

ROTARACT 5050

The official newsletter of Rotaract District 5050



Rotaract Facts

**10,698
ROTARACT CLUBS**

**203,298
ROTARACTORS**

**180 COUNTRIES
WORLDWIDE**

International Change Makers

"50% AMERICAN, 50% CANADIAN, 100% ROTARIAN"

Welcome to the first Rotaract newsletter of the 2020/2021 Rotary year! We are so excited to be able to share everything that our clubs are up to this year and things that we have done over the past few months. There are many new things in the works for the Rotaract clubs and Rotaractors of District 5050. We hope that you stay tuned and keep up with all that we have going on this year, it's going to be a great one! There will be a new edition of our newsletter each quarter, so keep an eye out for that as it's published!

We are proud to be Rotaractors of District 5050, bordering Canada and the USA has given us great opportunities to work together for a joint goal of making a difference and having fun while doing it. We hope throughout this newsletter you see our passion, our hard work and are inspired to work alongside us. We are all Rotarians and together we can change the world!



A Message from the DRR's

JAYMEE LYNN & BILLY HAGER

It is with great honour that we get to work alongside each other this 2020/2021 year of Rotary. Both of us have been greatly involved with Rotaract especially after attending RYLA and have found so much joy in working within our clubs and district and giving back to our communities.

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We are very excited to see and be a part of so many changes this year within Rotaract 5050. Rotaractors are very active all across the district, leadership roles have been taken on within the district, and we are so excited to have them be a part of district committees. As well, the Rotaract task force has been implemented to create resources, documents and training for our clubs. We are so proud to be a part of a district with so many amazing individuals.

This year we hope to do our best to serve the many clubs throughout the district and hope to foster growth on the US side. We have begun implementing monthly socials in order to maintain cross-club socialization. Especially during this time when we are not able to meet together in-person. We are working hard to continue getting this newsletter out each quarter of this year and keeping everyone updated on rotaract in our district. This will be a great year despite COVID and we hope that you enjoy keeping up with us in District 5050 and all that we do!



A Message from the DRC

PHOENIX MACLAREN

The first three months of the Rotary year have just flown by and Rotaract in our district has been busier than ever. I am so excited to see where we go from here. While COVID has changed our realities, it has not impacted our ability to do good in the world. Rather, we have just adapted how we do service.

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As the District Rotaract Chair I help support the growth and development of Rotaract, am a voice for Rotaractors on the District board, and am focusing on implementing sustainable structure for years to come. At a district level, we have been busy with updating our website, connecting members and clubs, and expanded our impact by having more Rotaractors than ever before take on leadership roles beyond their club. Along with my roles, we have two Rotaractors serving on Rotaract Canada's team, one serving as a director for Big West Rotaract, nine serving on the task force, two serving on the membership committee, two on the communications committee, and of course our DRRs. We are also going to be adding two Rotaractors to the district training committee.

Our task force is up and running, working on providing greater structure and resources for the future. We are looking at partnerships with 5040 and 5030 to solidify our relationships with our closest neighbours.

