

ROTARY District 6490

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SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES

District Governor, Heather Stoa



Thank you to the Rotarians of District 6490 for your service, dedication, and commitment to Rotary during 2021-2022. You have persevered and given back to our clubs and communities during uncertain times.

Thank you to all who have served in leadership positions. Our clubs and district are stronger because of your guidance, creativity, and collaboration. Although

Rotary has been around since 1905, our organization remains as vibrant and necessary now as it was 117 years ago. We have the ability to make Rotary work for us with new ideas and connections as we imagine our future.

Thank you for your generosity in giving your time and your dollars to support local activities; to Empower Girls; to fight polio and malaria; to enable The Rotary Foundation to provide funding for District Grants, Global Grants, Scholarships, and Peacebuilding; and to assist in the establishment of a District 6490 Rotary Foundation account at the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation.

Thank you for meeting the challenges of the flood in Gibson City, hurricanes in Louisiana and Haiti, tornadoes in

Kentucky, and the war in Ukraine. Wherever assistance is needed around the globe, Rotarians provide aid and care.

Thank you for putting the "International" in Rotary International. It is gratifying to see clubs touching lives through 100 in 100 projects in Mexico; Global Grants in India, Honduras, Mexico, Uganda, Zambia, and Colombia; and club partnerships in The Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, and Haiti.

Thank you for inviting others to join us in Rotary. Since 1910 when Paul Harris' vision was, "To harness the great power of friendship to help do the world's work", Rotarians have recognized the value of fellowship and realized that friendship is the glue that holds our clubs and district together. I ended all of my club visits with lines from the poem, On Friendship, by Khalil Gibran, "In the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures. For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed."

As my year draws to a close, I leave you with another quote from Bengali poet, Rabindranath Tagore, "I slept and I dreamed that life is joy. I woke and I saw that life is all service. I served, and I saw that service is joy." It has been an honor to share Rotary with each of you.

In Friendship and in Rotary Service,
Heather Stoa

Make New Friends Around the World

The Rotary International Board has designated June as "Rotary Fellowships Month" to recognize the importance of international fellowship and good will among Rotarians with similar recreational interests, vocations, and health and medical issue-oriented interests, to promote increased participation in fellowships and increase understanding of this program. The RI Board encourages fellowships groups to celebrate through projects, activities, and events.

June Is Rotary Fellowship Month!

Dates to Remember...

June 23 – Assistant Governors, 4:30 Zoom

June 26 – Club and District Installation, 4:30 I Hotel Champaign

June 30 – Applications due for Avenues of Service Awards

June 30 – Final Reports for District Grants Due



District Governor Elect Connie Walsh invites Rotarians and Guests to the

2022-23 Rotary Club and District 6490 Installation

2021-22 Awards Ceremony

District Governor Heather Stoa

**I Hotel and Conference Center
1900 South First Street
Champaign, IL 61820**

**Sunday, June 26, 2022
4:30 – 7:30 PM**

Tickets for the event are \$40.00 per person, payable by credit card.

Registration closes on Friday, June 17th

Installation of...
Connie Walsh, District Governor
Janet Ellis-Nelson, District Governor-Elect
Mike Martin, District Governor-Nominee
Assistant Governors
District Directors and Committee Chairs
Club Presidents

Business casual • Hors d'oeuvres at 4:30 PM • Cash bar.
Dinner and the Installation Ceremony at 5:30 PM
(Vegetarian Option Available)

CU Sunrise Diaper Drive Project

Working in partnership with the Lodgic Everyday Community in Champaign and the United Way of Champaign County, CU Sunrise's week-long diaper drive collected 15,940 diapers, enough to supply United Way's Bottom Line Diaper Bank for two months.

"The \$900 annual cost of diapers, on top of other rising costs, poses a financial hardship for many families in our community," CU Sunrise Rotary president Darrell Hoemann said. "United Way distributes about 7,000 diapers a month, so there's a definite need for this."

The idea to partner on this project was a natural one, Lodgic managing director Teresa Brown said, particularly because Lodgic works with small children through its Kids Camp.

"Taking care of littles and families is part of our mission," Brown said. "This is a perfect symbiotic relationship."

"When I think of CU Sunrise Rotary, I think of this incredible service organization that, first and foremost, is always thinking of out-of-the-box ways to give back to their community and explore new ideas that might never have been tried before in the realm of, 'Do a little good every day,' which is also Lodgic's mission," Brown said.



