

ROTARACT 5050

The official newsletter of Rotaract District 5050



Rotaract Facts

**10,698
ROTARACT CLUBS**

**203,298
ROTARACTORS**

**180 COUNTRIES
WORLDWIDE**

International Change Makers

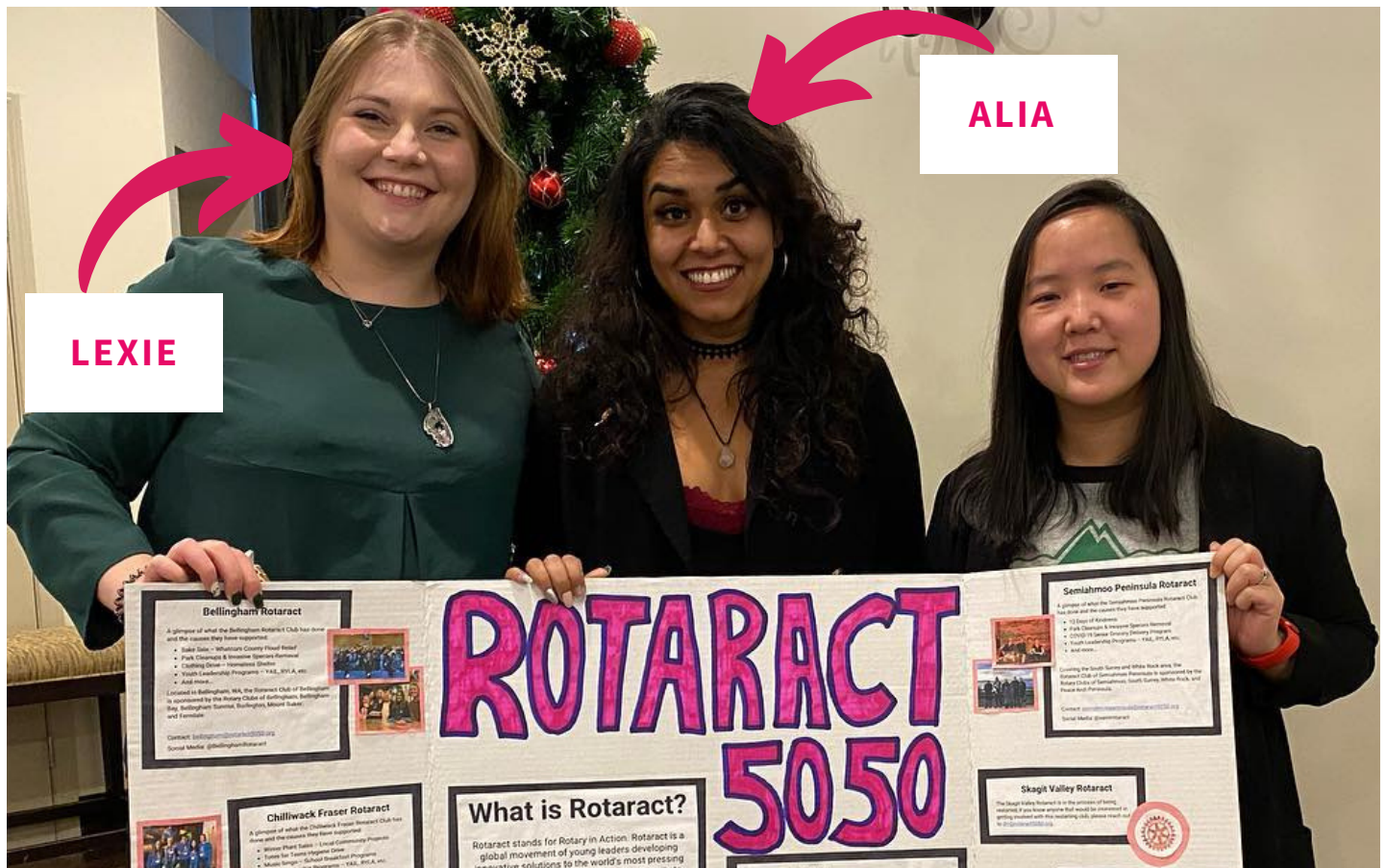
"50% AMERICAN, 50% CANADIAN, 100% ROTARIAN"

We are a little late to the game in getting the newsletter back up and running, but as they say - better late than never, right? Another year of dealing with a global pandemic has meant more canceled projects, events, socials, and more for the district! But we must say we are so proud of all of the Rotaract clubs in District 5050 that have continued to push on, create new projects, and make incredible impacts in the community with numerous. But hope is on the horizon as the conditions on both sides of the border start to look brighter, clubs have been able to start slowly having in-person events and projects again and much more in the works. Stay tuned for the remainder of a great Rotary year!



