



# District 6450 Headline News

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Governor District 6450



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## Information Every Club in District 6450 Can Use

- **Tonight!** D6450 Annual Meeting, via Zoom, **May 16th**. Check out details below.
- Rotary Club of Chicago, **May 17th**, presents a Zoom meeting with Chris Russell, whose group works on rescuing underage girls from sex trafficking
- Channahon-Minooka Rotary Club sponsors their Annual Spring Swing Golf Outing, **May 20th**
- Hinsdale Rotary sponsors the 2022 "Bikes for Military Kids" program, **May 21st**
- Second Annual Little Village 5K Race for Peace, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Little Village, **May 21st**
- Rotary Club of Chicago sponsors 9th Annual Chicago Woman of the Year Awards, **May 24th**
- Rotary Club of Chicago co-sponsors "Ask the Expert: Ukrainian Relief/Strength in Times of Crisis", featuring Rotary International, CEO, John Hewko, **May 25th**
- Naperville Rotary leading computer donation drive. Get that old gear to them!
- Rotary Action Group Against Slavery announces RI International break out session, **June 6th** in Houston, TX
- Help out D6450 with the "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" bed building, **June 18th** in Tinley Park
- District 6450 Installation of New Governor, Ade Onayemi, **June 22nd!!**
- Want your Club to become a ShelterBox Hero? Learn how you can achieve this before **June 30th**.
- District 6450 Speaker Submission Form

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## On The Top of D6450 Headline News.....

Your District Needs YOUR help, quickly!!

### Hey!! It's Back!! The District 6450 Rotary Friendship Exchange is Up and Running!

District 6450 will be hosting Rotarians from District 9125 from Abuja, Nigeria from **May 28th to June 3rd**. We need your help now and are asking District 6450 Rotarians to open up their homes to one or two of these visiting Rotarians, provide lodging, some meals, and transportation to group events in the area. A total of 15 Rotarians are expected to be in this group. The District 9125 Rotarians will be attending the Houston Rotary International Convention following their stay in the Chicago area.

For more information, either contact District Governor Jane Hopkins at [janehopkins6450@gmail.com](mailto:janehopkins6450@gmail.com) or Past District Governor and District Rotary Friendship Exchange Chair, Osei David Andrews-Hutchinson at [dq6450osei@gmail.com](mailto:dq6450osei@gmail.com) or by phone at (773) 562-3506.

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### A Rousing "Thank You" From Governor Jane Hopkins to All Who Attended this Year's D6450 Foundation & District Events on April 29th/April 30th!

Thank you to our amazing members and friends who joined us for this year's Foundation Dinner and District Conference. It was a weekend of inspiration, service, and the joy of reconnecting once again. In so many ways this year, we have all *Served to Change Lives*, and it was wonderful to celebrate with each and every one of you.

A special thanks to **Rachel Ossyra** and the Foundation Dinner Committee; and **Mary Dougherty, Kathy Rak**, and the Conference Committee for planning such excellent events! Thank you one and all!

Foundation Dinner video: <https://youtu.be/kkLtUX3v7EY>

District Meeting video: <https://youtu.be/Jf21cuYcEf0>

Click below to view more from the 2022 Foundation Dinner:

- [District 6450 Disaster Response to Ukraine Crisis](#) - Pat Merryweather and Jane Hopkins
  - [Paul Harris Fellowship Award Owners of Patriot Shipping](#) - Chris Olson
  - [Global Grant India Rural Schools Toilet Blocks Project](#) - Mary Dankowski
  - [Global Grant Emcee Skool Peace Ambassadors](#) - Osei Andrews-Hutchinson
  - [Global Grant Scholar](#) - Casper Keyzers
  - [Why I Give...](#) - Amy Hopkins
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**Missed the District Conference? You can still get your District T-Shirt, Hoodie or Zip Up Sweatshirt.**

[Register and Pay Here](#)

We'll contact you for delivery. Contact Linda Yates for questions at [yates.linda@sbcglobal.net](mailto:yates.linda@sbcglobal.net).

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#### **We Need a New D6450 Interact Chairman!**

Outgoing D6450 Interact Chairman, and Incoming Governor Elect, Ade Onayemi, is seeking a Rotarian to take on the responsibility for the D6450 Interact Chairmanship. Your job will be to oversee the D6450 Interact program, ensure that Rotary International has current club and adviser contact information, as well as planning activities and leadership training events for D6450 Interact members. The term is three years at the discretion of the District Governor. Interested? Contact DGE Ade Onayemi at [arcabo@live.com](mailto:arcabo@live.com).

