



District 6450 Headline News

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District Governor 2024-25



Dear Irresistible District 6450 Rotary Members,

I hope you all are doing well and sharing The Magic of Rotary!

Last week I had a magical time starting my club visits with Tinley Park-Frankfort, Joliet, Naperville-After Dark, Chicago-Near South, Chicagoland Lithuanians, Naperville Sunrise, La Grange and Elmhurst Rotaract. Club visits are one of the best things about being District Governor!

August is Membership and New Club Development Month

Rotary is a high-quality membership organization – the best in the world. That means the unique skills and contributions of our members are the driving force behind everything we do. That’s why growing our membership to be an IRRESISTIBLE DISTRICT is one of our top priorities.

-CLUB GOLD MEMBERSHIP PLAN-

Game One - Appoint a Club Membership Chair

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Game Two - Define Club Membership Goals

Enter club membership goals in Rotary Club Central.



Game Three - Survey Your Club Members

Conduct a survey of your club members using RI assessment tools.



Game Four - Engagement Activity

Organize a membership engagement activity that supports personal growth, leadership development, service, or networking opportunities.

Game Five - Retention Workshop

DISTRICT NEWS

- **District-wide Day of Service - Saturday, August 10.** See Rachel's message.
- **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, **CLICK HERE.**
- **RYLA - October 11-13** Schools will be in session again soon so begin to line up your RYLA attendees. For more information and to download the application **CLICK 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.
- **2025 Rotary International Convention, Calgary, Canada** For more information on the convention, hotels and tours from District Convention Chair Barry McKeown **CLICK HERE.**

CLUB NEWS

- **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 **napervillerotaryride.com.**
- **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

Hold a workshop to address your club and member needs.

Bonus Rounds

Game Six - The Club Membership Chair completes the Club Membership Committee' basic learning plan in the Rotary Learning Center.

Game Seven - Sponsor or nurture a new Service Companion Club or Rotary Club.



We are launching our **Simply Irresistible Coaches** and **Club Gold Membership Plan** to us help grow, address challenges and start new clubs. The Club Gold Membership Plan has 5 easy steps and 2 bonus steps. Clubs that have followed this plan have thrived and grown. Simply Irresistible Coaches are available to help with any part of the process. We will recognize clubs that implement all 5 steps of the plan at our District Conference on April 26, 2025.

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Good News â€œ New Club Welcome!

We welcome the new Rotary Club of Aurora First Light which was chartered by RI President Stephanie Urchick on July 29! The club will focus on working with underserved youth and their families both locally and internationally through programs such as Rotary Youth Exchange, mentoring and community partnerships.

â€œAnyone who has the heart and hands for service belongs in Rotary.â€ RI President Stephanie Urchick. **Since July 1, we have grown by 13 members overall and welcomed 1 new club!**

More Good News â€œ GOALIES Celebration Success!

Over 50 club presidents, district team members and past district governors gathered at the Paul & Jean Harris Home to share fellowship and enjoy the cooking of Grill Master PDG Chuck Corrigan! We held an exciting prize drawing for the 30 clubs who entered their Membership, Annual Fund and Polio Plus Fund goals in Club Central.



Congrats to our winners:

- \$500 Supplemental District Designated Funds for Rotary Year 2024-25 Club Service Project â€œ **OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST**
- \$500 Grant for Club Member Attraction Activity â€œ **CHICAGO FINANCIAL DISTRICT**
- \$500 Grant for Club Member Attraction & Member Retention Supplies â€œ **NAPERVILLE SUNRISE**

Qualified clubs: Aurora United, Bolingbrook, Bradley-Bourbonnais, Chicago, Chicago Rotaract, Chicago Cosmopolitan, Chicago Financial District, Chicago Heights-Park Forest, Chicago Lakeview, Chicago-Near South, Chicago Southeast, Chicagoland Lithuanians, Darien, Downers Grove, Elmhurst, Homewood, Joliet, La Grange, Manteno, Maywood-Proviso, Montgomery, Morris, Naperville, Naperville-After Dark, Naperville Downtown, Naperville Sunrise, New Lenox, Oak Park-River Forest, Romeoville, Woodridge.

August District Wide Service to Address Food Insecurity

includes raffles, games, prizes, fishing, and the dedication of the "Jim Settles" bench. For more information and to RSVP, contact **Mary Dankowski**.

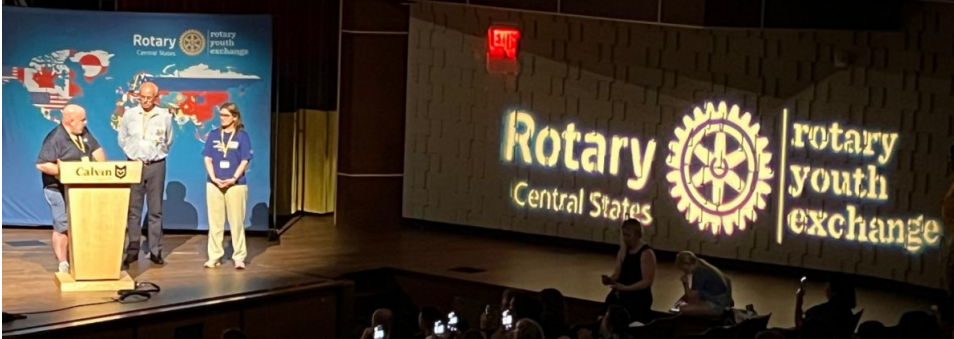
- **Oak Park-River Forest Annual Food Truck Rally - Saturday, August 24, 4-9pm.** Don't miss the food trucks, entertainment, family activities, inflatables and beer & wine tent at the OPRF Rotary annual food truck rally. Check out the location and food truck line up **HERE**.
- **Rotary Club of Chicago Music Trivia Event - Sunday, September 8, 3:30pm** Join Rotary/One at Beauty Bar Chicago for a music trivia, dancing and fellowship. **Purchase tickets here!**
- **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. And don't forget to check out the race raffle and bid on the prized you want AT THIS LINK.**

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I am asking clubs to plan a local project to help with Food Insecurity sometime during the month of August. It could be a food drive, fundraiser or shelf stocking for a local food pantry. There are many other possibilities. Please consider collaborating with nearby clubs and sharing People of Action photos and videos on social media. The District Public Image team will create a reel to highlight our collective efforts. **Here is a [link to a dropbox](#) where you can upload your photos and videos.**

Fundraiser for Brazil Flood Relief Raises \$10,000

At the Central States Rotary Youth Exchange Summer Conference, District 6450 Disaster Response Chair Chris Olson presented RI President-Elect Mario Cesar Martins de Camargo with \$4,500 relief funds for the severe flooding in Southern Brazil. At the conference, we were able to raise additional funds to provide \$10,000 total relief. That's our global humanitarian network in action!



I am grateful to work alongside all of you to grow and celebrate The Magic of Rotary!

Yours in Rotary,

Rachel Ossyra
District Governor
Rotary International District 6450

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