



District 5050 Rotaract Newsletter

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Rotaract District 5050

Hello everyone! My name is Kimberley and I am the District 5050 Rotaract Rep for this year. This Rotaract newsletter is the very first one of 2015 and we have lots of exciting things to update you on!

First a bit of background: our district currently has four Rotaract clubs: Cloverdale, Tri-Cities, Fraser Valley, and Langley. We have also expanded into Bellingham with the formation of a brand new club, looking into becoming official.

RotarACTION District Summit

One very exciting event that will be happening this year is the RotarACTION District 5050 summit. This summit is open to all rotaractors in District 5050 at

the Baker Lake Lodge generously donated to us by Denis Boyd. The goal of this event is to inspire Rotaract members to discover their strengths, establish connections and pursue their dreams by taking action. The summit will be filled with inspiring and informative speakers, workshops and activities, and a special Challenge project. This event will be taking place from Aug 28-30th and applications will be accepted beginning on May 1st. There are only 35 spots available and it will be on a first come first serve basis. I anticipate that it will be a fabulous weekend and we hope to see you there!



Introducing District 5050 Clubs

We currently have 4 Rotaract clubs in our district, 3 of which are featured in this newsletter. We also have a brand new club in Bellingham in the early stages of looking into becoming official.



What we've Been Up To

District 5050 Rotaract clubs have been very busy, check out what we've been up to in this newsletter!

Fraser Valley Rotaract

As District 5050's newest Rotaract club, the Fraser Valley Rotaract has been very busy since being chartered in July. They have collaborated with their sponsor clubs in many Rotary events such as Oktoberfest, the Winter Gala, where they were responsible for coat check and the lottery board raising \$621 for their own service projects, as well as holding a volleyball tournament that featured Rotarians vs Rotaractors. They also had many members attend RMYIS (Ridge Meadows Youth Impact Summit) as facilitators to inspire youth to make a difference in their own communities. In December,

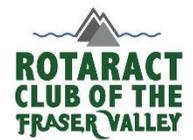


members created Christmas cards and handed them out along with socks, mitts, and toques to the less fortunate in the Fraser Valley.

Keep your eyes out for their pub night fundraiser coming up on March 12th that will raise money for MY House (Mission Youth House).

NEW LOGO

The Fraser Valley Rotaract Club was also busy designing their very own logo.



'Selfless Selfies' Challenge

Along with their other projects, the Fraser Valley Rotaract has an ongoing challenge with the Mission Midday Rotary Club called 'Selfless Selfies'. The concept is to take a photo of a good deed that Rotary/Rotaract members have done and post it online. The idea is to show others the impact of spontaneously doing something nice for someone, and inspire others to do the same.



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Tri-Cities Rotaract

The Tri-Cities Rotaract Club was officially chartered in February 2013 and currently has over 30 members. They have been very busy this year with many projects, and here are some they've been up to since September:

In September, they helped out the Port Moody Rotary club for the second year in a row with their Rotary RIPS initiative. RIPS is an environmental project close to Noon's Creek Hatchery where invasive plant species are removed.

In October the club helped with the preparation work for another huge "Days for Girls" packaging session in Port Moody. The Tri-Cities club helped cut and shape the fabric, and package some of the hygiene items so that everything was ready for the larger event the following day – where all the bags were actually sewn together. These hygiene packages are then shipped to third world countries and given to girls, preventing them from missing school once a month. This October was also their 2nd year in a row helping out with the Port Coquitlam Thanksgiving Lunch. In collaboration with the Port Coquitlam Rotary Club, they helped put on a 2 hour Thanksgiving lunch for the

homeless population in the Tri-Cities area.

Additionally, they participated in the "We Scare Hunger" program for the 3rd year in a row. Cans and other non-perishable food items from the Westwood Plateau area were collected, and all of the donations went to the SHARE food bank.

In December, the club helped out at Eagle Ridge Manor with the Port Moody Rotary, to run their annual Christmas Party for the residents. Members helped serve food, deliver pictures, and even performed some music at the event. Later in the month, this club also put together a Christmas Hamper for a local less fortunate family of three, which was delivered close to Christmas day. The hamper included food items for Christmas dinner, along with gifts for the family.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- A high tea to raise money for an international cause
- Dodgeball event for KidSport
- Running one of the food booths during the first Tri-Cities Ribfest in July

PROJECTS



Rotary RIPS



SHARE Family Christmas Hamper



Eagle Ridge Manor Seniors Tea

Cloverdale Rotaract

The Cloverdale Rotaract has been active in their community since being established in the fall of 2010. The Rotaract Club of Cloverdale was the brainchild of a group of old high school friends that felt a strong desire to give back to the community that had done so much for them as children.

One large project that the Cloverdale Rotaract club has been working on is raising money for the Heifer Foundation. The Heifer Foundation supports Heifer International, whose mission is to end world hunger and poverty. Heifer does this through sustainable efforts such as providing animals to poverty stricken communities. This in turn brings sustainable incomes for families and creates opportunities such as building schools.



This year the Cloverdale Rotaract are hoping to continue to raise money for the Heifer Foundation, and reach their goal of \$5000. This money will buy an arc of animals for a village in a developing country.

This club is also collecting donations for the Surrey Food Bank at the Guildford Boston Pizza.

Additionally, they also held a mixer with their sponsor club, the North Delta Rotary.



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