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District 6450 Headline News

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Information Every Club in District 6450 Can Use

THERE ARE STILL A FEW TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR INSTALLATION ON JUNE 24TH. USE THE LINK BELOW TO REGISTER

Comments from Governor Ade

Dear Rotarians,

Well, how quickly the year has gone! I imagined the opportunity to serve as district governor an honor; it has indeed been a privilege. A year later, with various service opportunities and engagements with Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, and Exchange students, I have been genuinely humbled by the experience of being your district governor. I have been honored to serve with dedicated club presidents, proficient committee chairs, supportive assistant governors, a steadfast District board, and an exceptional administrator.

The District Officials and the Club Presidents alone could only have achieved what we have achieved with the support of Rotarians. The men and women who have been quietly doing great things. The folks that perform the various service projects in the clubs. They are the unsung heroes of the District, without whom we would not have a district, and the Governor would have nothing to govern. I owe them a lot. Rotary owes them a lot. I appreciate each one of you for your engaging contribution to your communities and the world.

I wish my successor Conor Gee a successful year ahead. Conor is a proven leader and a truly dedicated Rotarian. I assure Conor that he will have my full support during his term, as I had from my esteemed predecessor Jane Hopkins.

During the last week of May, I attended the 2023 Rotary International Convention, held in Melbourne, Australia, which provided attendees with a remarkable experience filled with inspiration and positive energy. The convention featured outstanding speakers who delivered powerful messages along with exceptional entertainment. The informative learning sessions encouraged knowledge-sharing and ample opportunities for networking and fellowship among participants.

During the convention's closing session, Gordon McNally, the 2023-24 Rotary International President, addressed the critical mental health issue. RIPE McNally shared a personal experience of losing his brother to suicide, which drove him to fight against mental health stigma and enhance access to care. He expressed his belief that Rotary can play a significant role in this endeavor by creating a supportive environment for its members, advocating for mental health services, and collaborating with experts to expand treatment accessibility. RIPE McNally urged Rotary members to prioritize mental health and emphasized the importance of taking action during this crucial historic period.

In her closing remarks, Rotary International President Jennifer Jones emphasized the connection between imagination, hope, and the future of Rotary. She noted that imagination and hope are forward-looking concepts that propel Rotary forward, highlighting the importance of building upon past achievements while striving for a better tomorrow. RI President Jones encouraged Rotary members to embrace the path of continuity, finding peace within themselves and sharing an ethic of care with the people they serve. Her closing remarks resonated with the overarching theme of the convention, which emphasized the collective responsibility of Rotary members to create hope and positive change in the world.

Overall, the Rotary International 2023 Convention in Melbourne served as a platform for thought-provoking discussions, inspiring stories, and celebrating Rotary's impact and potential. The convention left participants feeling empowered, motivated and united in their commitment to serving humanity and making a difference in the world.

As I bid farewell to my role as District Governor, I want to thank every one of you for your unwavering support, dedication, and passion. It has been an incredible journey, and I am honored to have served alongside you.

Rotary is a beacon of hope, and I do not doubt that under DG Conor Gee's leadership, the District will continue to

shine bright and make a lasting impact. I urge you all to support him, just as you have supported me throughout my term.

Thank you for an unforgettable year. It has been an honor to serve as your District Governor.

Yours in Rotary,

Ade Onayemi

We have published the results of the District DEI Survey on the district website. Use this [LINK](#) if you would like to see the results.

District Events

- **[2023-24 District Governor Conor Gee Installation, June 24, 2023](#)**. There are a small number of tickets left. [Register Here](#)
- **[Rotary Day at the White Sox, July 28, 2023](#)**. Get your club members together and order tickets now! Don't forget to sponsor a veteran for the game and dinner. For more information and to order tickets click here: [2023 White Sox Game](#) tickets.
- The **Environmental Committee** wants to hear from your club! First, they are interested in showcasing all of the amazing environmental projects that have been happening in our district. Second, they would like to honor one club with the 2022-23 Environmental Award, and that might be yours! Please send a brief description of your recent environmental work to the environmental chair at manoncrowley@gmail.com. Thanks for all you do for our district and the world!

Club Events

- **[Rotary Grove Fest - Downers Grove, June 22-25](#)**. Go to www.rotarygrovefest.com for more information.

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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