# Rotary Club of Vancouver Youth Committee

Presentation

November 12, 2024

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# Committee Members

| Name | On the Committee Since | Specific roles and responsibilities |
|---|---|---|
| John Bathurst | 2010 | Chair person and chair of “Stay-in-School Program (2006) |
| Lisa Chlysta-Adehl | 2024 | Incoming UBC Rotaract liaison |
| John Hayto | 2010 | International Student Exchange and host families |
| Nathan Hesketh | 2020 | Coordinator Hoop-a-thon |
| Stephanie Lawton | 2010 | Youth Exchange counsellor |
| Behrad "Bob" Nassiri | 2024 | Rotaract Young Professionals Liaison to RCV |
| Joan Posivy | 2017 | Rotaract resource & Fundraising Silent On-line Auctions (2 years) |

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| Deb Sankey | 2019 | Interact Liaison with University Hill Secondary School and RYLA contact |
| Ron Suzuki | 2019 | Interact Liaison with University Hill Secondary School and RYLA contact |
| Mindy Tulsi-Ingram | 2020 | Young Professionals Rotaract liaison and SIS judge |
| Phil Webber | 2010 | Liaison with Norquay Elementary Reading Program and Britannia Computer Program |
| Adriana Zylmans | 2017 | Interact Liaison with Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School |
| Richard Higgins | 2006 | Stay in School judge since the beginning |

# Purpose of the Youth Committee

Created in 2010,
to organize the club's Rotary
youth-related
activities.

# Objectives of the Youth Committee

- Introduce young people to the concept of community **service** early on.
- Provide **cultural experiences** through youth exchanges and international travel.
- Support youth in **staying in school** with projects, athletics, and post-secondary scholarships.
- Promote and fund **youth literacy** and local youth programs.

How do we do that???

No less than 3 areas of service...

# Delivered thru Programs

1. **Local Programs for youth and young professionals**
   - ***a) Interact*** - grade 8 to 18
   - ***b) Rotaract*** - age 18 - 30-ish ;) UBC and Young Professionals Rotaract
   - ***c) RYLA*** - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
2. **International Student Exchange Programs**
   - a Short Term Student Exchange (STEP) Summer Exchange
   - b. ***One Year*** Student Exchange for high school students with host families
3. **Community Programs and projects for youth:**
   - ***a) Stay in School*** Scholarship Program @ Gladstone SS
   - b) Britannia Boys Basketball Program: cover their program expenses
   - c) Hoop-a-thon (Strathcona Community Centre) to help at risk youth
   - d) Norquay dictionary and elementary reading program and computer upgrades

# Rotaract, Interact, Club: Joint Meeting



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# Interact and Rotaract

*To encourage youth to embody "Service above Self" and connection to transition from High School and to the world of work or post-secondary education.*

Budget:  Rotaract $2,500, and Interact $2,000

Rotarian Involvement:  Behrad "Bob" Nassiri ( YP), Adriana, Deb, Mindy, Lisa, Joan, Ron

Hours (est) : Rotarians: 75 Interactors and Rotaractors 50+

Approx number of students and families:  Interact 40; Rotaract 50

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# Rotaract for Young Professionals, 18+

- Connect with community leaders, build leadership and professional skills, and enjoy meaningful service.
- Take action through service projects locally and globally
- Manage their clubs independently: organize activities, handle funds, and lead service projects.
- Rotary club sponsors offer guidance, and work with Rotaract clubs as partners in service.

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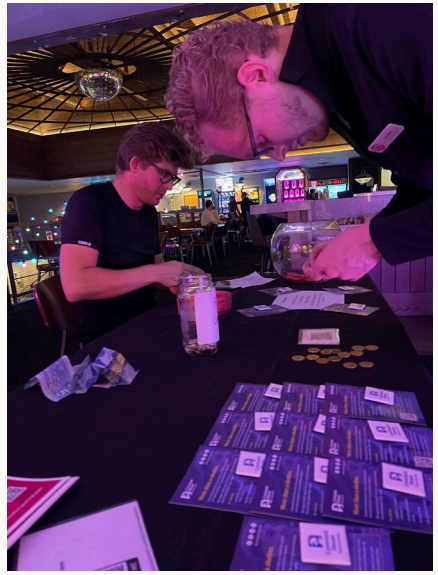
# Vancouver Young Professionals Rotaract: Projects

**An active club with a variety of projects and social events to keep members engaged. Key projects and contributions include:**