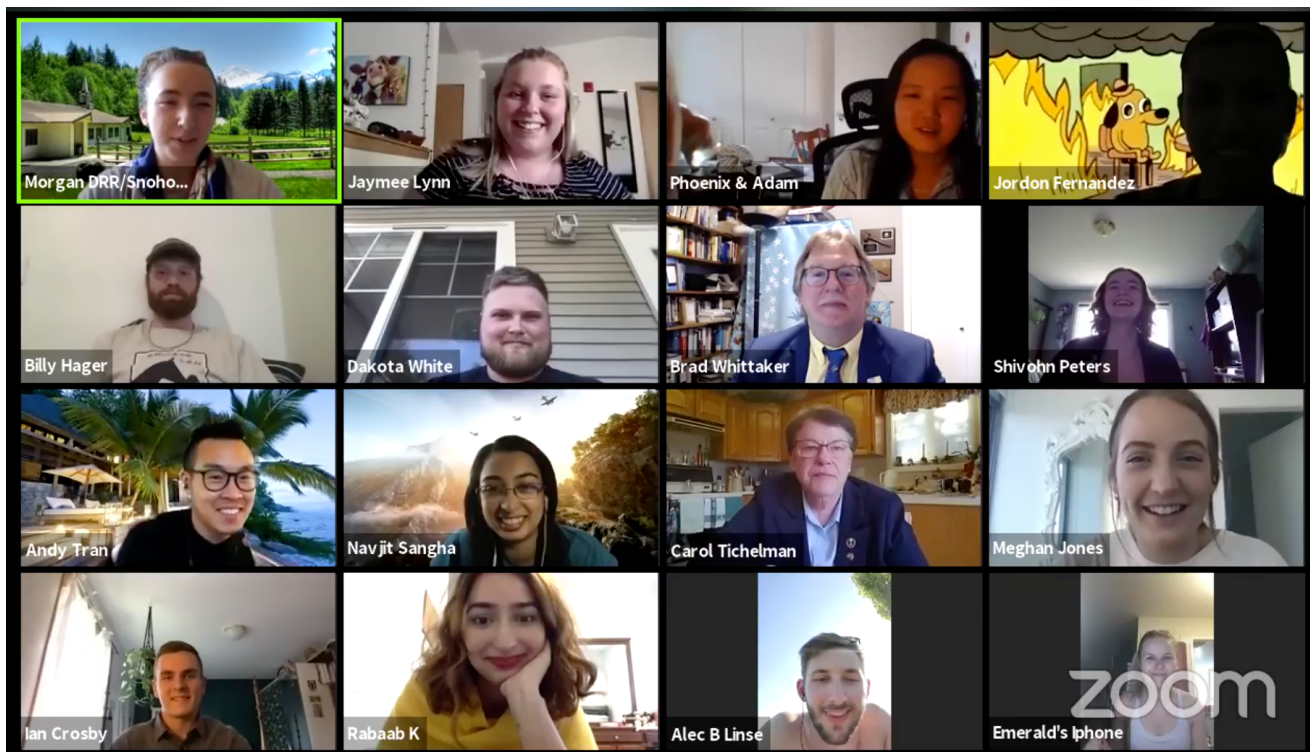
It's an exciting time for Rotaract. Feel free to reach out if you or your club ever wants to learn more about what we're doing.

District Installation 2020/21

VIRTUAL CELEBRATIONS IN THE STRANGEST TIMES

The 2019/2020 Rotary year sure came with its fair share of surprises, but that didn't stop us from getting together to celebrate a new Rotary year in July. We started off our evening acknowledging some amazing projects done by the clubs within our district during the past year. Including the district trip to Guatemala, adopting a stream, Christmas hampers, 12 days of kindness, invasive species cleanups, RotarX, ribfest, sock drives, and many more! We were able to split off into smaller groups and play some icebreaker games and catch up with some other faces we may not have seen in a while or meet for the first time. PDG Brad Whittaker and DG Carol Tichelman joined us to be a part of our installation, and Carol installed all of our new boards for each club in the district with an inspiring speech.

We are so lucky that we were able to celebrate the installation of all 9 of our club boards. Before each club article in the newsletter you will find a list of the boards for each club as well as contact info. At each installation for the past 4 years we have recognized an individual from each club (nominated by their president) to receive an award and a \$50 donation to End Polio Now in their name. The following names are the Rotaractors that received the awards this year: Shivohn Peters, Anabelle Gagnon, Ryan Scott, Emily Ell, Alec Linse, Reece Carpenter, Stephanie Chang, and Tanya Vanpraseuth. Thank you to these Rotaractors for all that they do! Overall, virtual installation may not have been what we are used to but it was definitely a great night. It was awesome being together virtually and celebrating the new Rotary year!



