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District 6450 Headline News

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NEWS

Every Club in District 6450 Can Use

District News

- **District Conference 2024 - Join us Saturday, April 20th** for a joint district conference with District 6440 at One Rotary Center, home of Rotary International. It will be a great day of amazing speakers, interesting breakouts, networking in the house of friendship, and a compelling service project. [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **District Learning Assembly - Saturday, April 6, 2024 9am-noon.** Get your team of incoming club officers together and come learn more about the various club positions in Rotary. [Register Here](#)
- **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](#).
- **The DEI Committee wants you!** If you would like to get involved with the District Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Chair PDG Osei would like to invite you to attend a Zoom meeting on **Thursday, February 29 at 7pm**. Here's the Zoom link for the meeting which you can also find on the district calendar - [DEI Committee Meeting](#). You can get additional information and review the results of our DEI survey on our [DEI Website Page](#)
- **Environmental Service Committee - News from Mary Onorad, Chair**
 - (1) Seven District Rotary clubs have submitted environmental grants that have been approved. The grant applications are now closed for this year.
 - (2) Mark Biondi from the Rotary Club of Westmont did a presentation for ESRAG in January on the Carbon Crew.
 - (3) Light pollution can be harmful to animals and humans. Read more and find out how your club can schedule a speaker.

Details and to view Mark's presentation go to the Environmental Service Committee District website page ([click link here](#))
- **Rotary Peace Fellowship** - Rotary Peace Fellows are selected globally every year and applications are now open. Here is an explanation of the program - [Announcement](#). For more information about our district process for choosing applicants, please contact Bob Giles at gilesrw@aol.com
- **Rotary Means Business** - Would you like to join a fun committee and network with Rotarians and non-Rotarians? Joe Kosner from the Aurora United club is looking for 4-5 people who would like to help plan Rotary Means Business events in our District. Contact Joe at jkosner65@gmail.com if you're interested.
- The **Rotary Means Business Downtown Networking Group** has started meeting the first Monday of each month at Barnes & Thornburg, LP. For more information on all of the Rotary Means Business networking opportunities, go to www.rmbchicagoland.com.

Club News

- **Oak Forest Rotary Community Blood Drive - Saturday, February 24, 9am-1:15pm, Oak Forest High School.** If you would like to take part, appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. To make an appointment, call 1-800-7TO-GIVE.
- **Aurora United Wine & Chocolate Extravaganza - March 9, 5:30pm.** For more information go to www.aurorarotary.org.

- **Bolingbrook Annual Mac N Cheese Contest March 9, noon-2pm.** Eat and judge up to 12 Mac N Cheese and bid on prizes from local vendors/sponsors. For more information contact bolingbrookrotaryclub@gmail.com.
- **The Darien Rotary Club is turning 50!** - Join the Darien Rotary Club in celebrating their 50th Anniversary on **April 12, 2024** at the Ruth Lake Country Club at 6pm. For reservations go to [Darien 50th Anniversary](#).

Additional News



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

Hot News About Your Club?

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