



## District 6450 Headline News

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2023-24 District Governor



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### NEWS

#### Every Club in District 6450 Can Use

#### District News

It's with great sadness that we report the sudden passing of Cook County Clerk and Maywood-Proviso Rotarian **Karen Yarbrough**. Karen was an exceptional Rotarian, civic leader and public servant who will be missed dearly by all who knew her. Following in her father's footsteps, she became a member of the Maywood-Proviso Rotary Club and was the Immediate Past President for the Club. The District sends our deepest condolences on the loss of Karen to her husband Henderson, also a Rotarian, and the entire Yarbrough family. Visitation is April 12 and the memorial service is April 14. For more information [click here](#).

- **District Conference 2024 - Saturday, April 20, 2024** Let's celebrate a year of CREATING HOPE IN THE WORLD!. Reconnect with friends from 6450 and make new friends from 6440 at our joint District Conference at One Rotary Center in Evanston. [Check out the schedule and REGISTER HERE!](#)
- **District 6450 Annual Meeting - Monday, May 6, 2024, 6pm on Zoom.** Every district Rotarian is invited to the Annual Meeting where a review of the 2023-24 Rotary year will be provided, the budget for the 2024-25 year will be presented, and other business of the District will be discussed and voted on. Everyone should register to make sure we have enough space on Zoom, and you must declare during registration if you will be a voting delegate for your club. Here is the list of allowed voting delegates - [Click Here](#). For the Annual Meeting, [Register Here](#).
- **District Governor Installation - Sunday, June 23, 2024, 5-8pm.** Get started making your club Simply Irresistible and learning about the Magic of Rotary by attending the District Governor Installation at The Barn at Blackberry Farm in Aurora, IL. [Check out the fun you can have at Blackberry Farm and REGISTER HERE!](#)
- **District Board** - There are 2 District Board positions available for 2-year terms (2024-2026). If you are interested in being considered for a District 6450 Board position, please fill out the [BOARD APPLICATION](#) and return it to District Governor Nominee Bonnie Sanchez-Carlson at [djbonnie6450@gmail.com](mailto:djbonnie6450@gmail.com) on or before April 25, 2024.
- **Global Grants** - Are you interested in participating in a Global Grant but don't know how? You're District Global Grant Committee wants to help your club get involved. They have resources to help clubs investigate what grants are in process and which clubs might participate. For more information, contact District Grants Chair [MARSHALL SCHMIDT](#).
- **New District Grant Program Platform - Due to recent security concerns, we have switched the District Grants process platform from [matchinggrants.org](http://matchinggrants.org) to DACdb starting with the 2024-2025 cycle.** (This will not impact the current year District Grants.) This is a positive development which will improve the user experience and provide some additional capabilities and efficiencies by consolidating our platform into DACdb. We are currently configuring the interface, which will have a similar, but improved, feel to the current platform. We believe that anyone familiar with the current platform should find the DACdb Grants module easy to use. Within the next couple of weeks, the District Foundation and Grants Committees led by Chuck Corrigan and Marshall Schmitt will reach out to PEs to provide general instructions, a timeline and links to training materials on how to use the module to enter and report on your grants projects. We plan to provide multiple online workshops where you or your designee can receive live coaching from our Grants team on entering your project into the platform.

#### Club News

- **Chicago Citywide Service Annual Earth Day Cleanup - April 21, 10am-noon, Grant Park**  
Join the Rotary Club of Chicago Citywide Service on April 21, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Earth Week 2024, for our Annual Earth Day Clean-Up of Grant Park. Volunteers will be spending the morning, from 10 a to 12 pm, cleaning up the front yard of the City of Chicago, Grant Park! Trash bags and gloves will be provided.

Volunteers can sign up at: [Grant Park Cleanup Registration](#)  
For information or large group sign-ups, please contact Jim Wales at [jim.rotary6450passport@gmail.com](mailto:jim.rotary6450passport@gmail.com)

- [Hinsdale Rotary Bikes for Military Kids](#) - May 18, 2024, Hinsdale Community House  
Hinsdale Rotary will distribute bikes to children of active military families. For more information go to the [Hinsdale Rotary Website](#) or contact [Tom Norton](#).

## Additional News

### ***Make a lasting impact in communities around the world without leaving home***

Rotary and Rotaract members are eligible to serve in Peace Corps' Virtual Service Pilot. Participants donate 5-15 hours per week for 3 to 6 months to support organizations abroad with their community-level projects related to education, health, agriculture, youth development, and entrepreneurship. Apply your professional skills, language skills, and interest in both global friendships and cultural exchange to build capacity and sustainability through a short-term, virtual engagement. [Learn more about Virtual Service opportunities and apply.](#)



Now is the perfect time for clubs in our district to become Rotary's Promise Clubs to increase the impact that we can make in the world.

This club recognition opportunity, achieved when 100% of active members contribute US\$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation's Endowment, amplifies our ability to create lasting change.

A robust Endowment empowers Rotary to make a difference for generations, even in challenging times. Contributions from club members in your district can be outright gifts or can be commitments or bequests in a will or estate plan.

To support the Foundation's continued impact, we invite you to encourage clubs in the district to meet the qualifications to become Rotary's Promise Clubs.

Who wants to be the FIRST PROMISE CLUB IN ROTARY DISTRICT 6450?

For more information, contact DG Conor.

**Don't forget that if you want your event on the district calendar, you need to put it on your club calendar and use the event category 'club event for district posting only'.**

Are you looking for additional DACdb and/or website training? Let me know and I'll be happy to schedule something with you. Linda Yates

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### Hot News About Your Club?

Send it to [office@rotary6450.org](mailto:office@rotary6450.org) and we will put it in the D6450 Headline News

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