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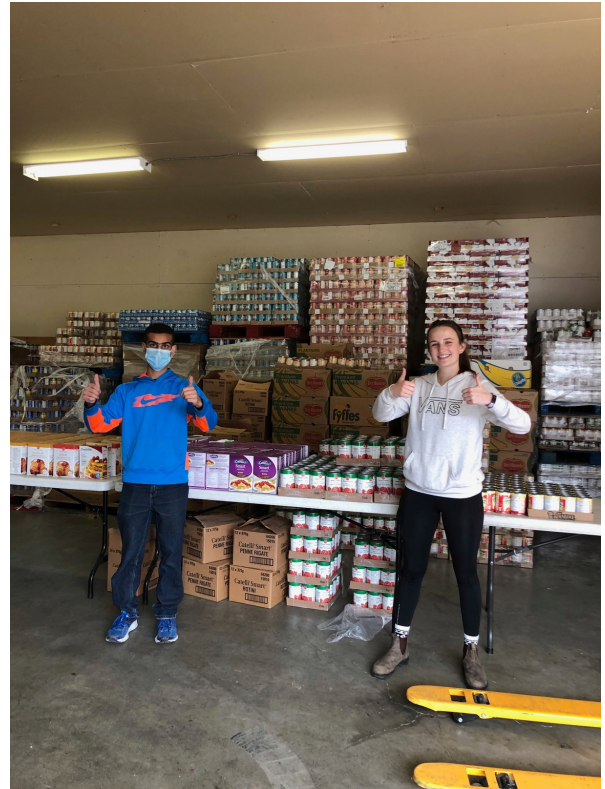
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Chilliwack-Fraser Rotaract Club

"WE STRIVE TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE CHANGE, EDUCATE, AND EMPOWER THOSE AROUND US THROUGH ACTIONS THAT EMBODY SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

The past couple months have looked quite different than planned for the Chilliwack-Fraser Rotaract club. Moving into the new Rotary year, we had planned to volunteer and work mainly in our community and the surrounding areas. Unfortunately, like many of the Rotary and Rotaract clubs, the majority of our opportunities fell through as restrictions were put in place. The recovery from this quick change was difficult and we are still working through it, but the club has remained optimistic! We have continued our work with stream testing with the Waterwealth Project, remained active in communicating with our local Rotary clubs, welcomed two new satellite members, and had a successful corn fundraiser. In the next couple months we plan to have a canned food drive on Halloween, sell poinsettias during the Christmas season, achieve our goal of sponsoring two family hampers through the Salvation Army, and support the Rotary Clubs in their endeavours however we can. As a newer club, our learning curve has changed dramatically as we adjust to the new COVID-19 norm. However, the Chilliwack-Fraser Rotaract Club is committed to helping our community and improving the world around us!



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Tri-Cities Rotaract Club

"THREE CITIES. ONE MISSION. CREATING CHANGE. TAKING ACTION."



The Tri-Cities Rotaract Club has been operating since chartering in 2013. Representing the three beautiful cities of Port Moody, Port Coquitlam, and Coquitlam. We have been volunteering throughout all three of these cities since we started. We have held many events from pub nights, bottle drives, paws for a cause, high tea, dodgeball, and even held a gala to raise funds for a trip to Guatemala. This past year has been full of curveballs, after taking a break while most of our members were busy with school and work, we came back together and restructured our club in a way that works best for us. We have unofficial titles but we all work together as a group to organize ourselves, our meetings and socials as well. COVID-19 threw us even more of a curveball when we were no longer able to meet in person, but we have continued to meet virtually when it worked best for us. We were able to donate to our local foodbanks early on during COVID-19, celebrated a new Rotary year virtually with our Rotaract community at installation, and had a club social in August. We are really looking forward to some of the new changes happening within our district and hope to continue working hard to giving back to our communities.

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Semiahmoo Peninsula Board 2020/21

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Semiahmoo Peninsula Rotaract Club

"TAKE THE LEAD, TO FILL THE NEED."

During these unprecedented times, the Semiahmoo Peninsula Rotaract Club made a goal to continue making a positive impact in the community where safe and possible. The club did this by starting a grocery delivery project. The objective of this project was to shop for and deliver grocery hauls to the elderly, immunocompromised, and anyone unable to do this act for themselves. Most attention was on the senior community to maintain a specific focus on doing what we could to keep the most vulnerable and most at risk people around us safe. An immense amount of traction was received around this project! With a Facebook post that reached over 12,000 people in the span of just one week, we were able to get a steady flow of orders and many people counting on us to deliver their groceries weekly.

