



## District projects keep the goal of peace in sight



Quincy Peace Pole Dedication - September 2025

In a world where peace often appears elusive, Rotarians in District 6460 have taken action to keep the goal ever in sight.

In 2025, Peace Poles — tangible monuments to Rotary's continuing support of peace initiatives — were dedicated in Springfield and Quincy. Originating from the Peace Pole Project founded in Japan in 1955, more than 250,000 Peace Poles have been planted worldwide.

According to William Durall, District Peace Committee Chair, Peace Poles carry the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in four or more languages. "They are a visible reminder of Rotary's desire for world peace and its efforts to pursue peace," he said.

In Springfield, the Peace Pole was funded by a District 6460 grant to multiple local clubs; it was installed along with a pollinator garden. Those attending the dedication included District Governor Bill Knake, and Springfield Park Board President Leslie Sgro. Rotarian Brian Barstead emceed the ceremony.

Quincy's Peace Pole was installed at the Villa Katherine, home to Quincy's visitor center and located on the river bluff overlooking the Mississippi River. According to Nancy Waters, assistant district governor and a member of the Quincy club, plans are in the works for five more Peace Poles in Quincy.

"This Peace Pole is more than just a monument — it's a statement of our values," said Kathy Wolters, chairman of Quincy's project. "At a time when the world needs unity more than ever, we're proud to stand with our global Rotary family and promote a culture of peace, starting right here in our own community."

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**Rotary Family Day at the**

## Ball Park

Join us **Saturday, May 30 (6:15 pm)** at Busch Stadium for a match-up between the Cubs and Cardinals. If you [order online](#) or postmark your [mail-in order](#) by Opening Day (March 26, 2026), you will pay **\$54** per ticket, a 10% discount from the regular \$60 price. This special price is well below the retail prices currently listed on mlb.com and ticket broker sites! For more details about the game, click [Rotary Family Day 2026 | Rotary International District 6460](#).

This is our 25<sup>th</sup> game supporting the District Literacy Fund - an effort which has provided \$600,000+ for area clubs' projects promoting literacy, technology and math skills.



## How to Buy Tickets

- [CLICK HERE](#) to order your tickets online (fastest and easiest).
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Paper tickets will be mailed to you. Allow 3–4 weeks for delivery.

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## 2026 International Assembly presentations available



Every year in January, Rotary International invites all 500-plus district governors-elect to attend International Assembly to develop relationships and receive the final training to serve as district governor the coming Rotary year. During the multi-day event, planners arrange for premier speakers to share informative and often inspirational Rotary messages.

Many of those presentations are available to view. You can use the presentations in lieu of a speaker at your club meeting or watch on your own to learn and be inspired.

[Click Here](#) to access the video presentation files.

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## Have you ever wondered what goes on at RYLA?

RYLA is jam-packed full of unexpected adventures!

Students start the weekend with a leadership questionnaire that allows them to find their unique leadership style.

The results of this questionnaire allow students of all leadership styles to be divided into small groups, focusing on activities to best complete the challenge, the game, or the projects at hand. Students get creative by designing a poster based on their leadership quality questionnaire, visually representing their strengths and weaknesses and sharing with the group.

The main event on Saturday is utilizing their leadership characteristics to complete the rope course challenges. All morning, they will work together to complete difficult yet fun obstacle courses, where they learn about communication skills and teamwork.

In the evening, the students put Service Above Self in action to complete a service project. This year's project is packing PDK (personal dignity kits) partnering with Midwest Missions. There will be 140 kits packed!



This weekend is all about building strong leaders, but don't forget all the games, gym time, the bonfire, and a surprise mystery activity.

RYLA 2026 registration is now open through April 1st! [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and register.

For questions, please reach out to [Rylaregistrar6460@gmail.com](mailto:Rylaregistrar6460@gmail.com).

## Spread the word about this scholarship opportunity



Our district will award one \$18,000 Menghini International Scholarship to an undergraduate or graduate student to support one full year of residential academic study at an international university or college for the 2026-2027 academic year.

The selected student will have 20 months after the scholarship has been awarded to finalize arrangements with the international university or college and begin coursework and one year to complete the coursework after it is initiated. The scholarship may be used to support the selected student's chosen course of study, but preference is given to students pursuing a degree relevant to one or more of the seven Areas of Focus for

Rotary International. The [online application process](#) is easy to complete. The application deadline is May 31.

All eligibility criteria and requirements are included in the online application. Eligible applicants must

have lived in, graduated from high school in, or currently go to a college, university, or vocational/trade school in Rotary District 6460. They must have already completed two years of college instruction with a minimum of 48 credit hours. The funds are payable to the international university or college and may be used for tuition, other college fees, books, other educational supplies, and other expenses, including room and board and roundtrip travel to and from the international university or college. Applicants must not be Rotarians or relatives of Rotarians, but former Interact and Rotaract members are eligible to apply.

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