

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"

As we are nearing the end of this Rotary year - crazy how fast time flies when you're having fun, our Rotaractors in District 5050 are hard at work! From the first global humanitarian trip of 2022, joint district projects and many different club initiatives and projects supporting causes such as the environment, humanitarian crisis, youth mentorship, and more.

On top of all of that, we had 9 Rotaractors who were able to attend the 2022 District Assembly, the first conference that most have us have been able to attend in over two years. All we can say is it's good to be back, and it feels so good to be back in action - in person!

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District 5050 Polar Bear Plunge

WE FROZE FOR A REASON!

Back in March, after being cancelled, postponed, and almost not happening altogether, Rotaract District 5050 pulled off a successful Rotaract Polar Plunge in partnership with Rotaract District 5040! The rain stopped just in time to make a big splash, and we were definitely freezin' for a reason!

Collectively with Rotaract District 5040, we raised about \$2,300 in support of raising money to provide clean water to Indigenous communities in Canada, specifically in The Rotary Foundation's Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Fund!

Thank you to all of our generous supporters and donors for helping us make a positive and lasting impact on people around us in need!

Rotary | Rotaract Park Clean Up

The Rotarians and Rotaractors of District 5050 are joining forces to give back to our communities by cleaning up our local parks, trails, and beaches. Join us at one of the following locations:

Saturday, June 4, 2022, at 10am

1. **Abbotsford, BC** - Grant Park
2. **White Rock, BC** - Crescent Park
3. **Surrey, BC** - Bear Creek Park (1 pm)
4. **Everette, WA** - Rotary Park
5. **Bellingham, WA** - Maritime Heritage Park





Rotaract District 5050 Guatemala Humanitarian Trip - Round 2

This week 12 Rotaractors, from the Snohomish County Rotaract, Fraser Valley Rotaract, and the Semiahmoo Peninsula Rotaract clubs returned from a humanitarian trip to Guatemala. The team spent 10 days in a rural village called San Francisco Jolomtaj, about an hour outside of Barillas, installing water catchment systems for the villagers. The team went in partnership with Hands for Peacemaking Foundation, the same organization that District 5050 Rotaractors partnered with for the Guatemalan Stove Project of 2019.

The work that the team did will significantly impact the lives of families in the village for generations to come by providing them access to much-needed clean water. For the villages in the highlands, the struggle for clean water is further complicated by the long dry season and the steep terrain. During the dry season, many families walk up to two hours for enough water to last three or four days. Some rely on run-off during the rainy season that is collected in open catchment systems. A sealed 2,500-liter tank collects rain run-off during the rainy season. This water can be drawn upon during the dry season to lessen the amount of trips to water sources. The amount of water, if conserved, can allow families enough water through most of the dry months.

Semiahmoo Peninsula Rotaract Club

"TAKE THE LEAD, TO FILL THE NEED."

In April, the Semiahmoo Peninsula Rotaract Club took on a new project: The Interact Mentorship Program with the Panorama Ridge Interact club. The two sessions aimed to answer questions the Interact club had about post-secondary, time management, personal branding, applying for jobs, life after high school, and what we as Rotaractors wish we would've known when we graduated. As young adults who have gone to post-secondary, started careers, moved out, etc., it was the perfect opportunity to share our broad range of experiences and build relationships with the Interactors.

Our club started with some general topics and questions that we thought would be beneficial from our experiences. Then, we shared them with the Interact club to collectively add topics and questions they were interested in; they rated the importance of each question. Then the interactors joined a virtual Rotaract meeting for our club to go through the questions and topics in an open panel format, sharing our experiences with the second session a few weeks later.

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An example of a topic discussed was applying for jobs. Our club members have various job experiences in different fields; we talked about putting volunteer experiences on resumes, relevant experiences to share in an interview, what sets candidates apart, etc.

The mentorship sessions were a great way to encourage a productive and balanced lifestyle while allowing Interact and Rotaract to connect. You can view the first session [here](#) and the second session [here](#). We look forward to more of these in the future.

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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."



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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

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Fraser Valley

Snohomish County Rotaract Club

The past few months have been quite the adventure for SnoCo Rotaract! We're writing this club update as 8 of our member are returning to the Puget Sound after a 10-day trip to Guatemala to complete our second international service project with the Hands For Peacemaking Foundation.