Doing Good through The Rotary Foundation

Consider a personal contribution to The Rotary Foundation [HERE](#). It is through the gifts of individual Rotarians that we are able to fund District Grants, Global Grants, PolioPlus, Scholarships and Peacebuilding. Half of the money donated this year to The Rotary Foundation will be available to clubs and the district for use through District Designated Funds (DDF) in the 2024-25 Rotary year. Make your donations before June 30 to ensure credit for giving in the 2021-22 Rotary year. Each of us gives for reasons that have special meaning to us. Find a cause in Rotary that touches your heart, and give to support what we do.

Thank You to Paul Harris Fellows in May and mid-June! We couldn't do what we do without you!

Paul Harris Fellow

Dale Boyer
Sara Larsen
Matt Mathews
Heather Vanmetre
Bonnie Wojnicki

Paul Harris +1

Bob Disbrow
Anne Fleer
Fred McDonald
Rachel Moran
Laura Retallick
Margaret White

Paul Harris +2

Susan Lochbaum
Kelly Valle Merino

Paul Harris +3

Fred Heilich III
Karen Hanson
Janet Rayfield

Paul Harris + 4

Larry Kanfer
Julie Payne
Rita Schulte
Paul Harris +7
Judy Greene
Mark Sorensen
AJ Thoma III

\$250,000 Challenge for the District 6490 Rotary Foundation Account

Tuscola Rotarian Rick Davidson has issued a matching \$250,000 Bequest Challenge to Rotarians and friends in District 6490! Rick is asking others to leave a legacy that can be used by our district in the future.

The newly established District 6490 Rotary Foundation Account is able to receive gifts, bequests, and donations of money, securities and property in support of the charitable objects and aims of Rotary District 6490 to fund local and larger Rotary projects, to assist with disaster response, and to honor and memorialize friends and family, and to leave a legacy. For assistance with donations of Securities, Life Insurance, Estates/Farmland, Required Minimum Distributions from IRA Charitable Accounts, and Bequests, please contact the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation staff [HERE](#), 309-662-4477.

A gift to the District 6490 Rotary Foundation Account is a thoughtful way to honor or memorialize a special person.

Once sufficient funds have been received the district committee will review and approve distributions of the District 6490 Rotary Foundation Account. Contributions fill the gap between projects of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and projects that are too costly for clubs to fund on their own. Applications for grants are available on the [District Website](#).

If clubs would like more information or a short program on the District 6490 Rotary Foundation Account, contact Heather Stoa, Rick Davidson, Arlene Pennie, Surinder Sethi, or Connie Walsh.

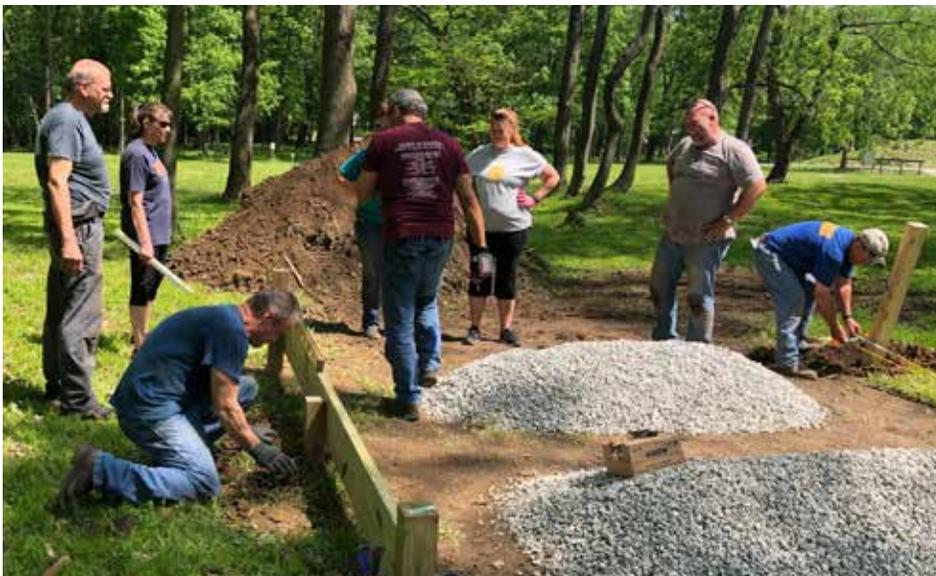
Decatur Rotary Day of Service

Saturday, May 14, members of the Rotary Club of Decatur #180 provided a Day of Service at Decatur Area Baby TALK. Tasks ranged from putting together food baskets for local families, assembling and installing Rotary benches and curbside lending libraries, labeling books donated to Baby TALK by Rotary and so much MORE! We are grateful for all of our members who commit themselves to service right here in our community!