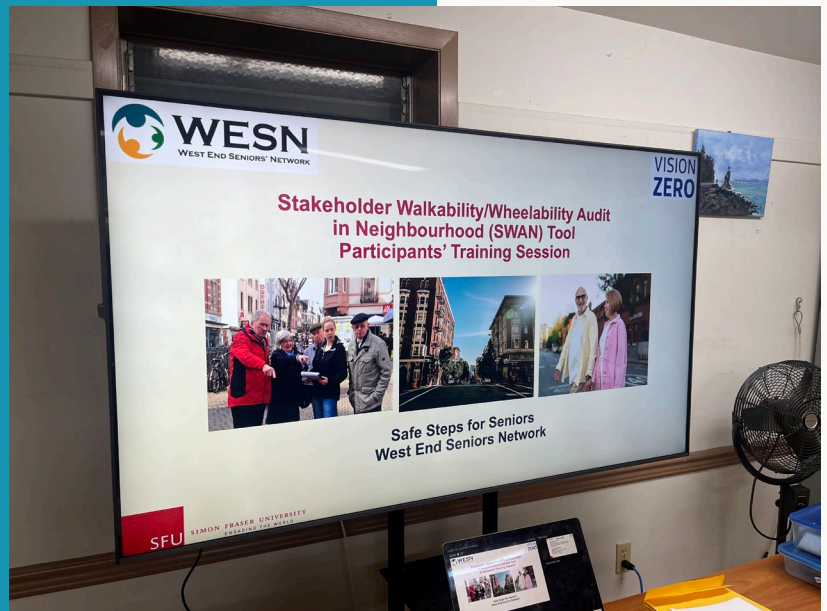
- Trivia night to raise funds for Covenant House
- Walkability audit for west end seniors: needs definition and design solutions
- Vancouver Pride parade: organize Rotary participation
- Volunteers to Container loadings
- Volunteers for Ride for Hearing

Trivia night to raise funds for
**Covenant House**





Walkability audit for
**West end seniors**






Young Professionals **Graffiti Cleanup - Chinatown**




Young Professionals **Strathcona Cleanup**




Young Professionals **“Sports Day”**



Sending Volunteers to:

Vancouver Pride parade

Container loadings

Ride for Hearing






# Rotaract UBC Projects

Projects by UBC Rotaractors have included:

- Car Smash fund raise to support Rotary educational programs
- Bake Sale for profile and funding for club
- “Week of Kindness: Random acts of Kindness
- Valentines Day




# Rotaract UBC Cash Smash Fund Raiser

Written up in the Rotary International “Rotary” Magazine September 2024

# Rotaract UBC Cash Smash Fund Raiser



# Local Programs for Youth: Interact

**Interact is a service club for youth ages 12 to 18 whose objectives are:**

- to connect with other young people and have fun,
- learn about their communities and the world,
- meet at least twice a month,
- organize two projects every year,
    1. helps their school or community, and
    2. promotes international understanding.
- ***Members of the sponsoring Rotary club mentor Interactors as they carry out the projects and develop leadership skills.***

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# Local Programs for youth

## Interact Clubs at the high school level from grade 8 to 12

- Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
- University Hill Secondary School

**Budget:** $2,000

**Rotarian Involvement**: Adriana Zylmans, Deb Sankey and Ron Suzuki

**Hours:** 80 +

**Impact**: Interact enrollment 60+: Fosters an avenue for youth service

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# Interact Sir Winston Churchill Projects

## Some projects from last year

- Covenant House sleepover (funds to support youth living on the street)
- Coffee sales to fund club activities
- Chocolate Purdy's sales to fund club activities
- Halloween Haunted House Fundraiser

## Upcoming projects

- Fund raisers:
  - Krispy Crème/Purdy’s chocolates/ Covenant house pledging
- Covenant House sleep out
- Beach clean up
- Womens shelter clothing drive
- “Sunshine Letters” campaign

# University Hills Interact Winter Clothing Drive

source winter clothing items; socks, gloves & touques for the **Vancouver Park Rangers to** distribute to the **unhoused people** in our city parks during the wet and cold winter season.




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# University Hills Interact Bake Sale

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Cheque for $620 to Women’s Shelter in Downtown East Side - Funds raised from Bake Sale



# U Hill Interact "Feeding the Hungry"



170 sandwiches and bottles of water for the hungry in Downtown Eastside

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*"A couple of things I learned are how to **effectively communicate** with others and **calmly resolve a conflict."***





*"While I may be an introvert, I got to push my comfort zone, learn about life skills…**The memories from camp will never be forgotten."***

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# Rotary Youth Leadership Awards




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# International Student Exchange Programs

One Year Student Exchange *We sponsor a young person aged 16-18 to go overseas for one year, and in turn, we welcome one international student to come to Vancouver; hosted by a local Rotary family for 3-4 months.*

**Budget**: $8,500 ( from club funds ) Endowed Kavanaugh funds held in foundation

**Rotarian Involvement**: John Hayto; Stephanie Lawton

**Hours:** Organizing 40-60 hrs; hosting etc unlimited

**Impact**: One student whose life is changed forever

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# Youth Exchange

Camille Duriez

France





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# Youth Exchange

***“ an exchange isn’t a year in a life but a life in a year “***

***“when you leave you make new friends and family, but you don’t lose the one at home”***

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# Stay in School Scholarship Program: Gladstone SS since 2006

*Identify students in grade 11 hoping to attend a post-secondary but need financial support.*

Budget: $25,000 p.a ( $325,000 since 2006)

