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District 6450 Headline News

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Information Every Club in District 6450 Can Use

Comments from Governor Ade

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month!

What is your Rotary Club doing to focus your efforts on Disease Prevention and Treatment?

Disease prevention and treatment take on many forms, from supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and sanitation infrastructure. The world relies on Rotary to tackle these global challenges and set an example for others.

Imagine Together Rotary; we heal the world. This month, learn more about Rotary's impact on Disease Prevention and Treatment. The Rotary Foundation, through clubs, supports many programs that contribute to healthy and peaceful communities. Here is a link to what we do with grants and the clubs' roles. <https://rotaryclubpos.org/stories/december-is-disease-prevention-treatment-month>

In this season of thanksgiving, I share the following with you about blessings. ***'If your blessing is wealth, Share it. If your blessing is health, Take care of it. If your blessing is talent, Use it. If your blessings are people, Love them.'***

District Committees are accepting members – The district has many openings on our various committees. Serving on committees is an opportunity for you to engage in Rotary. Join a district committee and learn more about Rotary International. I implore you to share your talent while honing your leadership abilities and expanding your knowledge. Inquire about the following committees: Membership, Training, DEI, Interact & Youth Services, Youth Exchange, Mental Health, Community Services, Environmental and Public Image.

District Technology Chair – We are looking for an individual responsible for creating a committee to support clubs with technology platforms with innovative options for programs and meetings.

15 December – Last day for early registration discount for the Rotary International Convention *'Sharpen your leadership skills, get inspired with new ideas, and learn from others at a breakout session in Melbourne, Australia, 27-31 May 2023. Register before 15 December for the early-registration discount.'* – My Rotary.

23 December – Black Village Foundation will be giving away 5,000 toys and hosting a winter wonderland! You can volunteer, collect and donate funds or toys for the annual **Christmas Toy Giveaway**. Imagine Santa's village on the Westside of Chicago, with hot cocoa stands, a play area, free food, a Christmas train, etc. The event attracts news coverage, and thousands of people participate.

You may screen a video of last year's event: <https://www.cbsnews.com/chicago/news/west-garfield-park-toy-giveaway/>

Rotary Clubs would help with either buying/gathering toys (ideally need about 1,500-2,000 toys) or helping cover the food trucks for 2,500 people. **Volunteers are needed.** The **Christmas Miracle on the Westside** event is scheduled for **December 23**, starting at 10 am.

I urge you to continue to **track your service hours and share a showcase** of your work with Rotary and your community.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Ade Onayemi

District Events

- **UMANA Fundraiser - Winter Wishes for Ukraine, Saturday, December 3rd, 6:00 - 9:00 pm.** District 6450 has been partnering with UMANA to send medical equipment to Ukraine for the last few months thanks to a \$400,000 Disaster Grant through The Rotary Foundation. This Saturday, December 3, UMANA is holding a fundraiser to raise additional capital for more medical help and

generators for displaced Ukraine citizens. [Register Here](#) or visit their [Facebook page](#) for more information.

- [Update your membership in DACdb or MyRotary before December 31st](#). Don't forget to run the RI Integration between the 2 systems. It's also time to get your president designated for the next Rotary year. For help contact Linda Yates at yates.linda@sbcglobal.net.
- [The District 6450 Environmental Committee](#) is looking for your suggestions for a District-wide volunteer day of service in the Spring. Tree planting? Park Cleanup? All suggestions are welcome! If you have a suggestion or would like to join the Environmental Committee, please email District Environmental Committee Chair Manon Crowley at manoncrowley@gmail.com.
- [Environmental matching grant applications](#) are still being accepted for the Rotary year 22-23. These grants are available in amounts between \$50 to \$200 to be matched by the club for earth-related projects. While we have promoted the protection of pollinators these past two years, the grant can be used for any project that protects, enhances, or renews our environment. [Click for Application](#) (if you receive an error message [click here](#) then select File, Download)

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Club Events

- [Youth Exchange Holiday Party, Sunday, December 4th, 2:00 pm](#). Want to meet our current inbound youth exchange students and the ones preparing to go out next year? Join them at the Youth Exchange Holiday Party hosted by the Rotary Club of Western Springs this Sunday at 2pm, Western Springs Village Club, 4221 Lawn Ave, Western Springs.
- [Tinley Park - Frankfort Rotary presents Snack and Chat with the Grinch, Saturday, December 17th, 9:00 - 11:00 am](#). Tinley Park High School, 6111 W. 175th St., Tinley Park IL 60477. [Click for More Information & Registration](#)
- [Rotary Club of Chicago Citywide Service 2023 Uganda Service Project trip to Kabale Uganda, February 10th-23rd, 2023](#). [Click for More Information](#)

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