

ROTARACT 5050

The official newsletter of Rotaract District 5050



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**10,698
ROTARACT CLUBS**

**203,298
ROTARACTORS**

**180 COUNTRIES
WORLDWIDE**

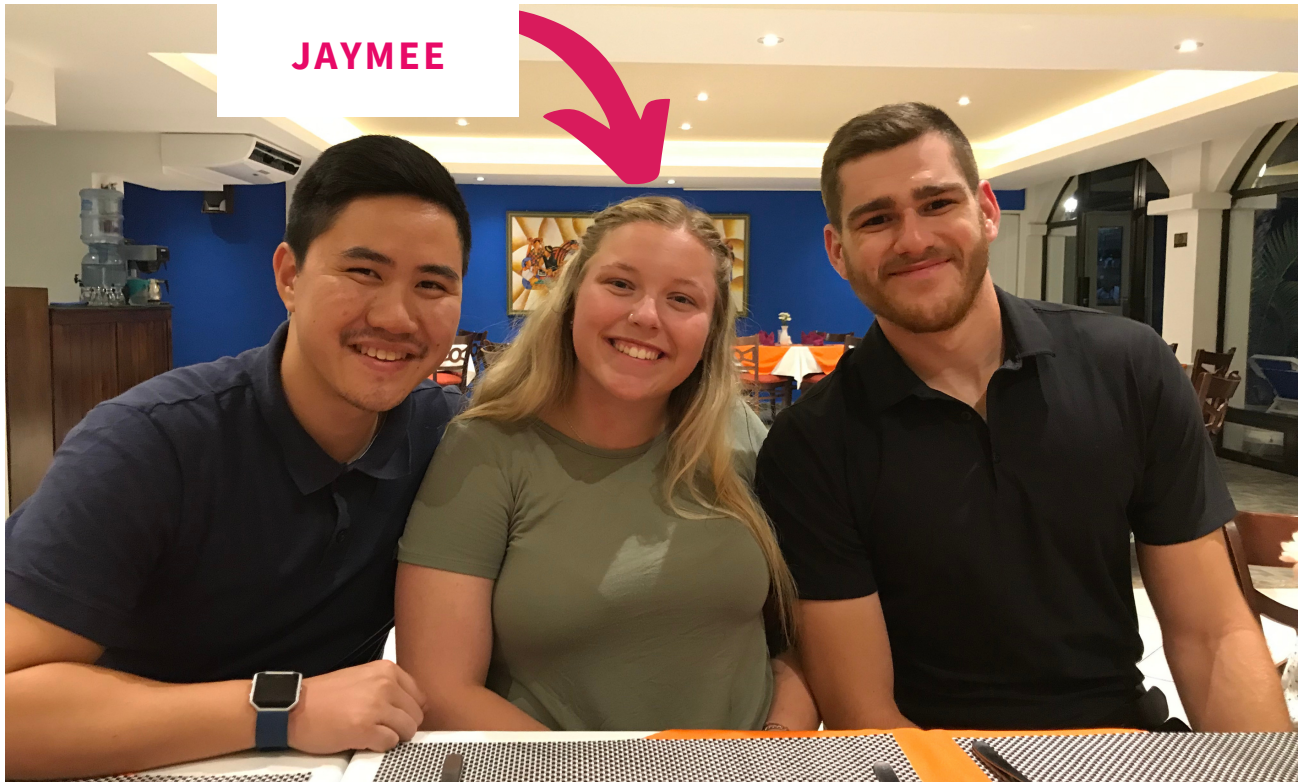
International Change Makers

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

The end is near! We are getting closer to the end of this Rotary year and what a crazy one it has been. Although our clubs haven't been able to get together in-person and experience the fellowship and connection we thrive off of, we have continued to make the best out of it and keep our fellowship growing virtually. We are very much looking forward to being able to get back together in-person and continue all the amazing work that we do. Everything is really looking up these days as both Canada and the United States continue to move forward in vaccination rates and things seemingly return to somewhat normal. Overall we have had a successful year in Rotaract continuing to do what we love. We implemented a Task force, had a virtual installation, held our first ever DRR election, and the list goes on. We can't wait to see what next year brings!