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#### **Rotary Family Fun Day at the White Sox, July 22nd**

The Annual Rotary Family Fun Day at White Sox Park is back, Friday, July 22nd! The Sox will take on the Cleveland Guardians. The game starts at 7:10 pm. Gates open at 5:45 pm.

- Game Tickets: \$35
- Patio Party: 2 hours all you can eat & drink, \$50
- Prepaid Parking: \$25 (game day parking: \$27)

[Register Here](#)



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### **Details on the D6450 Headline News.....**

#### **Reminder: TONIGHT, May 16th at 6:30 pm - Rotary District 6450 Annual Meeting via Zoom**

We will be conducting the annual business of the district as well as giving out some club and individual awards. All district members are welcome to attend and club voting delegates are required.

You can read more about the business of the annual meeting and assigning of voting delegates in the [Rotary District 6450 Annual Meeting Notice](#).

[Register Here](#)

For more info, contact Linda Yates at [yates.linda@sbcglobal.net](mailto:yates.linda@sbcglobal.net).

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#### **Rotary Club of Chicago Presents Destiny Rescue, May 17th at 12:10 pm**

The Rotary Club of Chicago sponsors a Zoom meeting with Chris Russell, Director of Engagement for Destiny Rescue and Rick Yoder. Destiny Rescue is focused on rescuing underage girls from sex trafficking.

[Register Here](#)

Zoom information will be provided in registration confirmation email.

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**“Spring Swing” Golf Outing, Friday, May 20th, sponsored by Channahon-Minooka Rotary Club**

This event will be held at the Heritage Bluffs Public Golf Course, with proceeds from the outing going to support the Rotary Club of Channahon-Minooka Kids Backpack Program, and providing weekend food to students with food insecurities.

- Registration & box lunch are available at 11:30AM
- Tee times start at 1:00PM, \$300 per foursome

For more info, contact Ben Ingelson at [pastorben@resurrectionchannon.org](mailto:pastorben@resurrectionchannon.org). For details and tee time sign ups, please [click here](#).

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**Reminder: “Bikes for Military Kids” Sponsored by Hinsdale Rotary, 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](mailto:tcn062302@gmail.com).

Use this link or QR code to donate to the 2022 “Bikes for Military Kids” program:

<https://secure.anedot.com/608ae6c1-66d6-44f7-8480-1d259dc52197/7917e002-cfd0-4c5b-a5bc-14c17c9468ce>.

Or use this QR code:



**Reminder: 2nd Annual Little Village 5K Race for Peace, May 21st**

The Rotary Club of Little Village announces the 2nd Annual Little Village 5K Race for Peace on May 21st. Volunteers are needed to staff the race route and help administer the event. For more info, contact Pam Brockman at [pam.brockman@iahv.org](mailto:pam.brockman@iahv.org).

Chicago Little Village  
Rotary  
People of Action

**2022**  
2ND ANNUAL

LITTLE VILLAGE ROTARY CLUB

**CARRERA  
POR LA PAZ**  
RACE FOR PEACE

CASH PRIZES  
TOP 3 MEN & WOMEN

REGISTER • SPONSOR • DONATE

**5K WALK/RUN**  
COMPETITIVE & NON-COMPETITIVE

**21 MAY 2022** | LA VILLITA PARK  
2800 S SACRAMENTO AVE  
lot entrance via S. Albany Ave

The Carrera por la Paz, or Race for Peace, is a 5K run/walk event organized by the Little Village Rotary Club to promote Peace and anti-violence programs in Chicago's Little Village and the surrounding communities.

2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NEARLY \$40K RAISED

NEARLY 400 PARTICIPANTS

SCAN FOR MORE INFO

For more information, visit us at [LVRCRaceForPeace.com](https://LVRCRaceForPeace.com)



**Reminder: 9th Annual Chicago Woman of the Year, May 24th**

The 9th Annual Chicago Woman of the Year Award is to be presented by the Rotary Club of Chicago on May 24th at the Union League Club. Honorees this year are: Kelly Fair, Polished Pebbles; Deloris Jordan, James R. Jordan Foundation; and Jennifer Soble, Illinois Prison Project.

[Register Here](#)

For more info, contact Marga Hewko at [margahewko@mac.com](mailto:margahewko@mac.com) or [click here](#).

