

ROTARY District 6490

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CHANGE LIVES

District Governor, Heather Stoa



For most of my life, time has been measured by the school calendar. May was busy with concerts, awards ceremonies, papers to grade, graduations, in-service days, and desks to be cleared in preparation for the next school year. Rotary is not much different. Clubs are holding golf outings, sponsoring races, wrapping up district grants, providing generous scholarships to students, and meeting with Interactors to finalize school and community service activities.

The District Assembly provided the opportunity for incoming leaders to meet and learn from one another. Current club presidents and officers are reviewing goals in Rotary Cub Central and updating membership and foundation reports. It is a fun time of year as clubs tackle outdoor service projects, plan social events, and invite friends to join us in Rotary. The countdown for the International Convention from June 4-8 has begun! It is not too late to make reservations to attend in-person, and if you would like to participate online, you can register [HERE](#).

A special shout-out to BN Sunrise for raising over \$45,000 for the Youth Center of Zolotonosha in Ukraine! It is inspiring to see Rotarians come together in three short weeks to raise funds to help people impacted by war. As clubs and a district, we will continue to look for opportunities to assist refugees and displaced persons in Ukraine and other parts of the world.

Plan to join Rotarians throughout the district on Wed., May 18, at 6 pm at The Stable, 236 East Front Street in Bloomington for the charter celebration of the Bloomington Pub Club! How exciting to welcome a new club and 41 new members to Rotary! They are off to a terrific start with a service project a month mixed with lots of fun – the unofficial #5 of the Four-Way Test (Is it fun?).

Thank you to all for your time and talents in leading Rotary this year.

In Friendship and Rotary Service,
Heather Stoa

Virtual International Convention

Can't make the Rotary June 4-8 convention in person? Join virtually for \$75 when you register from May 11 through August 31, 2022. Register now [HERE](#).



May Is Youth Services Month

Throughout the month of May, Rotary members, and younger members of the Rotary family, including Rotaractors, Interactors, and RYLA and Rotary Youth Exchange participants, celebrate the service, leadership development, connections, and FUN of Rotary's programs for young leaders.



May is Youth Services Month!

Dates to Remember...

May 16 - District Leadership Team 4:30 Zoom

May 18 - Pub Club Charter Celebration, 6:00 pm, The Stable, 236 E Front Street, Bloomington

May 19 - Global Grants Committee 4:00 Zoom

Congratulations Clinton Rotary Club on 102 Years in Rotary!

Although twice postponed because of COVID, the Clinton Rotary Club celebrated their May 1, 1920 charter with a dinner on Saturday, April 29th. Members and guests were welcomed to the banquet hall decorated with twinkle lights, blue and yellow tablecloths, displays of club trading banners, black and white club photographs, handouts with the history of the Clinton Club, and a bust of Paul Harris himself! Following a delicious meal, Emcee Curt Nettles, District Governor Heather Stoa, Assistant Governor John Hoblit, and PDG Kevin Yonce congratulated the club on their anniversary.

Bloomington, the first club in our district in 1915, was the official sponsor of the Clinton Rotary Club. The number of clubs on six continents, including the Clinton club, climbed to 500 in 1920. On the day the Clinton club was chartered, the first Boys' Week kicked off in New York City. The event was part of an effort to promote youth development in education, citizenship, health, hygiene, and vocation, and a precursor to Rotary youth service initiatives. The Clinton Club has always promoted youth activities and has a dynamic Interact club.

District Governor Heather Stoa shared her recollections of the Clinton Club's participation in Rotary Youth Exchange. Whenever she hears Neil Diamond's song *America*, her first memory is of Tom Redington organizing exchange students to enter the District Conferences carrying their countries' flags. Heather also recognized the impact the club has had on their community and schools with District Grants. The club has had multiple literacy projects and is adding a windbreak to pickleball courts. The Disease Prevention and Treatment Global Grants in São Carlos, Brazil have made a major difference in the lives of poor residents in the city. Medical equipment and accessibility to resources has improved and saved lives, especially for mothers and premature infants!

PDG Kevin Yonce praised the club for their service and their 2017 Small Club of the Year Award.

John Hoblit, Assistant Governor and Past President of the Clinton Club, recalled the club's history citing notable Rotarians, accomplishments of the club, and their continued community presence each year at the Apple and Pork Festival. He recognized Phil Lamkin as Club Rotarian of the Year.

Cheers to the Clinton Rotary Club. We look forward to your next 100 years!



Housing Assistance Urgently Needed

District 6490 has received a request from Assistant Governor Daniel Santillanes from District 4130 in Monterrey, Mexico. His district has participated in a special New Generations project with districts in Minnesota, Massachusetts, and Sweden to provide housing for Mexican students working on advanced degrees.

