



District 6450 Headline News

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Information Every Club in District 6450 Can Use

- **Today, April 15th, is the Deadline** to Register for "Live" April 30th D6450 Annual Conference!
- All D6450 "Hands On Deck" to help [clean up Grant Park in Chicago](#), April 16th
- Big, used bike drive at the New Lenox Commons, sponsored by the [New Lenox Rotary](#), April 24th
- Exciting Casino Night at the [Darien Rotary](#) Fundraiser, April 26th
- 100th Anniversary Celebration of the [Chicago Heights-Park Forest Rotary](#), April 28th
- [Rotary Club of Lemont-Homer Glen](#) holds a "Cheers for Charity" Wine Tasting, April 28th
- Celebrate a great giving year at the [D6450 Rotary Foundation Dinner on April 29th!](#)
- [Hinsdale Rotary](#) announces the 2022 "[Bikes for Military Kids](#)", May 21st
- [Applications for the D6450 Board of Governors, Now Open!](#)
- [Naperville Rotary](#) leading computer donation drive. Get that old gear to them!
- [Rotary Action Group Against Slavery](#) announces RI International break out session at Houston

Today, April 15th, is the last day to register for the upcoming D6450 Conference!

If you are planning on attending the 2022 D645 Annual Conference, you need to [sign up for the event today!](#)

2022 District 6450 Conference
Saturday, April 30, 9:00 am - 7:30 pm
Katherine Legge Memorial Lodge
5901 S County Line Road, Hinsdale IL

Hotel reservations at the Marriott Burr Ridge can be made using any of these 3 options:

- Marriott reservations 1-800-228-8293
Indicate booking for Rotary International District 6450 block
- Marriott Burr Ridge direct 630-986-4100
Indicate booking for Rotary International District 6450 block
- Online at [District 6450 group rate](#)

The group rate is \$149 plus taxes and is only good for 4/29/22 check-in and 4/30/22 check out. Limited rooms are available. **Reservations must be made by 4/18/22.**

Contact [Linda Yates](#) with questions.

Second Annual Grant Park "Earth Day" Clean Up, April 16th

REMINDER: Last year, District 6450 Rotarians participated in a spring clean of Grant Park in Chicago. This year, another District 6450 "Earth Day" Clean Up of Grant Park will be held on April 16th, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Want to volunteer today? Here's how <https://tinyurl.com/22x3a2pc>.

For more info, contact Rotarian Jim Wales at jim.rotary6450passport@gmail.com.

Big Bike Drive, sponsored by the New Lenox Rotary, on April 24th!

Sunday, April 24th from 9:00 am to Noon, members of the New Lenox Rotary will be collecting used bikes for people in need that will be distributed through "All of God's People" of Chicago and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. For background on this great event, watch this YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/bBJet6ohvcw>.

For more info on how you can help the New Lenox Rotary make this a successful event, contact: Dave Faxel at dfaxel80@gmail.com.

Darien Rotary Casino Night Fundraiser, April 26th

REMINDER: Darien Rotarian Joe Marchese, jmarchese@darienil.gov, announces that Darien Rotary is planning a Casino Night fundraiser, April 26, 2022 at Ashyana Banquet Hall in Downers Grove from 6:00

pm - 10:00 pm. Entry fee is \$100 for gambling chips, drinks and food. <https://tinyurl.com/5b9sx36j>

Chicago Heights-Park Forest Rotary 100th Anniversary Celebration and Gala, April 28th

REMINDER: Chicago Heights-Park Forest Rotary 100th Anniversary Celebration and Gala will take place April 28, 2022 at the Olympia Fields Country Club. Register at rotaryclubchpf@comcast.net.

For more information contact terriwinfree29@gmail.com.

The Rotary Club of Lemont-Homer Glen, "Cheers for Charity", on April 28th

The Rotary Club of Lemont-Homer Glen will be holding a "Cheers for Charity" wine tasting event the evening of April 28th, starting at 6:30 pm. The program will be presented at the "Tap House Grill Lemont, 1243 State Street, Lemont. Tickets are \$50 per person. Proceeds go to high school senior scholarships. [Buy tickets here.](#)

ROTARY CLUB OF
LEMONT-HOMER GLEN
PRESENTS

Cheers for Charity
Wine Tasting Event

Thursday, April 28th, 7p.m. | Doors Open @ 6:30 p.m.
Tap House Grill Lemont, 1243 State St., Lemont
\$50 per person [CLICK HERE TO BUY TICKETS!](#)
Includes Wine Tasting & Appetizer Buffet

FEATURED WINERIES & WINES:
ALLEGRO CELLARS, MASCATO
DAY OWL, ROSE
LINE 39, CABERNET SAUVIGNON
LINE 39, SAVIGNON BLANC
HARKEN, CHARDONNAY
RABBLE, RED WINE PASO ROBLES

Benefitting Local High School Senior Scholarship Opportunities



Rotary
Club of Lemont-Homer Glen



D6450 Rotary Foundation Dinner, April 29th

REMINDER: D6450 Rotary Foundation Chair, Rachel Ossyra, announced that this years D6450 Rotary Foundation Dinner will be held "live" at the Burr Ridge Marriott, 5:30 - 8:00 pm on Friday, April 29th.