**Rotarian Involvement:** John Bathurst, Richard Higgins Deb Sankey, Mindy Tulsi-Ingram

**Hours:** Organizing 60hrs; Judging 25 hrs

**Impact:** 2 major awards $10,000 plus 3-4 awards $1,500/2,000

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# Stay In School Major Recipients

***"The support provided by this scholarship is transformative**. It allows me to access resources and opportunities that would otherwise be out of reach, …. I am committed to using this scholarship to achieve great things, both in my academic endeavours and in my contributions to the community."*
~ Saman Kooshki

*"Once again, please accept my heartfelt thanks for investing in my future and believing in my abilities.* ***I look forward to the day that I can pay forward kindness and support to others, the same way you have done for me***."
~ Jennifer Huyuh

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# Stay In School Recipients

*“As a student from an immigrant family,* ***this generous support holds profound significance for both me and my family.*** *Your investment in my education is a testament to your commitment to empowering students like me to reach their full potential.*
*~ Tiffany Ng*

*"Thank you for recognizing my efforts and the potential you see in me. This honor will undoubtedly be a motivator for my future academic pursuits*."
~ Eva Yaransteva

*"The Rotary Stay In School Scholarship is* ***more than just financial support****; it is a remarkable stepping stone in my journey as a student,* ***empowering me to strive for greatness and achieve my future endeavours***."
~ Victoria Rosario

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# Community Program for Youth

## Britannia Boys Basketball Program:  cover their program expenses

Budget:  $5,000 ( Kavanaugh funds)

Rotarian Involvement:  Gerry Glazier; Ron Suzuki

Hours: 20+

Impact: enables financially challenged DTE students to be the best they can be in a competitive sport. Direct impact on the 12-15 team members but their success builds overall student body confidence

# Britannia Boys Basketball

Provide much needed financial support to Britannia Youth Basketball team to enable them to enter tournaments etc.

Team finished 9th in the province. Huge confidence builder for team members.



# Community Programs and Projects for Youth

1. Norquay Elementary School Program:  provide dictionaries and help elementary students learn to read.  ( $800)
2. Britannia Secondary School:  proposed upgrade computers ( $5,000)
3. One on One readers ( no budget required)

Rotarian Involvement:  Phil Webber

Hours: 100+

Impact: (1)Over 200 Dictionaries/Gazetteers to low income Grade 3

(3) Direct support to primary school students to improve reading

# Community Project for Youth

## Hoop-a-thon (Strathcona Community Centre) to help at risk youth

- Sponsored by Rotary club of Vancouver Sunrise
- fundraiser for youth at risk and promote athletics as a healthy sport.

Budget: $5,000 donation, plus club pledges est $2,000

Rotarian Involvement: Nathan Hasketh; Ron Suzuki and committee
Hours: Organizing 20hrs; at the event 5hrs

Impact: $53,000: 10 student awards + support Basketball program @ Strathcona

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# Hoop a Thon Scholarship Recipients



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# Hoop a Thon Fundraising Event




Busy day at Strathcona Community

HIGH Energy

Global News anchor: Chris Gailus

Rotaract district chair: Ron Suzuki

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# Financial Breakdown of Programs and Projects

| | Special Purpose funds | Kavanaugh Foundation | VRCF General Foundation | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **endowed funds ( memo)** | | $250,000 | | |
| **Carry Forward** | $13,775 | | | |
| **Youth related lunches** | 1,200 | | | 1,200 |
| **Rotaract ( $1,500.per club, )** | 3,000 | | | 3,000 |
| **Interact sponsorship ( Conferene etc)** | 2,000 | | | 2,000 |
| **Rotary Youth Exchange** | 8,330 | | | 8,330 |
| RYLA | 2,000 | | | 2,000 |
| **RICHWA award** | 300 | | | 300 |
| **PACE support** | 250 | | | 250 |
| **STEP** | 200 | | | 200 |
| **Norquay computer upgrades (new)** | | | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| **Dictionaries to Norquay and Britannia** | | | 775 | 775 |
| **Odd Squad ( 50% with CS)** | | | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| **Scholarships (previously Stay in School)** | | | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| **Hoop a thon scholarships** | | | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| **Britannia Boys Basketball** | | 5,000 | | 5,000 |
| **New project to be determined** | | | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| | **$17,280** | **$5,000** | **$ 50,775** | **$73,055** |

# Vision for the Future + Future Projects

(1) To amplify existing programs; especially:

a) Youth Exchange

b) Interact

c) Scholarships

(2) Looking for Fresh new ideas from new members

# Need for New Members on the Youth Committee

## Help Wanted:

- Host Families for Student Exchanges
- Club liaison working with Interact/Rotaract
- Review + Administer Scholarship Applications
- Be a reader for elementary students
- Fund Raiser ( non tax reciptable funds!)

# Need for New Members on the Youth Committee

## Benefits

- Be inspired and energized by Youth ( really!!)
- See your professional skills make a difference in young peoples' lives
- Creating a bright future for Rotary

For more information about committee activities contact:
Chair John Bathurst  or Deb Sankey

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Q&A

# Thank You!



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