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A message from your Co-DRR

JAYMEE LYNN

I am beyond grateful for everything Rotaract has brought into my life. It has allowed me to find my passion for giving back and also helped guide me into a career that I love and am so proud of. I am eternally grateful for all the people I have met and worked with throughout my rotary journey, and can't wait to continue along my path in Rotary in District 5050. My Rotaract journey started after attending RYLA in 2017, since then I have been a club project chair, club president, facilitator at YAIL, RYIA, RMYIS and RYLA, Co-head facilitator of RYLA, and of YAIL. All of those positions lead me to where I am now as Co-DRR. These past two years were a great honour to serve and work alongside such an incredible group of Rotaractors. I have seen clubs accomplish so much, and continue to stay motivated and involved even throughout a global pandemic. I am so incredibly proud of each and every club in our district.

Over the past two years a few things our district has implemented have been the Rotaract task force, starting this Rotaract newsletter, joining the Rotaract Canada MDIO, and accomplished so many projects and initiatives across the district. We have such an incredible group of Rotaractors in our district! Thank you to every Rotaractor for all that you do.

Two years, two DRR partners, and some incredible memories later I am ready to pass the torch. I can't wait to see where the future of Rotaract in District 5050 leads too especially with it in Lexie and Billy's hands right now! Congratulations again to Lexie, for being voted in as the next Canadian Co-DRR. Here's to the next amazing Rotaract year in District 5050!



The Co-DRR's for 2021-22

BILLY HAGER & LEXIE WYNNE

We held our first ever DRR election in Rotaract District 5050 this year, with Jaymee moving on we needed a fresh face on the Canadian side of our team! Lexie Wynne has been involved with Rotary since she attended YAIL in 2014. Since then she has held multiple positions within Rotaract including club president, vice president, treasurer & secretary. Lexie has also been involved with the SASSY Awards Surrey & has been a facilitator at both RYLA and YAIL and most recently was the AIM by YAIL co-head facilitator. Congratulations Lexie we are so lucky to have you!

Billy has been involved with Rotary since he was young; a generational rotarian, Billy officially joined Rotaract after attending RYLA and has been involved with Rotaract ever since. He has gone on a Rotary Youth exchange, been a facilitator at YAIL and is current club president for Snohomish County Rotaract! Billy & Lexie are going to be a dynamic team and we can't wait to see what they have in store for Rotaract 5050 this coming year!

Chilliwack-Fraser Rotaract Club

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

Wow. The end of another Rotary Year is upon us! An entire year of modified meetings and re-invented projects. Despite all this change, at the Rotaract Club of Chilliwack Fraser we have managed to have a successful year and we finished our last quarter off strong. Since the last newsletter, we have organized two fundraisers and a district social. It is safe to say that our club has acquired quite a green thumb when it comes to fundraising. Throughout the last two years, we have organized a herb sale, a Mother's Day tulip sale, two corn drives, and a winter poinsettia sale. This April, we took on a Spring Plant Sale through the Growing Smiles Campaign facilitated by DeVry greenhouses. Orders were placed online and then delivered by members our club. As a club it is very rewarding to take on more and more of these self-organized projects. We have gotten familiar with the Growing Smiles Campaign and see a partnership with them as a great opportunity for future projects! All proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated to Sardis Secondary Greenhouse. This quarter we also took on a district social/music bingo fundraiser partnered with the Rotary Club of Chilliwack After Hours. This event required club members to search out prize donations, which led to a pretty cool assortment of gift bundles for participants. Proceeds from this event will be put towards the Vedder Elementary breakfast program. Not only did this event support cause that is close to home, but it doubled as our district social! We were happy to be able to host a lively, entertaining, safe event for those to enjoy! As this Rotary Year comes to an end, our club is looking forward to starting another exciting chapter. Till next time!

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PRESIDENT ELECT: Rianna Stiller

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Tri-Cities Rotaract Club

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

The Tri-Cities Rotaract Club is hard at work getting back together to do what we love! We have been meeting over the past few months with the DRR's & DRC to find the best way for us to continue to serve our communities. We are really looking forward to some exciting things coming up. Keep an eye out this coming year for us!



If your interested in learning more about the Tri-Cities Rotaract club, or to find ways that you can help, please email us: drr@rotaract5050.org

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Semiahmoo Peninsula Rotaract Club

"TAKE THE LEAD, TO FILL THE NEED."

These past few months, our club has continued to meet weekly via Zoom! The main project we have been involved in was the rollout of our first Blood Drive. Blood donations are important because they are a critical part of everyday medical care including major surgeries, medical procedures, cancer treatments, and disease management. To encourage other members of our community to donate, we offered a Nike prize basket valued at \$350, which was generously donated. Our winner was Matthew Wynne! Congrats Matthew! For several of the members, it was their first time donating blood. For others like Lexie, it was her 11th time donating! The project inspired Ryan to organize his blood drive with a group of SFU students, Kappa Sigma Colony. Club member Ryan says: "I would encourage everyone to go and donate blood if you are eligible - not only do you learn about your blood type and more, but you can help a community of people that you may not even know needs you." For instance, Ryan learned that he has a rare antibody for Cytomegalovirus (CMV) so his blood is given to Cancer patients.

