



District 6450 Headline News



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ADDITIONAL NEWS



Don't forget to support Polio Plus by buying your **Popcorn for Polio** during October. 50% of all sales will go to Polio Plus. The current campaign runs through noon on October 14 and the next one will start at noon on October 18. Use [this link](#) to order today. New links will be created for the other

campaigns.

World Polio Day – There are lots of events going on to acknowledge World Polio Day on October 24. Check out the District Events and Club Events for what's going on and register to attend today.

Veterans Stand Down Day Coat Drive – Collect new or gently used men's coats in medium to 5XL and drop off at Reebie's in Naperville. Needs and drop off dates and times can be [found here](#).

District Shirts and Sweatshirts – We'll be offering District Wear in a new design – t-shirts, hoodies, & zip hoodies - starting at the GRANTS EXTRAVAGANZA on October 26. Watch for the pre-order link in a few days or you can pay on site.

RYLA – 64 high school students, 10 Rotarian chaperons & facilitators, the Outdoor Wisconsin Leadership School, and beautiful weather combined to make a great RYLA weekend. Thank you to all the clubs who sponsored students and the countless number of Rotarians who support the program. Check out our amazing group of 2024 RYLarians.



District Calendar Update 10-14-24

DISTRICT EVENTS

- **World Polio Day Gathering - Aurora – Thursday, October 24, 5:30-7pm.** Join Rotary District 6450 and the Rotary Club of Aurora United for an End Polio Now event in Aurora featuring Past RI Vice President Pat Merryweather and an infectious disease specialist as keynote speakers. Cost is \$25 and pizza, beer, wine, water & dessert will be provided. Space is limited, so [Register Now](#)
- **World Polio Day Gathering – Chicago – Thursday, October 24, 5:30-7pm.** Join Rotary District 6450 and Polio Plus Chair Eve Green for an End Polio Now event in Chicago at Half Sour featuring Rotarian Dr. KK Odeluga. Cost is \$25 and heavy appetizers will be served. [Register Now](#)
- **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 – Thursday & Friday, November 7 & 8.** Hold a coat drive in your area and collect medium to 5XL and larger new or gently used coats plus men for distribution. For more information and to volunteer for set up and distribution, [CLICK HERE](#).
- **2025 Rotary International Convention, Calgary, Canada** Keep an eye out for a new information page on the district website which will be up soon. For more information on the convention, hotels and tours from District Convention Chair Barry McKeown [CLICK HERE](#).

CLUB EVENTS

- **Chicago Lakeview Pints for Polio – Join Chicago Lakeview for a beverage of your choice as they travel throughout the north side of Chicago to raise money for End Polio Now. Keep an eye on their [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) to see the next stop on the Pints for Polio tour.**
- **Naperville After Dark Halloween Spooktacular Trivia Night – Thursday, October 24.** Join Naperville After Dark for its 4th annual trivia night. For more information and to sign up [CLICK HERE](#).

IMPORTANT UPDATES

- Rotary Zones 33 & 34 cover the Rotary districts in the areas devastated by Hurricane Helene. If you would like to help the hurricane victims, they have set up a fund for donations. There may be an opportunity later for collection of goods most needed in the affected areas. Get more information and [DONATE HERE!](#)
- **Website Updates** – we are adding more content to the website to keep you better informed and to give you more resources.
 - Check out the new [Disaster Relief Page](#)
 - Special District Grants Funds are now available – go to the new [Service Project Grants](#) page for more information.
 - Want to get involved in a Global Grant? There are Rotary clubs around the world looking for international partners for their global grants. We started a new [Global Grants Clearinghouse](#) page to help you find opportunities to get involved.
 - Are you interested in how the rules of Rotary International are formed? Keep up to date on the Council on Legislation and Council on Resolutions information on [this new page](#).
- **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!](#)
- **Norridge-Harwood Heights Bingo Night – Tuesday, October 29.** Join Norridge-Harwood Heights Rotary at the Goat Village Bar for Bingo! For more information [CLICK HERE](#).
- **Woodridge Rotary Magical Holiday Gala – Wednesday, December 4, 6pm at Bobak’s Signature Events.** Join Woodridge Rotary at their annual holiday gala in support of NAMI DuPage. For more information, check out their [WEBSITE](#).

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.

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