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A message from your Co-DRRS

LEXIE WYNNE & ALIA ALI

Hello, we should introduce ourselves if anyone doesn't already know us. Our names are Lexie Wynne and Alia Ali; we are the Co-District Rotaract Representatives. We are active contributors to Rotary and Rotaract in different capacities and hold various leadership roles and over a decade of experience in Rotary collectively. We are both young working professionals growing our careers and using our skillsets to grow Rotaract and Rotary. We have been in the role since July of 2021, and although

being DRRs in the midst of an ongoing pandemic has definitely brought its challenges - we are so proud to serve along with such amazing leaders who are sharing our communities for the better. There are some exciting things in the works for the rest of the year, such as joint projects with clubs, other districts, and Rotary. We look forward to continuing to grow the district, welcoming new leaders into our Rotaract family, and finding new ways to give back to our community.

MAKING WAVES

THE ROTARACT CANADA POLAR PLUNGE

MARCH 19, 2022

District 5050 Polar Bear Plunge

WE'RE FREEZIN' FOR A REASON!

Join Rotaractors across Canada as we jump into freezing cold Canadian waters to raise funds for The Rotary Foundation's Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Fund, specifically to provide clean drinking water to Indigenous communities in Canada. In districts across the country, all participants will be jumping into the ice-cold water at the same time, making one big splash!

Rotaract District 5050 has partnered with Rotaract District 5040 to raise a collective goal of \$16, 195 CAD to go towards the project. We will be holding a plunge at White Rock Beach and a Vancouver beach in BC on March 19, 2022. Keep an eye on our social platforms as we share more about the details of the plunges. As well, stay tuned for the fundraisers the district and our clubs will be putting on to raise money for the project.

If you are interested in supporting the cause, you can [donate online](#), all donations made online equivalent to \$10 USD or more are eligible for a tax receipt.

Semiahmoo Peninsula Rotaract Club

"TAKE THE LEAD, TO FILL THE NEED."

Our club hosted a concert series to support the flood relief effort in British Columbia. We organized three covid-safe live music events on January 13th, 20th, and February 3rd to raise money for the Red Cross BC Flood & Extreme Weather Appeal. These events all took place at the Blarney Stone, an Irish pub in Vancouver. We raised a total of \$2,430 from the events alone. As another way to raise money for the Red Cross, we hosted an art auction. We contacted several local artists, who generously donated art pieces to our club to be auctioned live. Eight pieces of artwork were auctioned during our final concert, raising an additional \$610! As Rotaractors, we are "People of Action," and we saw a need to provide aid to the affected regions of our province, so we found a way that we could make an impact. Overall, we raised \$3,040 throughout our concert event series, where 100% of the profits were donated to the Red Cross BC Flood & Extreme Weather Appeal!

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Semiahmoo Peninsula
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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."



We held our annual Holiday Card and Sock Drive in person this year. There was a fantastic turnout with most of our sponsoring Rotary clubs attending. We kicked the meeting off by introducing our newest member Mike Bailey. The rest of the meeting was spent listening to holiday music and making cards for nurses to express our appreciation for their continued efforts. We were able to donate just over eighty pairs of socks to the local Abbotsford food bank.



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PRESIDENT: Alex Carmichael & Adam Hill
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MEETING TIME: Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:45pm

Rotaract 
Fraser Valley

Snohomish County Rotaract Club

The past few months have been very productive for all of us at Rotaract of Snohomish County. In December, after a year of planning, we launched the Snohomish County Food Project. The project is a neighborhood-based food donation program that provides consistent, non-perishable food donations to local food banks every other month. The December pickup brought in a total of 247lbs of food and allowed us to serve four separate food banks. We're thankful and fortunate to have mentors by our side as we continue to grow this food project into the self-sustaining program that it's designed to be. For more information, or to sign up for the program, click the QR code below.



Other than the food project, our club is planning a polar bear plunge fundraiser which is set to take place March 13th at Lundeen Park in Lake Stevens, WA. For this event, we are partnering with the Snohomish County Equity Alliance, a solidarity group that provides twice weekly scheduled and unscheduled mutual aid throughout Snohomish County. Proceeds from the event will be split between our club's continued efforts and the Equity Alliance. For more information, or to donate or register for the plunge, please visit our Eventbrite page. Hot chocolate and heaters provided! All of us at Snohomish County Rotaract continue to be amazed at the support and compassion of friends, family members, fellow Rotaractors, and Rotarians as we look forward to a happy and healthy 2022.