Effingham Sunrise Rotarians Construct a Bocce Court

The project was completed by Lake Sara using funds from a District Grant



PolioPlus Update

Ten cases of polio have been reported in 2022: eight in Pakistan, one in Afghanistan, and one in Mozambique.

Make a donation to end polio [HERE](#).

5 REASONS WHY WE MUST ERADICATE POLIO

1 YOUR GIFT WILL IMPROVE LIVES.

Today, 19 million people who would otherwise be paralyzed by polio are walking, and 1.5 million people who would otherwise have died are alive.

2 YOUR GIFT WILL INVEST IN THE FUTURE.

If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year. A polio-free world will be a healthier world for children everywhere.

3 YOUR GIFT WILL IMPROVE CHILD HEALTH.

Polio surveillance networks and vaccination campaigns also monitor children for other health problems, like vitamin deficiency and measles, so we can address them sooner.

4 YOUR GIFT WILL LOWER HEALTH CARE COSTS.

The global effort to eradicate polio has already saved more than \$27 billion in health care costs since 1988, and expects to save \$14 billion more by 2050.

5 YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE HISTORY.

Polio eradication will be one of history's greatest public health achievements, with polio following smallpox to become only the second human disease eradicated from the world.



At the end of the 1980s, more than 350,000 children were paralyzed by polio every year. Today, Rotary and its partners have reduced the incidence of polio by 99.9 percent. However, until we see the last of the poliovirus, eradication efforts need additional funding to:

IMMUNIZE

more than 400 million children against polio every year

IMPROVE

disease surveillance systems to detect any poliovirus in a person or the environment

HIRE

more than 150,000 health workers to go door to door to find every child

Donate now at endpolio.org

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 withing 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

Welcome to New Members

Thank you to their Sponsors!

181 new members have joined clubs in District 6490 during the past eleven months. Invite a friend to join you as we serve to change lives.

Grace Clark, Clinton
Henry Craft, Champaign West
John Danenberger, Normal
Matthew Ertel, Gibson City
Rick Ertel, Gibson City
Vicki Gilbert, Arcola
Timothy Holl, Clinton
Mary Imran, Tuscola
Raymond Lai, Bloomington-
Normal Sunrise
Patrick Mainieri, Bloomington-
Normal Sunrise
Heather Miller, Bloomington-
Normal Sunrise
Josiah Springer, Eureka
Joni Staley, Bloomington-Normal
Sunrise
James Treccia, Newton
Heather Tucker, Hoopeston
Heather Young, Bloomington-
Normal Sunrise
Mary Ann Matthews, Mahomet

Happy Anniversary Rotarians 25+ Years

Savoring the years and celebrating your membership!

Susan Weitekamp, 25
Jane Solon, 26
Gayla McDaniel, 29
John Pratt, 30
Gaye Beck, 31
Keith Palmgren, 31
Perry Rock, 31
Robb Patton, 32

Melanie Mills, 34
Gary Huisinga, 35
Walt Cunnington, 38
Phil Kepp, 43
Dick O'Neill, 47
John Reed, 50
Charles Knox, 58
William Sager, 67



Normal Rotary Presents Awards

At their June 1 meeting, members of the Normal Rotary Club honored two local health care leaders and the former president of ISU for their service to the community.

Rotarian Gordon Bidner presented the Jack Wilz Public Health and Safety Award to Dr. Paul Pedersen and Colleen Kannaday. Paul stepped down in 2021 after 27 years as chief medical officer at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center. Colleen is president of the Carle BroMenn Medical Center.

In accepting the award, Paul noted that local health care workers showed an amazing amount of dedication in dangerous covid conditions. He noted that we are not out of the covid woods yet. He asked Rotarians to talk to people about the benefits of the covid vaccine: With a vaccine you protect yourself, your family members and your community. Vaccination combats the development of new variants and works to prevent overloading of our health care system.

