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District 6450 Headline News

Rachel Ossyra
District Governor 2024-25



Dear Irresistible District 6450 Rotary Members,

I hope you are having a great summer enjoying family, friends and new adventures!



It is an honor and privilege to follow in the footsteps of Immediate Past District Governor Conor Gee and all our past district governors. I'm excited to serve alongside our dedicated District Team, Club Presidents and all our People of Action to share and grow The Magic of Rotary.

We all have The Magic of Rotary within us. It comes from our fellowship, our values, our Service Above Self ideal and Rotary's rich framework of resources, programs and partnerships that we can engage throughout our global humanitarian network. The Magic

of Rotary is ours to share and grow. So let's do that and revolutionize Rotary to become Simply Irresistible!

Please enjoy this [brief video](#) by RIP Stephanie Urchick about the annual theme.

I am asking for your help to support RIP Stephanie's important initiative to be an IRRESISTIBLE DISTRICT by forming at least 4 new clubs (traditional, satellite, caused-based, Rotaract, ...) and achieving a net membership increase of at least 100 or more this Rotary year. Attracting new members, retaining members and establishing new clubs is not easy. But our members are IRRESISTIBLE and together we can inspire the action needed to make this happen in our District.

I'm also focused on enhancing teamwork in the District Team ([District Team Contact List](#)) so that we can collaborate better to support our clubs. We will be looking for allies and partners everywhere to expand our reach.

And we're providing resources for our clubs to grow Rotary and grow our impact:

- Simply Irresistible Coaches and Club Gold Membership Plan to help grow, address challenges and start new clubs,
- Strengthen and grow our Youth programs, including Interact, Early Act, RYLA and Youth Exchange to focus on service, leadership development and peace building,
- Youth Mental Health First Aid initiative and Kindness Counts campaigns.
- Project funds for environmental service, youth mental health, homeless veterans support, cards for senior and disaster response.
- Several District-wide Days of Service, starting August 10.
- Fall Grants Extravaganza, October 26, to introduce more clubs to opportunities and collaboration.
- Advance our DEI action plan to ensure everyone feels safe, valued and that they belong.

I'm looking forward to visiting with all our members throughout the District. It's going to be a great year with all of us working together to grow and celebrate The Magic of Rotary!

Yours in Rotary,

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Calendar 7-8-24

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- **District-wide Day of Service - Saturday, August 10.** SAVE THE DATE. Details coming soon.
- **White Sox Family Fun Day - Friday, August 30 (game time 7:10pm).** Get your tickets for this year's Rotary Family Fun Night at the White Sox game! Registration is open, [HERE](#).
- **Fall Assembly - Grants Extravaganza - Saturday, October 26.** SAVE THE DATE and plan to learn about all the ways we can do good in our communities and around the world using our donations to The Rotary Foundation.
- **Rotary Cigar Event - Wednesday, July 24.** Do you enjoy a nice cigar, cocktails, conversations & networking? Join the District 6450 Cigar Fellowship for their next event. See the District calendar for more details. RSVP is required.
- **Rotary Means Business (RMB) Conference 2024 - July 26 & 27.** For more information and to register, [CLICK HERE](#).
- **RYLA - October 11-13.** Save the 2024 RYLA dates! The application will be available on the District website RYLA page in the next few days.

CLUB NEWS

- **Plainfield Rotary Ducks4Bucks - Sunday, July 21, 2:32pm.** Buy your ducks and get ready to race. For more information on Plainfield Rotary's annual duck race, [CLICK HERE](#).
- **Chicago Heights-Park Forest Corn Roast/Picnic - Thursday, August 15, 5-7pm.** Join the Chicago Heights-Park Forest for a corn roast and picnic which includes raffles, games, prizes, fishing, and the dedication of the "Jim Settles" bench. For more information and to RSVP, contact [Mary Dankowski](#).
- **Naperville Sunrise Rotary Ride - Sunday, August 11.** Grease your bike chain and put air in the tires so you can join Naperville Sunrise for the 27th Annual Rotary Ride. For more information and to register, go to [apervillerotaryride.com](#).
- **Channahon-Minooka Oktoberfest - Saturday, September 14.** Save the Date! More information to come.
- **Hinsdale Rotary Run Charity Classic - Sunday, October 6.** Dust off your running (or walking) shoes and plan to participate in or volunteer at the Hinsdale Rotary Run Charity Classic. For more information and to register, go to [CHARITY CLASSIC](#).

Important News About Your Club?

Send it to office@rotary6450.org and we will put it in the D6450 Headline News

Don't forget that if you want your event to show up on the district calendar, you need to put in on your club calendar and use the event category "club event for district posting only".

If you want additional DACdb and/or website training, let me know.

Linda Yates
District Administrator