI**



**LARRY**  
**LUNSFORD**

REGISTRATION OPEN SEPTEMBER 1-27, 2024 on DACdb

INSPIRING SPEAKERS  
INNOVATIVE INSIGHTS  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
WORKSHOPS & NETWORKING

AWARDS & RECOGNITION  
BASKET AUCTION & EXHIBITS  
HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP

DO NOT MISS THIS CONFERENCE!



## September Dates To Remember

### DG CLUB VISITS:

**Sept 10:** Vandalia  
**Sept. 16:** Danville  
**Sept. 17:** Tuscola  
**Sept. 17:** Bloomington-Normal Sunrise  
**Sept. 18:** Monticello  
**Sept. 19:** Savoy  
**Sept. 23:** Paris  
**Sept. 24:** Casey  
**Sept. 25:** Metamora-Germantown Hills  
**Sept. 28:** Moraine View

## Risk Management

Is your club planning a fundraiser or public event? Rotary provides liability insurance coverage for club activities. To learn more and to obtain a certificate of insurance visit:

U.S. Rotary Insurance Portal: [rotary.hylant.com](http://rotary.hylant.com)  
Username: [rotary@hylant.com](mailto:rotary@hylant.com)  
Password: Rotary1905

For more information, contact DGN Deb West:

[dwestrotary6490@gmail.com](mailto:dwestrotary6490@gmail.com) or call 940-782-5557

## District Conference House of Friendship

Share your club's projects and successes in the House of Friendship at this year's D6490 Conference, October 4—5 at the Holiday Inn & Conference Center in Champaign.

To reserve your display table, contact DGN Deb West by **September 27, 2024**. Deb West:

[dwestrotary6490@gmail.com](mailto:dwestrotary6490@gmail.com) or call 940-782-5557.

## District Governor Nominations Now Open!

The process for selecting the 6490 District Governor for 2027–2028 has begun. There are many qualified leaders in our district, and Past Club Presidents are asked to consider serving in this important position. The *Qualifications, Requirements, and Instructions* for District Governor Nominees along with the Application and Background forms can be found by clicking [here](#).

All nominations for the office of District Governor must be approved by the Board of Directors or the membership of the applicant's club. All applications must be signed by the candidate and the Club Secretary.

Applicants are encouraged to read our District Manual of Procedures (on the [Rotary District 6490](#) website under the *About the District* tab), and the RI Manual of Procedures and RI Code of Policies (both located on the D6490 website under the *About Rotary* tab).

The deadline for nominations is **Monday, October 21, 2024**. Please email the application to Past District Governor, Janet Ellis-Nelson: [janetnelson1994@gmail.com](mailto:janetnelson1994@gmail.com). If candidates have not received confirmation within 24 hours of sending the application, they should contact Janet by phone: 217-202-3898. Questions may be directed to Janet by email or phone.

In-person interviews will be in Champaign on **Saturday, November 2, 2024**.

Rotary International, Zones 30, and 31 will provide ample training for qualified applicants to assume this important role. The friendships you will make with members and leaders in D6490 and with District Governor classmates from Zones 30 and 31 will be treasured. You will also witness firsthand the amazing impact Rotary has throughout our district and around the world!

Like us on [Facebook!](#)

# Basket Auction for PolioPlus

The Annual Basket Auction for PolioPlus will open virtually a few days prior to the 2024 District Conference and will continue through the end of the conference on Saturday, October 5, 2024. D6490 Rotary clubs are asked to donate a basket or other items for the auction.\*

**\*Clubs or individuals may donate single items or gift certificates instead of a basket.**

Club donations, gift certificates, or baskets must be delivered to the District Conference at the Holiday Inn, 101 Trade Center Drive, in Champaign, on Friday, October 4 to be displayed during the conference. In the event the winning bidder is not in attendance at the conference, the club will be responsible for delivering their basket to the winning bidder.

**Please email a picture of your club's basket and the following information to Janet Ellis-Nelson: [janetnelson1994@gmail.com](mailto:janetnelson1994@gmail.com) on or before September 23, 2024:**

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Basket Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This basket includes: (Please list the contents of the basket.)

***Baskets do not need to be wrapped in cellophane.***



## Club Fundraising

Are you planning a club fundraiser and need advice? Does your club have a successful fundraiser that other clubs could learn from? Do you wonder if your current fundraiser needs to be revamped?

Please share your questions and success stories, and we will use them in the D6490 newsletter. For more information, contact District Fundraising Chair, Deb West: [dwestrotary6490@gmail.com](mailto:dwestrotary6490@gmail.com) or 940-782-5557.

As we gather information to share, here are a couple of thoughts to consider:

- Successful fundraisers should net a minimum of 50 percent of the gross revenue generated (and hopefully more), demonstrating that the majority of the funds raised are supporting a project that is making a difference in your area or around the world.
- Promote your fundraising event by stating clearly the benefits to your community, or elsewhere, as a result of your fundraising activities—rather than simply stating the fundraiser benefits your club.

## Newsletter Submission Guidelines

Rotarians are encouraged to submit news and information (including articles and photos) regarding grants, service projects, social events, fundraisers, community collaborations, gifts, new members, and initiatives to share the good news and good work with others in our district. The deadline for submissions to be included in the next newsletter is the third week of each month. Please email content for the newsletter to Newsletter Editor: Christine Walsh (Savoy) [cwalsh1974@live.com](mailto:cwalsh1974@live.com).

