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District 6450 Headline News

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Information Every Club in District 6450 Can Use

Comments from Governor Ade

"Join us on May 6th at The MAX for the 2023 District Conference! Register now; admission is free!"



Dear Rotarians,

May is Youth Service Month, and it is a time to celebrate and honor the youth programs that Rotary sponsors in District 6450. Our district currently has 28 Active Interact Clubs sponsored by 29 Rotary Clubs, and we are grateful for the tireless work our Rotarians put in to make these programs possible.

We recently held an in-person RYLA weekend in October 2022, thanks to the hard work of Bill Zerinkas and his team of Rotarian counselors. The event was a resounding success, providing a valuable leadership development experience for the youth in our district. We are also excited to announce that the Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) program is back, with six students participating in exchanges with Finland, Japan, Brazil, Germany, and Sweden.

However, we need your help to ensure that the Youth Exchange program remains viable and accessible to all youth in our district. Only two high schools in our district currently participate in the Youth Exchange program. We request that all clubs that sponsor Interact clubs engage their school district in dialogue about the program.

In March, we hosted a District Interact Symposium and are now working on implementing the feedback we received from participants. The District Interact Committee will be meeting over the summer to plan a Fall activity, so stay tuned for more information.

Finally, we have two exciting events coming up that we hope you will join us for. On **June 24**, Conor Gee will be installed as **Rotary International District Governor 2023-2024**, and we will be celebrating with a luncheon cruise on Lake Michigan. And on **May 6**, we have our **District Conference**, where we will celebrate the year of 'Imagining Rotary' and appreciate each club's service in their community and worldwide.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our youth programs and your dedication to Rotary. Together, we can make a positive impact in the world.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Ade Onayemi

At the district conference we will be doing a food packing service project which will be Mac and Cheese from The Outreach Program. We need clubs to help distribute these to their local food pantries and shelters. 2000 of the 5000 food packets have been committed to organizations. Please let us know if you can help distribute some in your community by emailing office@rotary6450.org.

District Events

- **2023 District Conference & Club Expo, May 6, 2023.** Plan on spending Saturday, May 6, from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at The Max in McCook bragging about what your club has accomplished this year and checking out what other clubs are doing. There is no charge and food will be available for

purchase. [Register here](#)

- **2023 District 6450 Annual Meeting, May 6, 2023.** The Annual Meeting of Rotary District 6450 will be held at 1:30pm during the District Conference. Each club should be represented by at least 1 delegate. All club delegates need to register separately for the Annual Meeting at this link - [Annual Meeting Delegate Registration](#)
- **2023-24 District Governor Conor Gee Installation, June 24, 2023.** Registration is now open. [Register Here](#)
 - Sponsorships and Program Book Ad information for the installation is available [at this link](#).
- **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

- **Join Aurora Rotary in celebrating it's 100th Anniversary, Friday, May 12, 2023, 6:00-8:00pm** at Two Brothers Roundhouse in Aurora. For more information and to register [Click Here](#).
- **ROTARY/One 10th Annual Chicago Woman of the Year Awards, Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 12:10pm** The Rotary Club of Chicago is pleased to honor three women again this year for our 10th Annual Chicago Woman of the Year Lunch. As the world's first service organization, we realized a while back that we were in a great position to honor people for their service to the Chicago community. In honoring women, we underscore the immeasurable strength that women have brought to the Rotary organization. [Register Here](#)
- **Channahon-Minooka Spring Swing 9 Hole Golf Outing, Friday, May 19, 2023** at Heritage Bluffs Public Golf Club. More information available soon.
- **The Rotary Club of Chicago O'Hare will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on Friday, May 19, 2023 at 6pm** at The Great Escape in Schiller Park at a cost of \$60/person. To join the celebration, RSVP by May 12th to rotaryohare50@gmail.com.
- **Help Hinsdale Rotary provide "Bikes for Military Kids", Saturday, May 20, 2023, 8:00am-11:00 am**, The Community House of Hinsdale, 415 W. Eighth Street, Hinsdale IL 60521. [Click for more information](#)
- **Chicago Little Village Rotary Race for Peace, Saturday, June 3, 2023** La Villita Park. To register, donate, sponsor or volunteer [Click here](#).
- **The Southland Rotary Club Service Above Self Awards Gala, Saturday, June 10, 5-10pm**, Matteson Holiday Inn Conference Center [Click here for more information and to register](#)
- **The Rotary Club of Chicago - Calling all employers for their JOB1 Program.** Please consider signing up to hire a summer intern and to provide valuable work experience. [Click for more information](#)

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