Angélica, a young woman from Monterrey in Nuevo Leon, Mexico has been accepted into a Master of Arts program in Spanish at Illinois State University beginning in August, 2022. In order for Angélica to enroll at Illinois State, she must have housing. She deferred admission last year because of financial hardship. If Rotarians in the Bloomington-Normal area are able to provide a home for her in three-to-four-month intervals for the duration of her studies, please contact Normal Club President Ann Haugo at: ahaugo@ilstu.edu, or District Governor Heather Stoa at: hhstoa@gmail.com. Time is of the essence in order for Angélica to begin the program this fall.

Angélica completed her undergraduate degree in 2013 from the Monterrey Institute for Technology and Higher Education in Hispanic Language and Literature. She has worked as a tutor and teacher in Mexico and as a Spanish lab instructor at Macalester College in St. Paul, MN from 2019-2021. In her emails with Ann Haugo, she has indicated her willingness to serve and engage with the BN community. She sees teaching as a way to give back for the life she has received. If you are able to help Angélica realize her dreams, please contact Ann or Heather immediately.

Drumroll for 2021-22 Paul Harris Fellows and Major Donors!

Thank you to those who have supported The Rotary Foundation from November through April with your generous donations. Because of your contributions individuals in our communities here in Central Illinois and around the globe benefit. Our world is better because of your gifts. A Paul Harris Fellow is recognized for a cumulative gift of \$1000. Major Donor Level I is achieved with a cumulative total of \$10,000 and Major Donor Level II is a cumulative total of \$25,000.

Paul Harris Fellows

Sally Bryan, Rantoul
Chris Carmouche, BN Sunrise
Robert Chamberlain, Lincoln
Greg Gustafson, Champaign West
Mitchell Hammel, Monticello
Dustin Heurman, Champaign
David Hirst, Normal
Katie Johnston, Rantoul
Jim Littlefield, Charleston
Matt McVey, Metamora-Germantown Hills
Todd Modglin, Rantoul
Nicole Moore, Paris
Erika Nail, Paris
Larry Niegowski, Mattoon
Cathy Oloffson, BN Sunrise
Thomas O'Shaughnessy, Danville
Rachel Patrick, Paris
Laura Retallick, CU Illini After Five
Kimberly Scheirer, BN Sunrise
Chad Smith, Rantoul
Cara Spence, BN Sunrise
Brett Stevens, BN Sunrise
Joan Stralow, BN Sunrise
Todd Vilardo, Charleston
Brian Wipperman, BN Sunrise

Paul Harris Fellow + 1

Michael Atwood, Monticello
Pamela Aubry, Gibson City
John Brinkerhoff, Paris
Brain Caldwell, BN Sunrise
Bruce Cather, Bloomington
Kathy Cooksey, Danville
David Danenhower, Champaign
Diana Dummitt, CU Sunrise
Todd Gray, BN Sunrise
Benjamin Matthews, BN Sunrise
Lindsey Meister, BN Sunrise
Tony Morstatter, BN Sunrise
Keith Palmgren, BN Sunrise
Robert Patton, CU Sunrise
Adam Ruble, BN Sunrise
Tod Satterwaite, CU Sunrise

Sean Seibring, BN Sunrise
Sue Seibring, BN Sunrise
Anne Taylor, BN Sunrise

Paul Harris Fellow + 2

Aimee Bean, BN Sunrise
Jane Chamberlain, Bloomington
Harry Clem, Urbana
Gayle Dustman, BN Sunrise
David Dyer, Vandalia
Amber Gruenloh, BN Sunrise
Fred Hahn, Normal
Karen Hansen, BN Sunrise
Robert Henderson, Savoy
Darrell Hoemann, CU Sunrise
Bruce Hutchings, Champaign
Larry Johnson, CU Sunrise
Julie Kubsch, BN Sunrise
Kim Larson, BN Sunrise
Cheryl Magnuson, BN Sunrise
Jim Matthews, Mahomet
Phyllis Mischo, CU Sunrise
Gabriel Nege, BN Sunrise
Doug Nelson, Champaign
Joe Rank, CU Sunrise
Brenda Reynolds, Decatur
Ronald Serfoss, Danville
Tina Stovall, Mattoon
Zach Wetherell, Champaign
Roger Wetzal, Rantoul
Christopher Alix, Urbana

Paul Harris + 3

Joe Bolser, Rantoul
Chuck Cowger, Urbana
Peter Falstad, Bloomington
David Garver, Danville Sunrise
Melissa Isenburg Tremper, BN Sunrise
Alice Jacobs, Danville
Mike Kessel, Savoy
Patrick Kovar, Champaign
LeRoy McPherson, Fairbury
Sallie Miller, Urbana
Altron Regen, Champaign
Balwant Singh, BN Sunset