Whether it is your 1st or your 61st time, know that your donation matters and you are making a difference in people's lives and helping save lives! Go to www.blood.ca or call +1 (886) 239-6483 to book your appointment today!



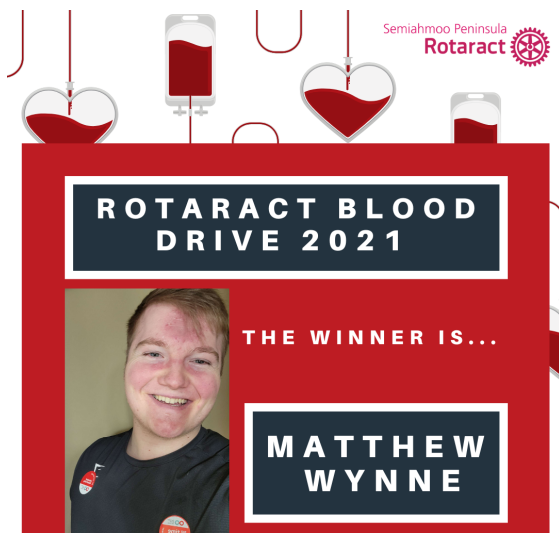
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Rotaract Club of the Fraser Valley

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



It's hard to believe that we're in our last month of the Rotary year. While we did not have the year we wanted, we as a club have experienced a lot of wins. The biggest of them all? Having consistent meetings and being there for our members. Since the last issue, it feels that we have had so many wonderful opportunities presented to us. It's been a few months of collaboration – with our sponsoring clubs, with other Rotaract Clubs, and with Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). In April, we had the privilege of having Brian Rusch speak to our club and share about his Rotary journey. Over the last year we've been proud to partner with both Rotary Clubs in Mission to sponsor the Interact Club of Mission. This club started during the pandemic and has already had a couple of events. The latest project they're working on is an online art auction to support a local community garden. As we look ahead, we cannot wait to see how we serve to change lives – in person!

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Snohomish County Rotaract Club



If your interested in learning more about the Snohomish County Rotaract club, or to find ways that you can help, please email us!



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Bellingham Rotaract Club



The Bellingham Rotaract Club has continued to not let Covid-19 get in the way of making an impact in their community. We started out small but after officially becoming a university club with Western Washington University, we have increased our member count to 9! We have also continued to do small service projects here and there, while still holding virtual meetings twice a month.

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PRESIDENT: Reece Carpenter

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On top of that, our Winter Clothing Drive was a success! We were able to donate 7 large garbage bags full of winter clothing to help Camp 210. In March, our club got to present to multiple Rotary Clubs in Bellingham to share more about what we do and who we are. This was a great opportunity to bridge the gap between Rotary and Rotaract. We hope to continue to build these connections with the Rotary clubs in our area and share projects that help the community. We also were able to collaborate with a Rotaract club in Tunisia to create a video showcasing “The Best of Washington”, and they did the same for their country. This was a fun opportunity to put together and we’re excited for more future collaborative projects with international Rotaract clubs as well as businesses. We hope to continue to make an impact in our community and international relationships through Pure Water for the World to create sanitary latrine stations in Honduras, and work alongside other local non-profits. We also plan to continue growing membership and focus on diversity and inclusion.

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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."

This year was one where we as a club collectively slowed down to allow space for the way this pandemic has impacted and continues to impact everyone's lives. We began to allot a few minutes at the end of every meeting to mindfulness. We played Among Us through the winter months- trying to build a sense of togetherness through our characters running around a spaceship together. We planted trees and then in the midst of the year, one of our members shared that he was interested in sponsoring his friend who is currently living as a refugee (Sikandar) in Indonesia. Since then, we have been rigorously working on bringing Sikandar to Canada. Sikandar has become a part of our club all the way from Indonesia and is working with us to help fundraise and organize so that we are able to successfully complete this project. This project has energized our club and given us an opportunity to build an international community, connect with each other, and put the club's focus on a tangible goal.

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PRESIDENT: Rabaab Khehra

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We are currently planning a park clean up to support RYLA's in-person project and in conjunction with that, we are organizing an in person social to end the year off in community with our greater rotaract community. This year has helped us as a club build greater connection, allowed us to share moments of joy even when things felt difficult, and the club continues to fuel our individual passions for supporting our local and greater international community.