Colleen praised front line health care workers at Carle BroMenn for returning to work day after day despite heartbreaking covid conditions and despite the many unknowns about the disease early in the pandemic.

Mark Jontry presented the Coach Jim Collie Vocational Service Award to Larry Dietz, who retired last year as president of Illinois State University. Mark noted the strength and stability that Larry brought to the university during trying times that included the pandemic, when thousands of students and faculty rushed to implement remote learning. Mark also noted Larry's successful leadership of a fundraising campaign for ISU as well as the respect he has earned from his peers.

Larry said he was accepting the award on behalf of his wife, Marlene, the ISU staff, faculty and alumni. He also noted that ISU enjoyed the cooperation from OSF and from Carle BroMenn as the university and the community navigated the hazards of the pandemic.



Larry Dietz.



Colleen Kannaday, Gordon Bidner and Paul Pedersen.

Refugee Support

The response for assistance for refugees from Rotarians has been incredible! Clubs and districts throughout the US have warmly welcomed Afghan refugees. The Bloomington-Normal Sunset Club is helping Afghans acclimate to life in their community.

Rotarians from around the world have donated more than \$10 million in disaster response funds to The Rotary Foundation following the invasion of Ukraine. Here in our district, the Bloomington-Normal Sunrise Club raised over \$45,000 in less than three weeks to support the Zolotonosha Youth Center in Zolotonosha, Ukraine as the center helps with food and medical care for those fleeing conflict in the southern and eastern parts of the country.

Rotary International is working with the US government through Welcome.US to provide opportunities, resources, and support to refugees through partnerships with Rotarians, clubs, and communities.

[Watch a webinar on May 11th detailed how Rotarians can assist.](#)

Welcome.US is developing a full-country response to mobilize 100,000 Americans to sponsor Ukrainian families. With the support and service of Rotary members, and other Americans, Rotary can help meet that goal to welcome Ukrainians fleeing the war in their country. The initiative also supports families who have fled conflict in Afghanistan.

Rotary members and/or their clubs anywhere in the United States who are interested in sponsoring Afghan or Ukrainian families can find information about getting involved using the links below:

- To sponsor an Afghan family and/or spread the word to your network about the [Sponsor Circle Program](#).
- To sponsor a Ukrainian family and/or the word to your network about this opportunity to support Ukrainian refugees, please review the resources found on the [Ukraine Hub](#).
- If Rotarians and clubs are interested in sponsoring or supporting refugees, additional information may be found at:
- [Rotary responds to Ukraine crisis webpage](#)
- [Rotary Action Group for Refugees, Forced Displacement and Migration webpage](#).
- [Presentation from Welcome.US](#)
- Answers to questions posed during the webinar are attached [HERE](#)

Central's Interact Club Hosts Carnival

Central's Interact Club also collaborated with area high schools Academy High, University Laboratory High School and Centennial High School on April 30th to host a community carnival. There was a volleyball tournament in which eleven teams of six competed, as well as a bake sale, raffles, and family friendly games. The carnival raised around \$2000 for the Eastern Illinois Foodbank, an organization that exists to alleviate hunger in eastern Illinois by providing a reliable source of food for the hungry.”

A bake sale at the event helped raise money for Austin's Place, a local women's shelter. There were seven teams of four to six participants and they raised exactly \$686.



REGISTRATION

**Hoopeston Rotary 27th Annual Golf Benefit
Friday, July 29, 2022
Hubbard Trail Country Club**

Cost: \$50.00 per player

(Members of HTCC will be charged \$40.00)

Package includes: Cart, Green Fee, Tee Favors, Picnic Lunch

And loads of fun.

Lunch at 11:30

Shotgun Start 8:00 am & 1:00 pm

Mulligans available, \$5.00 each or 4 for \$15.00 Limit - 8 per team

Cash Awards for Peoria Handicap and Scratch

1st place team

2nd place team

Many other prizes will be given!!!

Yes, I want to participate in Hoopeston's Rotary Golf Benefit.

The names of the participants in our foursome are

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Make checks payable to Hoopeston Rotary Club

And mail to Hoopeston Rotary Club

P.O. Box 212 Hoopeston, IL 60942