



# District 6450 Headline News



Rachel Ossyra  
District Governor 2024-25



Dear Irresistible District 6450 Rotary Members,

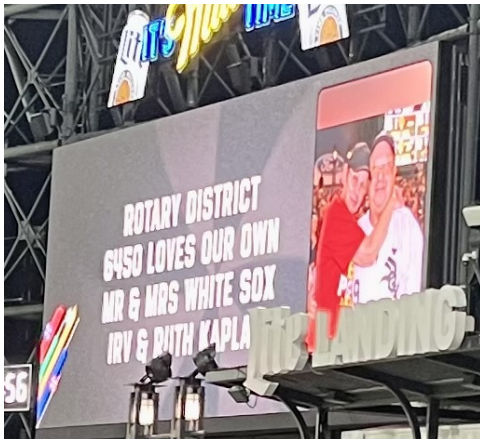
I hope you all are doing well, enjoying family, friends and some great adventures as summer begins to wind down!

Thank you for the inspiring visits with your clubs this past month! It's been magical to connect, learn about impactful and engaging service projects and fun-raisers and meet new members. Since the beginning of July, I have visited 29 of our clubs and look forward to my upcoming visits.

### August Districtwide Service to address Food Insecurity was big success!

Thank you for all the great projects throughout the District to help with Food Insecurity in our local communities! I think most of our clubs have done projects, and we would like to share as many of them as possible. The District Public Image team will create and share a People of Action reel in early September to highlight our collective efforts. [Here is a link to a dropbox where you can upload your photos and videos.](#)

### Chicago White Sox



### Recognize PDG Irv & Ruth Kaplan on Rotary Night

Thank you to all our members and guests who came out for a beautiful evening at Guaranteed Rate Field to enjoy fellowship and baseball and raise funds to END POLIO NOW.

Unfortunately the Mets prevailed, but that didn't dampen our fun. The highlight was celebrating PDG Irv and Rotarian Ruth Kaplan being recognized by the Chicago White Sox for their long term service raising awareness and funds for this cause.

### September is Basic Education & Literacy Month

We are proud share this video of Rotary Youth



Julieta Del Toro

District 6450 Rotary Youth Exchange Alumnae

### DISTRICT NEWS

- **2025 Rotary International Convention, Calgary, Canada** Attend an informational meeting hosted by Barry McKeown and Rachel Ossyra on **Tuesday, September 10 at 6pm via Zoom**. Get the Zoom link from the District calendar at **THIS LINK**. For more information on the convention, hotels and tours from District Convention Chair Barry McKeown
- **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. REGISTER NOW** 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.
- **Veteran Stand Down Day 2024 DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON**. Hold a coat drive in your area and collect XL and larger new or gently used coats plus men for distribution. More information to come.

### CLUB NEWS

- **Rotary Club of Chicago Music Trivia Event - Sunday, September 8, 3:30pm** Join Rotary/One at Beauty Bar Chicago for music trivia, dancing and fellowship. **Purchase tickets here!**
- **Oak Park-River Forest Golf Outing - Wednesday, September 11, noon-7:30pm**. Join OPRF Rotary for their annual golf outing at Maple Meadows Golf Course. Lunch, a shotgun start, cocktails and dinner are included. **REGISTER HERE!**
- **Channahon-Minooka Oktoberfest - Saturday, September 14**. Check it out and **GET TICKETS HERE!**
- **Chicagoland Lithuanians Hackers for Charity - Saturday, September 21**. Join the Chicagoland Lithuanians for their 16<sup>th</sup> annual golf outing at Old Oaks Country Club in Homer Glen. **Get more information here!**
- **Chicagoland Lithuanians Haunted Oak 5K - Sunday, October 27**. Run for those who can't. The day includes a kids' run and promises fun for the whole family. Everyone gets a medal and all proceeds go to UPC-Center for Disability Services in Joliet. **REGISTER HERE!**

### ADDITIONAL NEWS

#### News from the Environmental Committee

- Check out the September Rotary Magazine, page 45. There's a picture of some of our District Rotarians with Monarch Train when it stopped in Bensenville. The article is titled: "The Lazy Gardeners Guide."
- The Shedd Aquarium has environmental service activities for clubs to participate in called Shedd Aquarium Action Days. Use this **LINK** to check it out and let Mary Onorad know if your club decides to participate.

Exchange alumnae and new Rotarian Julieta Del Toro speaking at my Installation about how RYE transformed her into a global citizen who is capable of effecting positive change in our world today.

With school back in session, now is a great time to strengthen and grow Rotary's outstanding youth programs focused on service, leadership development and peacebuilding. To support or get involved in these programs, please reach out to their District Committee Chairs:

- Interact Clubs: [Kanayo Odeluga](#)
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA): [Bill Zerinskas](#)
- Rotary Youth Exchange: [Cheri Vana](#) or [Aleta Williams](#)

#### Welcome Ascension Rotaract Network Conference 2024!



It was a great

opportunity for District 6450 Rotaractors and Rotarians to connect, learn and grow with young leaders from North American and worldwide on August 9-10 in Chicago. Chicago Rotaractor Dennis Evashenk was recognized for his significant contributions.

#### Rotary Foundation District Grant Funds Coming Soon

Our grant for club projects and some district-led projects has been submitted for Rotary Foundation approval. Once approved, the funds for club projects will be distributed. We also have opportunities for clubs to apply for additional project funds for environmental service, cards for seniors and local disaster response. Please see District News for details. The service project funds are supported by our donations to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund-SHARE. Please [Donate Here](#).

#### Together We Are Growing Rotary

The Magic of Rotary is in our membership. We are continuing progress towards our goal to be an IRRESISTIBLE DISTRICT by forming at least 4 new clubs (traditional, satellite, caused-based, Rotaract, etc.) and achieving a net membership increase of at least 100 or more this Rotary year. **Since July 1, we have grown by 33 members overall and welcomed 1 new club!**

I encourage you to invite a friend, a colleague or someone new in your community to discover the magic of Rotary for themselves.

Together we are People of Action making The Magic of Rotary happen!

Yours in Rotary,

Rachel Ossyra  
District Governor  
Rotary International District 6450

- Environmental Service grants will be available again this year. More information will be in the October newsletter, so start planning your projects.

A poster for a 'CHICAGOLAND VETERANS Coat Drive &amp; Stand Down' event. The poster features a large American flag on the left side. At the top right, it says 'Rotary District 6450'. Below that, it says 'HELP US SERVE OUR VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED US!' followed by three stars. The main title 'CHICAGOLAND VETERANS' is in large blue letters, and 'Coat Drive &amp; Stand Down' is in large red cursive letters. Below the title, it lists collection goals: 'Collect new or gently used Men's Winter Coats sizes M through 5XL', 'Collect new Men's Winter Hats and Gloves', and 'Volunteer at Humboldt Park Armory on Set Up Day or Stand Down Day in November (dates TBA)'. At the bottom, it provides contact information: 'CLUBS COLLECTING COATS, HATS OR GLOVES SHOULD CONTACT PAT MERRYWEATHER OR MARY DOUGHERTY TO COORDINATE PICK UP OR DELIVERY TO REEBIES STORAGE IN LATE OCTOBER'.

#### Important News About Your Club?

Send it to [office@rotary6450.org](mailto: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.

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District Administrator