Register here: [District 6450 Foundation Dinner](#)

For more information, contact Rachel at rachelmarieo@hotmail.com.

"Bikes for Military Kids" Sponsored by Hinsdale Rotary, Saturday May 21st

For the fourth year in a row, the Rotary Club of Hinsdale, in cooperation with the USO of Illinois, will present 100 brand new bikes and helmets to the kids of active Illinois military. The program will run on US Armed Forces Day, May 21st from 8:00 am to 11:00 am and be presented at the Community House of Hinsdale.

Costs for bikes and helmets are up this year due to inflation and supply chain issues. If your club would like to help support this Hinsdale Rotary event, please contact Tom Norton at tcn062302@gmail.com.

If you want to make a direct contribution to support the 2022 "Bikes for Military Kids" program, please go to this link:
<https://secure.anedot.com/608ae6c1-66d6-44f7-8480-1d259dc52197/7917e002-cfd0-4c5b-a5bc-14c17c9468ce>.

Or use this QR code:



Nominations for the D6450 Board of Governors, Now Open!

D6450 has one opening for which we will be receiving applications.

[Download Application Here](#)

All applications are due no later than **Friday April 29th at 5pm**. Submit applications to: conorgee12@gmail.com.

Questions, check with D6450 Membership Chair, Conor Gee at conorgee12@gmail.com.

Naperville Rotary Leading Computer Donation Drive

The Rotary Club of Naperville is leading a collaboration with Comp-U-Dopt to collect used computers to be refurbished and distributed to families in the Chicago area that don't have computers in their homes. Naperville Rotary invites all District 6450 clubs to join in this collaboration. We are working with Comp-U-Dopt to collect used computers and any type of computer equipment, except for printers.

The flyer below further describes the opportunity. Please contact Bill Johnson at bjohnson@napervillerotary.com or 630 660-3489 if you have computer equipment to donate, or if you have questions.

COMPUTER DONATION DRIVE

The Rotary Club of Naperville

COMP-U-DOPT®
Providing Technology, Access and Education to Underserved Youth

WHO WE ARE

Comp-U-Dopt has been providing technology access and education to underserved youth since 2007. Our programs serve to **eliminate** limited access to computers, facilitate **growth** in technical and **digital literacy** skills and support the future of youth in our communities. Since our April 2020 inception in Chicago, we have distributed over **11,000** computers to underserved youth.

THE NEED

Today, according to reports by the Pew Research Center, **10% of households** across the country don't have a computer at home including **41% of families** with incomes less than 200% of the poverty line. The disparity is even more pronounced for communities of color. Compared with 20% of white households 31% of Black and 33% of Hispanic households lack access. We believe that every child deserves equal access to education and opportunity.

WHAT TO GIVE

- MICE
- KEYBOARDS
- LAPTOPS
- DESKTOP COMPUTERS

(Please keep the hard drive in the computer)

Please contact Bill Johnson at The Rotary Club of Naperville with questions or to donate computers
E: bjohnson@napervillerotary.com
P: (630) 660-3489



Rotary Action Group Against Slavery (RAGAS) Announces Houston RI Break Out, June 6th

Session Breakout: Monday June 6th, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: George R. Brown Convention Center (GRB), Room 372

Interested in hearing the latest from the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery? Check out the RI breakout session that will be held at the Rotary International Convention in Houston on June 6th, 2:00 - 3:00 pm. For more information go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2mw7xaf2>.

ROTARY ACTION GROUP AGAINST SLAVERY

RAGAS NEWSLETTER

<https://ragas.online/>

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RAGAS REFLECTS ON THE ERADICATION OF FORCED LABOUR IN UZBEK COTTON

Simon John, RAGAS Board Member

One of RAGAS' first ever campaigns was to raise awareness of modern slavery in the form of long standing forced labour in cotton production in Uzbekistan, a former part of the USSR.

Uzbekistan lies North of Afghanistan and is the fourth biggest exporter of cotton globally.

During the last 2 decades Government of Uzbekistan used one of the largest state-sponsored systems of forced labour to harvest its cotton. Every year the government forcibly mobilised over one million of its citizens including children to grow and harvest cotton.

The most recent (2018) edition of Global Slavery Index explained that garments were 2nd highest by value of products identified as being at risk of being made by slaves being imported into G20 countries.

Uzbekistan was in the worst tier of countries producing cotton with slavery in its footprint.

Thanks to global boycotting campaigns by organisations such as RAGAS over the last 13 years, on 10 March 2022, **Cotton Campaign announced that it had ended its call for a global boycott of cotton from Uzbekistan**, which had been joined by 331 international brands.

The boycott's ending followed a report published by Uzbek Forum for Human Rights, which found no evidence of central government-imposed forced labour in the 2021 harvest period.

In his remarks (which can be viewed [here](#)), Bennett Freeman, Co-founder of Cotton Campaign, announced this to be "the most significant single country victory in the global battle against forced labour so far in the 21st century.

Mark Little founder of RAGAS commented that difficult though these campaigns may seem at the beginning, in time they can bear great fruit and alleviate forced labour, if we work at it.

Hot News About Your Club? Send it to tcn062302@gmail.com.
We will put it in the D6450 Headline News.

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