Some new to Guatemala, others returning, our team worked together to advance the installation of 110 2,500-liter water catchment systems in the village of San Francisco Jolomtaj, located an hour outside the town of Barillas, in the rural, mountainous region of the country.

Having the opportunity to explore the Guatemalan culture, try new food, learn new names, snap some pictures, and get to know one another on a deeper level is truly a gift that we're all so grateful to experience. This project was funded through a Global Rotary grant, and from the generosity of the following Rotary clubs--Marysville Sunrise, South Everett-Mukilteo, Everett-Port Gardner, and Everett Noon.

FOOD PROJECT QR CODE:



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



In other SnoCo Rotaract news, we had our 3rd green bag pickup the second week of April which brought in a total of 396 lbs of food to 5 food banks across Snohomish County. This project is still in its infancy, and we can't wait to see what impact it holds down the road. For more information or to sign up as a Food Donor, scan the QR code below.

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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 of Surrey is getting back with the swing of things! And so happy to be back in person and doing the service work we've been so missing.

Some of our club members participated in a park clean up 2 weeks ago and they got to enjoy the sun and do some service. Our refugee project is still full steam ahead and we are in the final steps of finalizing the application for the two refugees we want to sponsor.

We are also having a Rotaract Reunion BBQ on May 14 from 1pm-5pm for every current member or alumni of the club. Please contact the club to RSVP as there will be food provided as well! The Rotaract Club of Surrey meets in person for every other meeting at a restaurant that changes each time. Join us for our next in person meeting on June 13.



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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 Chilliwack-Fraser Rotaract Club has been busy these past couple months! While we haven't held events, we have had the pleasure of assisting in both Rotary and community events in Chilliwack! We had the opportunity to volunteer at Chilliwack Community Services' Secret Soiree gala (no photos, as it's a Secret Soiree for a reason!) and every other weekend, a few of our members will spend an afternoon sorting books to help prepare for the annual Chilliwack Rotary book sale.

We've been blessed with such opportunities to help strengthen our community and are looking for more ways to engage and connect with others in our hometown. We also plan to host an event of our own later this year so stay tuned!



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Bellingham Rotaract Club

Bellingham Rotaract Club is continuing to meet on a regular basis with bi-weekly meetings and occasional socials. We are keeping active in the community and recently held a successful stove fundraiser to help families in Latin America. This fundraiser successfully raised \$2000.

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LATIN AMERICA
GET CLEAN
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atmosphere =
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carbon footprint

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“It was really awesome to see the Rotary and WWU communities come together with their generosity for a great cause.

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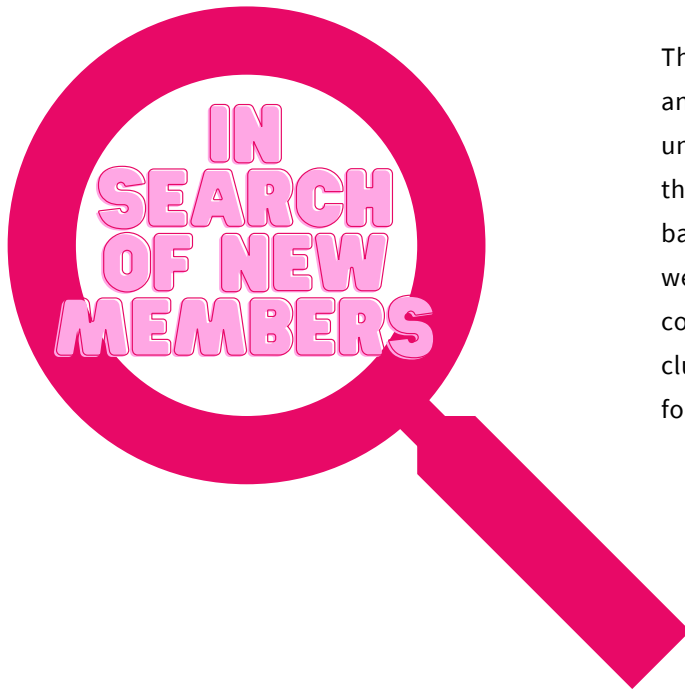
The Rotaract Club of Oak Harbor is in search of members! If you know anyone in the Oak Harbor area looking for opportunities to give back to their community and engage with like-minded people this is the right place! This club is in need of help and support to get them going. If your Rotary club in the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



IN
SEARCH
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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