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FOOD PROJECT QR CODE:



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MEETING TIME: 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE QR CODE:



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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."

The Rotaract Club of Surrey has spent the last year working on an ongoing refugee project sponsoring two Hazara refugees from Indonesia. We have raised all the money required and are almost done with the application process to be able to bring these two phenomenal, and altruistic individuals to Canada. This is an ongoing project and we will be looking for help from the district to help support these folks once they arrive!

Our club is excited to be starting more projects as things open up including a professional development retreat along with bringing back RotarX!

Come find out more at our meetings every other Monday!



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MEETING TIME: Every other Monday at 6:30 pm

Surrey
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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"



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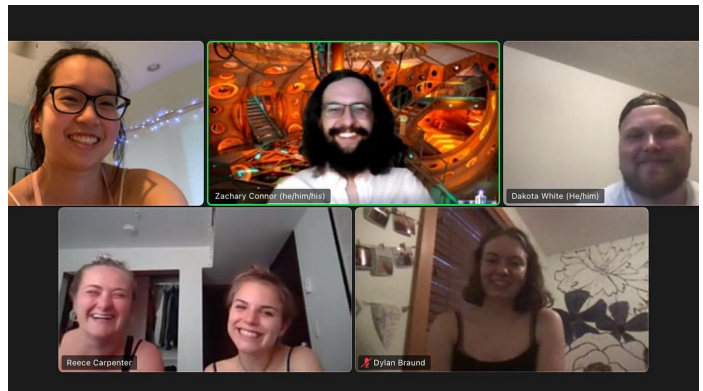
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MEETING TIME: Every 2nd Monday at 7 pm

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Chilliwack-Fraser



Bellingham Rotaract Club

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THE BELLINGHAM
ROTARACT CLUB OR TO
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Bellingham
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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 Rotaract Club of Langley is in search of members! If you know anyone in the Langley area looking for opportunities to give back to their community and engage with like-minded people, this is the right place! This club is looking for eager individuals willing to help build and grow the club to continue flourishing and doing great work in the community!

**IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN
LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE
LANGLEY ROTARACT CLUB OR
TO FIND WAYS THAT YOU
CAN HELP, PLEASE EMAIL US!**

**IN
SEARCH
OF NEW
MEMBERS**



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Langley
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Tri-Cities Rotaract Club

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

The Rotaract Club of Tri-Cities is in search of members! If you know anyone in the Tri-Cities area looking for opportunities to give back to their community and engage with like-minded people, this is the right place! This club is looking for eager individuals willing to help build and grow the club to continue flourishing and doing great work in the community!



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Oak Harbor Rotaract Club

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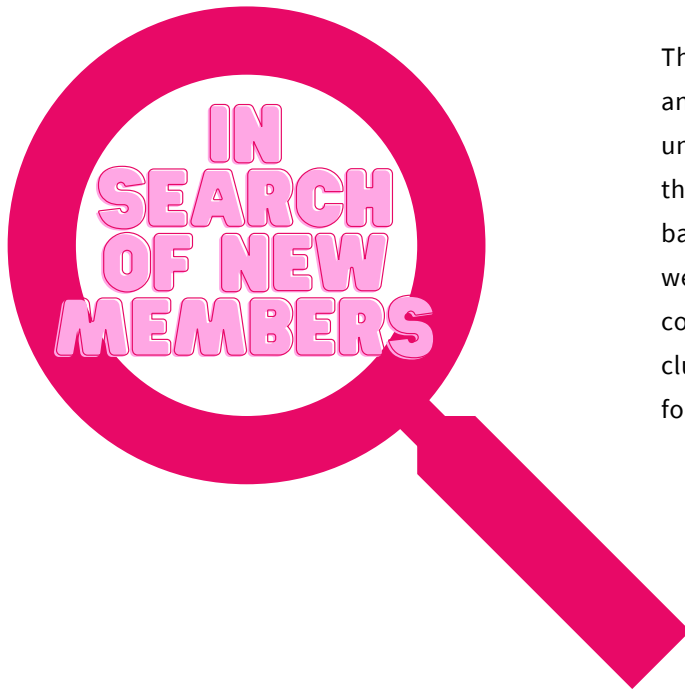
The Rotaract Club of Oak Harbor is in search of members! If you know anyone in the Oak Harbor area looking for opportunities to give back to their community and engage with like-minded people this is the right place! This club is in need of help and support to get them going. If your Rotary club in the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



IN
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OF NEW
MEMBERS

Skagit Valley Rotaract Club

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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.

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Please email us with any questions or inquiries about
any of the clubs!