Glenn Stanko, Champaign West
Larry Stoner, Monticello
Donald Uchtmann, Urbana
David Wayman, Pontiac
Lawrence Weaver, Rantoul

Paul Harris + 4

Chet Alwes, Champaign
Daryl Bridwell, Paris
Bev Friese, Champaign West
Ronald Kiddoo, Champaign
Judith Konrad, Charleston
Karl Konrad, Charleston
Judith Liebman, Urbana
Gary Mason, Champaign West
Susan Popejoy, Fairbury
John Pratt, BN Sunrise
Les Schulte, CU Illini After Five
Vicki Tilton, BN Sunrise
Cat Woods, BN Sunrise

Paul Harris + 5

Ramesh Chaudhari, BN Sunset
Rebecca Goeckner, Normal
Peggy Hardy, BN Sunrise
Mike Harris, Monticello
Melanie Mills, Charleston
Lloyd Murphy, Tuscola
Allan Penwell, CU Sunrise
Louis Simpson, CU Sunrise
Beverly Stevens, BN Sunrise

Paul Harris + 6

Bernadette Ray, Gibson City
William Sendlak, Normal
Karen Sharpe, Savoy

Paul Harris + 7

Scott Anderson, Jr., Champaign
Nestor Ramirez, Champaign West
Connie Walsh, Champaign

Paul Harris Fellow + 8

Steven Carter, Champaign
Joe Fearday, Effingham
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Major Donor Level I

Hank Campbell, Normal
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Gary Bowen, Champaign
Art Drake, Normal
Connie and John Rich, Fairbury

Time to Submit District Awards Applications!

As the current Rotary year draws to a close, it is time to reflect on the service of Rotarians and clubs for the 2021-22 Rotary year and to recognize them for their hard work and achievements!

District Governor Heather Stoa will be awarding Small Club of the Year, Large Club of the Year, New Rotarian of the Year, Rotarian of the Year, and Hall of Honor awards at the June 26th District Installation. Family and club members will be invited to join the award recipients to honor their efforts. Applications for the five major awards are due by June 1st to Heather Stoa at: hhstoa@gmail.com.

Club Awards

These awards will recognize a small club (under 50 members) and a large club for their performance throughout the past year. Eligible clubs must meet the 13 of 25 possible goals entered into Rotary Club Central for a Rotary Citation. Clubs must have worked to increase club membership, developed service projects, promoted giving to The Rotary Foundation, and built awareness of Rotary.

Individual Awards

Rotarians who have made their clubs and communities here and around the world better places to live and work will be honored for their commitment to Rotary. Nominees shall have demonstrated leadership and the advancement of service.

New Rotarian of the Year

Rotarians must have been a member of a District 6490 club for a minimum of twelve months, but not more than 36 of months at the time of nomination.

Rotarian of the Year

Rotarians must have been a District 6490 Rotarian for at least three years and exemplified the ideals of Rotary service during the current Rotary year.

Hall of Honor

Rotarians must have been a District 6490 Rotarian for at least seven years and shall have made significant cumulative contributions to Rotary.

Avenues of Service Awards

As Rotarians, we channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through the five Avenues of Service which are the foundation of club activity. Projects must be new or enhanced projects and may not have previously received an award.

Club presidents should send completed applications for Avenues of Service awards by June 30 to Heather Stoa at: hhstoa@gmail.com.

Club Service Award focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.

Vocational Service Award calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.

Community Service Award encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public's interest.

International Service Award exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad and more.

Youth Service Award recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs.

All Assistant Governors and Club Presidents have received the Awards applications. They can also be accessed via the District 6490 website under "Announcements". Questions about the nominations should be addressed to District Governor Heather Stoa.

Final Reports Due for 2021-22 District 6490 Grants

If your club received District 6490 District Grant funds in this 2021-2022 Rotary year, a final report and expense receipts must be submitted within 30 days of the full expenditure of the grant funds. Final report forms can be found at the [District 6490 website under the Community Service tab](#).

Submit final reports by June 30, 2022.

Questions can be directed to:

Marlys Scarbrough - scarbrou@illinois.edu

Champaign Rotary Club, District 6490 District Grants Chair 2021-2022

Newsletter Submissions

Submit items for future newsletters to Jerry Johnson at jerry_e_johnson@comcast.net.

Please begin subject line with ...
ROTARY NEWSLETTER.

Join Champaign on Fri., May 20

The Rotary Club of Champaign would like to invite you to this year's 2022 "Investing in Children and Community" Action Auction on Friday, May 20 at the I Hotel starting at 5:15 PM.