In total, over 45 deliveries were made by the club in a span of 11 weeks! Overall this project was a huge success for the club and touched the lives of many who have been affected by COVID-19. One of our club members April commented on her involvement: "I had a meaningful experience being able to take part in this initiative. We started this project during a time when the grocery stores were booked full of deliveries for months in advance, so when people were made aware of what we were doing, they were so appreciative and kindhearted." As a whole the club enjoyed our project and are looking forward to the next big one!

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Fraser Valley Board 2020/21

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Fraser Valley Rotaract Club

"WE CONNECT TO MAKE AN IMPACT WITHIN OUR LOCAL AND GLOBAL COMMUNITIES THAT WILL INFLUENCE POSITIVE GROWTH, THROUGH NETWORKING AND SERVICE ABOVE SELF."

Recently with COVID-19 limiting face to face contact we have been meeting online, which is going very well for our club. We were even able to meet for a socially distanced park clean up at Grant Park in Abbotsford. As well, members from our club participated in the Heart and Stroke virtual ride, because we could not do their Big Bike Ride this year. Finally, we did five weeks of online auctions in support of our local Food Banks. For our upcoming project we are excited to bring back our calendar fundraiser! To kick off the fundraiser, we are holding a photo contest for the calendar images. The theme of the calendar is "Rotary Areas of Focus," we are looking for photos that represent Rotarian experiences within the areas of focus.

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CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

IN SUPPORT OF THE  STARFISH PACK



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Snohomish County Rotaract Club

It's been a new kind of summer for Snohomish County Rotaract. The pandemic has challenged us to serve our community and share fellowship with one another in new ways. In the past, our club has attended minor league baseball games, volunteered with Everett-Port Gardner Rotary at the Evergreen State Fair, and held weekly meetings at the best Fro-Yo place in Marysville. For the summer of 2020, these activities have been either completely out of the question or collectively frowned upon. So instead we've focused our efforts on activities and projects that favor outdoor exposure. In early August we completed our main summer project which this year was a gardening supplies giveaway. We collected donations from local nurseries and co-ops, and prepared kits which included vegetable and herb seed packets along with 1-gallon containers of planting-ready soil. Our goal was to provide members of our community with the necessary materials to begin and/or further their home gardens. Altogether we gave away 136 kits. Later in August, we partnered with the Everett Boy's and Girl's Club to distribute more than \$600 in school supplies to kids for the upcoming year. This was a project our club did back in the first year of our charter, and now hopefully each year to come. Given that schools in western Washington will likely be closed for the foreseeable future, with instruction held remotely these supplies are needed now more than ever. On a different note, our club has participated in bi-weekly park cleanups over the summer months, and to our pleasant surprise, have found many of the parks in decent condition. Kudos SnoCo residents! At Snohomish County Rotaract, we believe friendship and fellowship are just as important to our success as service and selflessness. Despite setbacks from the pandemic, Snohomish County Rotaract has remained active and engaged during these summer months.



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Bellingham Rotaract Club

This new year brings a lot of new challenges and opportunities for our club. We are in the process of transitioning to a university based club at Western Washington University, which allows us to use our school's marketing and outreach resources to expand our club and open up more doors for getting involved. We have also partnered with the Bellingham Bay Rotary Club to start up a mentorship program between Rotaracters and Rotarians.



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We hope that by the time school comes around we have a strong foundation to encourage new membership and bring a lot of new, beneficial connections to our current club. As crazy as the times are, our small, but amazing group is motivated to stay connected and serve our community. Our future plans include volunteering with other Rotarians for Green Bag, an organization that helps bring food to local food banks. We're also looking to partner with Growing Veterans. Which is an organization that strives to create stronger communities by growing food on the farms in Lynden and Greenbank for donation to the Bellingham food bank. Overall, we have a lot of great ideas and determination to stay involved and are willing to work hard to accomplish new goals. We are excited to see what this year brings for us, our club, and our community!