9th Annual  
Chicago Woman of the Year  
MAY 24, 2022

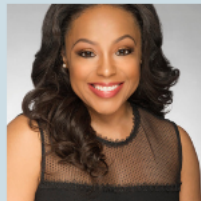
11:30 AM NETWORKING RECEPTION  
12:10 PM LUNCHEON

UNION LEAGUE CLUB 65 W. JACKSON BLVD. | ALSO STREAMING ON ZOOM/FB LIVE



Please join  
**The Rotary Club of Chicago**  
as we honor Chicago women who are making a  
difference in our community

**HONOREES:**



**Kelly Fair**  
Founder and Executive Director  
Polished Pebbles



**Deloris Jordan**  
President and Founder  
James R. Jordan Foundation



**Jennifer Soble**  
Executive Director  
Illinois Prison Project



Keynote Speaker:  
**Neli Vazquez Rowland**  
ROTARY/One member  
President and Co-Founder  
A Safe Haven

**REGISTER TODAY**  
[www.rotaryone.org](http://www.rotaryone.org)

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Marga Hewko, President  
Lisa Russ, 2022 Chair

**"Ask the Expert: Ukrainian Relief - Strength in Times of Crisis", May 25th**

The Rotary Club of Chicago invites you to join a session of "Ask the Expert: Ukrainian Relief - Strength in Times of Crisis", co-sponsored with the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce. The featured guest will be Rotary International CEO, John Hewko. This event will be presented on Zoom. Registration is complimentary.

[Register Here](#)

For more info, contact Marga Hewko at [margahewko@mac.com](mailto:margahewko@mac.com).

**Reminder: 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](mailto:bjohnson@napervillerotary.com) or (630) 660-3489 if you have computer equipment to donate, or if you have questions.



# COMPUTER DONATION DRIVE



## 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](mailto:bjohnson@napervillerotary.com)  
P: (630) 660-3489



### Reminder: Rotary Action Group Against Slavery (RAGAS) 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>.

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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.

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### **D6450 Volunteer Opportunity: June 18th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

District 6450 will engage in a "bed building" project with the Sleep in Heavenly Peace organization on June 18th. No experience is needed for you to help out with the construction of beds. These beds are designed for 3-17 year olds who may be victims of fire, flooding, domestic abuse, or financial struggles.

*"Bedlessness" is not a real word; but it is a real problem.*

[Donate Here](#)

For more information, call Michelle Balog, (815) 744-7737 or email her at [mbalog@numarkcu.org](mailto:mbalog@numarkcu.org).

### **Join Us for the Installation of our new D6450 Governor — Ade Onayemi, June 22nd!**

Join your fellow District 6450 Rotarians at the Installation of our new District 6450 Governor, Ade Onayemi, on June 22nd at the Abbington Distinctive Banquets, 3 South 002 IL Route 53, in Glen Ellyn, IL.

As the baton is passed, we celebrate our District's success under DG Jane Hopkins's leadership and pledge our support to incoming DG Ade Onayemi as his year of leadership begins.

[Register Here](#)



**Installation of Rotary International  
District 6450 Governor  
Ade Onayemi**

**June 22, 2022**

**Cocktails 5:00 – 6:00 PM**

**Dinner 6:00 – 7:00 PM**

**Program 7:00-8:15 pm**

**The Abbington Distinctive Banquets  
3 South 002 IL Route 53  
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137**

**Cost: \$75/PP [Check or Cash] - \$80/PP [Credit Card]**

**OPRF Rotary Club, P.O. Box 654, Oak Park IL 60303**

**To Register: [www.oprfrotary.org](http://www.oprfrotary.org)**

**RSVP by June 13, 2022**

**ALL proceeds after expenses go to  
D6450 Youth Services & Scholarships**



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**Reminder: ShelterBox HERO**

Want your Club to become a ShelterBox HERO? Here's how you can achieve that—  
A ShelterBox HERO is any Rotary Club that has committed to making an impact in worldwide disaster response by giving \$1,000, \$3,000, or \$5,000 to that effort within the Rotary year.

Currently, in Rotary International Zone 29, our District 6450 is ranked #2 of the 16 districts in our Zone. So far, during this Rotary Year, D6450 has committed \$22,360 to worldwide Shelter Box Disaster Relief.

Can your Club help push D6450 into first place in Zone 29? If so, you must act before June 30th, 2022. Check out how you can accomplish that here: <https://tinyurl.com/2tsbw5h>.

For more info, contact Bill Tobin at (916) 616-6973.

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**Rotary District 6450 Speaker Submission Form**

Introducing the Rotary District 6450 Speaker Submission Form. Please use this form to suggest potential Rotary 6450 District and Club Event speakers. Suggested speakers will be added to the District 6450 website as a resource for all Clubs.

Submit Speaker Information here: <https://tinyurl.com/2p83fy29>.

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**Hot News About Your Club?** Send it to [tcn062302@gmail.com](mailto:tcn062302@gmail.com).  
We will put it in the D6450 Headline News.