This is our club's only fundraising event, held every three years, where all funds go entirely to support nonprofit organizations throughout Champaign County. This year's featured charity is "Y on the Fly" – a program of the Stephens Family YMCA, taking the Y experience and programming to youth in underserved neighborhoods. The proceeds will also fund the charitable activities of Champaign Rotary for the next three years.

At the Live Event, you'll enjoy our Emcee Deon Thomas and have the opportunity to bid on many Silent Auction items. The Live Auction will feature one-of-a-kind experiences such as trips to:

- Tuscany for 10
- St. Barth in the Caribbean for 6
- Suerta Mexico for 10
- Iceland for 8
- The Bourbon Trail for 14
- A 2023 Super Bowl package including 4 tickets to the Big Game, 4 tickets to the 2023 Phoenix Waste Management Golf Tournament, a round of golf and a one-week stay at a beautiful house with pool in Phoenix
- Fighting Illini Football and Basketball Packages



Champaign Rotary | ACTION AUCTION
You're Invited
FRIDAY, MAY 20
HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER 1900 S. 1ST ST, CHAMPAIGN
Event Honorees Rick and Jeanene Stephens
FOR TICKETS VISIT:
[BIDPAL.NET/ROTARYACTIONAUCTION2022](https://bidpal.net/rotaryactionauction2022)

Unable to attend?

You can still support Champaign Rotary's charitable efforts by buying a \$10 raffle ticket or by bidding on a Silent Auction item. Please email [Janet Ellis-Nelson](mailto:Janet.Ellis-Nelson@champaignrotary.org), if you have any questions.

For more information on the event or to purchase tickets visit [HERE](#).

The Rotary Peace Centers Celebrate 20 years of Training Peacebuilders

Since the first Rotary Peace Centers welcomed peace fellows 20 years ago, more than 1,500 of them have gained the experience, skills, and networks they need to build peace in their communities and around the world. Collectively, program alumni are making a tremendous impact through their work as leaders in conflict transformation, as well as in the areas of community and international development that make conflict less likely to occur. Rotary's long-term commitment to peace education will continue to support leaders in the future. The peace centers program will expand, with the addition of a new certificate program in the Middle East or North Africa by 2025. Peace is a long-term investment. [Learn more about the Rotary Peace Centers](#)



Positive Peace Activators can help support peace projects

One of the purposes of [Rotary's strategic partnership](#) with the [Institute for Economics and Peace \(IEP\)](#), a leading global think tank on peace, is to provide Rotary members and participants with peace education tools and support. Since 2020, the Rotary-IEP Partnership has trained more than 120 Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Rotary Peace Fellows in Positive Peace. These Positive Peace Activators are now in North America, Latin America, Europe, and Asia. More training events will be offered in East Africa, Oceania, and the Middle East or North Africa.

[Rotary Peace Centers](#) Facebook page

[Rotary Peace Centers](#) webpage

[Rotarian Action Group for Peace](#)

Welcome to New Members

Thank you to their Sponsors! Each One, Bring One!

Tom Brinkoetter, Decatur
Kristen Cantrell, Decatur
Emily Cross Vayr, Champaign West
Tim Dazey, Bloomington
Dan DeWitt, Rantoul
Chad Markham, Effingham
Patricia McDaniel, Effingham
Bobby Pierce, Hoopeston
Shannon Schroeder, Danville

Normal Club Student Scholarship Awards Luncheon

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

- Welcome - Ann Haugo, President
- Invocation - David Hirst
- Pledge of Allegiance - All Rotarians
- First verse of "America" - All Rotarians
- Student Scholarship Program, Hank Campbell

Student Scholarship Recipients:

- Normal Community High School - Eli Benson, Carina Engst
- Normal West High School - Hope Knoerl, Alexis Hughes, Paige Lemenager
- University High School - Ainsley Floyd
- Bloomington Area Career Center, Ellana Tobin

Thought for the Day - Ann Haugo, President

Happy Anniversary Rotarians 25+ Years

Thank you for your Commitment to Rotary!

Donald Armstrong, Champaign West, 42
Anita Broeren, Champaign West, 29
David Coogan, Lincoln, 50
Alan Davis, Effingham-Sunrise, 27
Bradley Dunn, Vandalia, 22
Charles Eberly, Charleston, 22
Richard Ensrud, Champaign, 35
Kelly Finet, Monticello, 27
Delmar Hancock, Dwight, 68
Robert Jeckel, Lincoln, 25
Kevin Miller, Effingham-Sunrise, 27
Dale Morrissey, Champaign, 34
Robert Muirhead, Danville, 59
David Rayhill, Decatur, 37
Richard Siemer, Effingham-Sunrise, 27
Peter Tomaras, Champaign West, 27
John Trimble, Robinson, 28
Kim Uphoff, Mattoon, 27
Larry Waldhoff, Effingham, 53