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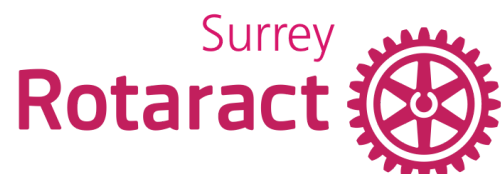
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Surrey Rotaract Club

"WE PROVIDE AN INCLUSIVE PLATFORM FOR YOUNG LEADERS TO BETTER THE COMMUNITIES AROUND US BY BEING MINDFUL OF CHALLENGES, CREATING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS, AND LEADING OR SUPPORTING IMPACTFUL INITIATIVES. WE STRIVE TO DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS, TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER TO BE OUR BEST SELVES, AND TO ENJOY THE WORK THAT WE DO."

Rotaract Club of Surrey, formerly Rotaract Club of Surrey-Newton has been a charter club for 10 years now. We have experienced many levels of service projects and club growth. We have worked on many projects both locally and internationally that has helped and inspired each member. We have served dinner to low income households at a local Church in our community, went to Guatemala to build stoves in rural villages, held a speaker's event called RotarX showcasing the talent of the Rotaract members in our club and district, and we have volunteered at local Rotary Ribfests. During this Covid pandemic, our club has strived to keep our energy going. We have created virtual meetings, started book clubs in light of social and economic situations, and worked together with Rotary clubs to help sand and varnish wooden boxes for the Urban Water Society fundraiser all while be socially distant!



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Oak Harbor Board 2020/21

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Rotaract Club of Oak Harbor



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Oak Harbor Rotaract Club

Due to current events we feel this is a prime opportunity to make some changes and rebrand and restructure the Club. First we would like to thank everyone for their support in our past endeavors. It means a lot to see support from our local community and Rotary Clubs on Whidbey Island. We have recently decided that we are beginning to restructure the club. One of these plans is renaming the club from "Rotaract club of Whidbey Island" to the "Rotaract Club of Oak Harbor." This choice was made in part that our current members are all residents of Oak Harbor, and our new demographic will consist of local members.

Our new target demographic will now be more focused on adult members as we begin transitioning into a social club without being limited. Our primary goal this year is to restructure our club in a manner that benefits all club members and potential members from the community, focusing on a strong social environment. We believe this change will better fit the demographic of Oak Harbor. Again, we are very thankful for everyone's support, and we look forward to a brighter 2020/21 that will allow us to better serve our community. Make sure to keep an eye out for future events and activities!

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Langley Rotaract Club

"DONATING OUR TIME AND EFFORTS TOWARDS PROMOTING CONTINUITY AND PROSPERITY WITHIN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, WHICH IN TURN WILL IMPACT OUR GLOBAL NETWORK."

The Langley Rotaract Club is excited to start our first full year as a club. We now have five official members, all highly dedicated to club activities and helping the community. Our main goal this year is to increase our presence in the community. We plan to accomplish this in a few ways. First, our media coordinator Tanya is planning and already implementing a media campaign to increase awareness of Rotaract, our club, and what we do for our community through Facebook and Instagram posts. Second, we will be continuing to volunteer in the community: environmental clean ups, food bank donations, Christmas Family sponsorships, and more. Third, we are designing hoodies and t-shirts for our members to purchase to increase our club visibility when volunteering in the community. We hope in increasing our presence in the community in these ways, we will find more volunteering opportunities, increase membership, and increase knowledge and interest in Rotaract and Rotary. We are also part of a large fundraising event this fall. The four Rotary Clubs of Langley and the Langley Rotaract Club are launching the Langley Rotary 50/50 Mega Draw. With a possible jackpot of \$100,000, this will be a great fundraiser during a time when most fundraising events have been cancelled. Be prepared to see lots more about this event as it runs from September 8 to November 30 with the draw on December 3. We look forward to announcing the results in the next newsletter.



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