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 Rotary Mega Draw is back! The Langley Rotaract Club and the four Rotary Club of Langley are working together on our second 50/50 Mega Draw. The final Jackpot has been increased, after our great success last fall, to \$250,000, with the potential winnings of \$125,000. Tickets are on sale now until August 15, 2021, with the draw live broadcasted on August 18, 2021. Members of the Langley Rotaract Club are taking a bigger role this year. Sydney is on the Mega Draw committee and continues her role as club liaison and ticket controller. Sydney and Mikayla are on the Marketing Sub-Committee with Mikayla being our club media liaison. All our members will be taking part in the on-site ticket sales so watch out for us at your local Langley stores once provincial protocols allow. We can't wait for a summer of fundraising! All the funds raised from the Langley Rotary Mega Draw go back to the Langley community through our project and support of local beneficiaries. Support Rotary in your local community by purchasing a ticket at www.langleyrotarymegadraw.com.

**Purchase
your ticket**



www.langleyrotarymegadraw.com

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50/50 MEGA DRAW



YOU
COULD
WIN
UP TO

\$125,000
TICKETS FROM \$20

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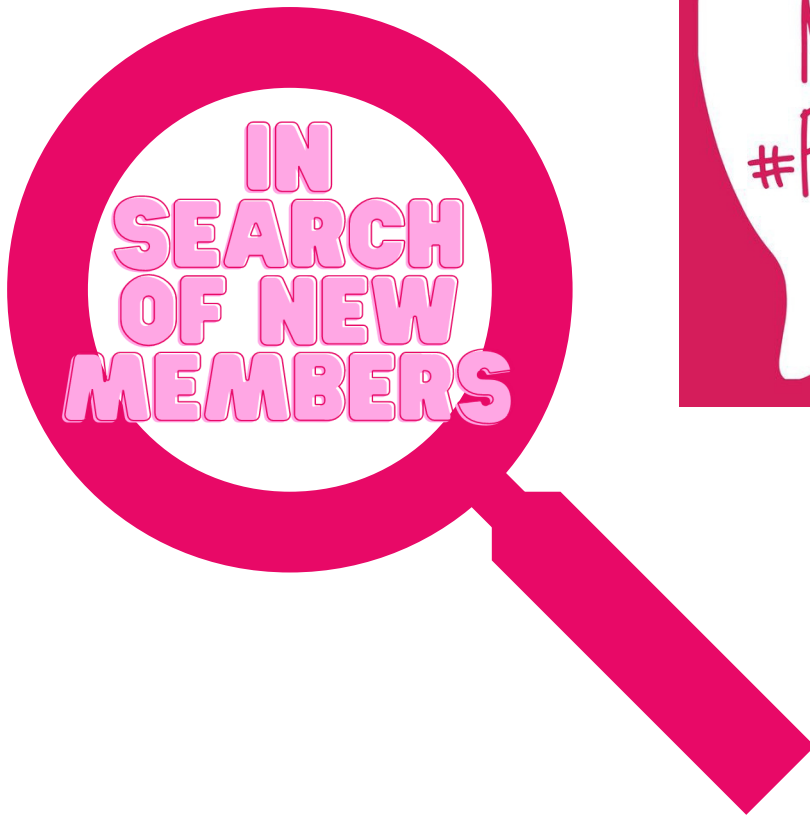
Oak Harbor Rotaract Club

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If your interested in learning more about the Oak Harbor Rotaract club, or to find ways that you can help, please email us:

drd@rotaract5050.org

The Rotaract Club of Oak Harbor is in search of members! If you know anyone in the Oak Harbor area looking for opportunities to give back to their community and engage with like-minded people this is the right place! This club is in need of help and support to get them going. If your Rotary club in the Oak Harbor area is interested in sponsoring this club, or would just like to help this club get going, please reach out.



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Skagit Valley Rotaract Club

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Sponsoring Rotary Clubs:

Anacortes

La Conner

Mount Vernon

Sedro Woolley

The Skagit Valley Rotaract club originally formed and chartered in 2017, since then the club unfortunately became dormant. This year a goal of the Rotaract 5050 leadership team was to bring back and revive the Skagit Valley club, and so far we are off to a good start. With meetings and conversations happening with sponsoring Rotary clubs, we are hopeful that the future looks bright for the Skagit Valley Rotaract Club.



If your interested in learning more about the forming of the Skagit Valley Rotaract club, or to find ways that you can help, please email us: drd@rotaract5050.org.

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