## Polio Update As of Aug. 14

Country or territory	Wild virus type 1 confirmed cases								
	Full year total						01 Jan-20 Aug <sup>1</sup>		Date of most recent case
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024	
Pakistan	12	147	84	1	20	6	2	14	22-Jul-24
Afghanistan	21	29	56	4	2	6	5	13	16-Jul-24
Mozambique	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	10-Aug-22
Malawi	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	19-Nov-21
Iran	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
<b>Total (Type 1)</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>27</b>	
<b>Tot. in endemic countries</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>27</b>	
<b>Tot. in non-end countries</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>No. of countries (infected)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>No. of countries (endemic)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Total Female</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Total Male</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>	



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Maggie Beckett, CU @ the Rotary  
Mike P. Bowen, Bloomington Pub Club  
Todd William Brunner, Decatur  
John A. Carter, Fairbury  
Jacquelyn B. Cunningham, Paris  
Sarah Curtis, Normal  
Sam Dalton, Bloomington Pub Club  
Gladys Downing, Urbana  
Ashley Dye, CU @ the Rotary  
Chad Frankeberger, Bloomington Pub Club  
Grant Ghighi, Champaign  
Connor S. Griffin Sr., Bloomington Pub Club  
Jonathan Leake, Bloomington Pub Club  
Kelly Malinowski, Bloomington Pub Club  
Adam McKenzie, Champaign  
Becky S. R. Mills, Bloomington-Normal Sunrise  
Laura J. Murphy, CU @ the Rotary  
Isaac O'Shaughnessy, Bloomington Pub Club

Daniel R. Baker, CU @ the Rotary  
Dawn Marie Coyne, CU @ the Rotary  
Mary Gallagher, CU @ the Rotary  
Kristie Hayes, CU @ the Rotary  
Cheryl Ann Huffman, CU @ the Rotary  
Ray Popejoy, Fairbury  
David Reed, CU @ the Rotary  
Stacey P. Reed, CU @ the Rotary  
Jon Salvani, Champaign  
Chelsea Schumacher, Bloomington Pub Club  
Silas T. Tockey, Lincoln  
Taylor Dawn Vandegraft, Bloomington Pub Club  
Tracy Welch, Lincoln  
Michael Wood, Paris  
Jacqueline Young, Bloomington-Normal Sunrise  
Angela M. Zindars, CU @ the Rotary

*New Members in DACdb as of August 29th*



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# Volunteers Learn To Administer Life-Saving Drug, Train Others Too

By LUKE TAYLOR

SAVOY — Future naloxone- use trainers were made Thursday evening, as Rotarians and community leaders came together to learn not only how to administer the life-saving drug but also how to teach others to do so.

“The Rotary Club is the boots on the ground, so we need to come train them on doing the naloxone training,” said Larry Kenemore, North America Task Force Leader for Rotary Action Group Addiction Prevention. “We don’t want to keep coming back here, and it’s their community, so we’re going to train these trainers that are going to continue holding classes.”

Naloxone has become a common addition to emergency medical kits for its ability to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose.

It can be easily administered by non-medical professionals and has no ill effects if given to someone who is not undergoing an overdose.

Champaign County Coroner Steve Thuney has already had his staff undergo training for naloxone, and now he’ll be learning how to continue passing on that information to others.

“We see the effects of overdose deaths all too often,” Thuney said.

While numbers of those deaths have gone down over the last couple of years in Champaign County, Thuney said his history in the fire service and EMS has him wanting to get out and continue to help people.

“I see it as an opportunity to go and help in the prevention effort instead of just dealing with the death side of things,” Thuney said. “I think it’s a way for me to contribute to the community.”

Kenemore is making stops with multiple Rotary clubs around the area for naloxone training, which he said is part of the national Rotary’s new mission since polio has been essentially eradicated.

“Project SMART” has five stages, including school/education, medication and drug disposal, awareness, recovery and treatment.

Most Rotary clubs just tackle a few aspects at a time, and “Awareness” including naloxone training, is a good place to start to quickly gain the potential to save lives.

Drugs like fentanyl and xylazine have called for multiple doses of naloxone, so Kenemore is training Rotarians to use a new medication called Kloxxado, which is at a higher strength and dosage than other options on the market.

“We believe it’s going to take that amount to save somebody’s life, and you only need to carry one dose on you,” Kenemore said.

Since the drug has no major side effects, a dosage that is “too high” won’t hurt someone.

Even so, Kenemore said people administering any kind of naloxone are protected by Illinois’ Good Samaritan Act, which protects people from liability if they are trying to save a life.

And it’s easy. “It’s just a thing you carry in your pocket,” Kenemore said. “You carry it in your pocket, open the packet, take it out, stick it in somebody’s nose and push the button on the bottom. That’s all you got to do.”

While the new high-strength Kloxxado will be new to Thuney, he handled multiple overdose situations as a firefighter and has administered Narcan, another brand of naloxone.

He said it may be important for people to have a few more bits of first-aid knowledge beyond the initial drug administration.

“In addition to trying to stop the opioids from affecting the brain, which causes you to stop breathing, we need to be able to provide them rescue breathing as well,” Thuney said.

Thuney feels Rotary is on the right track with not only preventing overdose deaths, but providing education and encouraging addiction treatment.

He said he’s looking forward to see how that goes locally.

“I’m excited to get on board and go out and help people prevent deaths so they don’t have to call my office,” Thuney said.

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## Memorial Service

During the 2024 District Conference, we will honor all D6490 Rotarians who passed away in the last year. Please submit a photo and the information requested below to Ashley Dillingham:

ashley.dillingham@hshs.com by **September 30, 2024.**

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_ Death: \_\_\_\_

Years in Rotary \_\_\_\_\_

Club/District Positions and Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Paul Harris Level (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_