

Rutgers University Rotaract Club
Annual Report
2016-2017

For the 2016-2017 Academic Year, Rutgers University Rotaract Club was involved in numerous projects that embraced Rotary's mission of "Service Above Self." With the support of our sponsor, Rotary Club of New Brunswick, the Rotaract Club was able to accomplish the following goals:

1. **RYLA North America Conference:** Our President, Martha Flores, attended RYLA in Washington DC. After a week of workshops, team building activities and networking, she brought back great ideas that were later implemented in the club.



2. **UN Day:** Members of our club continued to attend the annual Rotary International Day at the United Nations. This year, 11 Rotaractors from Rutgers went to this event.





3. **Expansion of previously established events:** After last year's success with our "Treats for Tots" event, our club continued to pack Halloween gift bags for children. This year, we increased the number of bags from 160 to 350. These bags were given to children who were hospitalized during Halloween at Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital, St. Peters University Hospital, and Children's Specialized Hospital. We also packed bags for children at Prevent Childhood Abuse – NJ as well as for adults with disabilities at the Arc of Middlesex.



4. **Membership growth:** A new membership point system was established this year where prospective Rotaractors had to complete a total of 13 hours of Rotaract sponsored community service in order to be inducted as new members in the Spring semester. Twenty-two new members met the criteria and were inducted on April 12, 2017. As a result, our membership increased from 13 to 35 active members.



5. **Cleanup-drive:** Our club partnered with our sponsor, Rotary Club of New Brunswick, to help clean the debris from the side of the road on Cozzens Lane in North Brunswick. We helped in the Fall and Spring semesters.



6. **Fundraising:** Our club hosted 8 bake sales throughout the academic year in order to raise funds for our annual, “Stop Hunger Now” project. Members of our club invested a total of 170 hours in these fundraising events.



7. **Hygiene kit for the homeless:** On two occasions, Rotaractors stood outside SuperFresh Supermarket and asked customers for donations. We collected a variety of hygiene products and non-perishable foods that would later be delivered to the homeless. Once we had enough items to pack twenty hygiene kits, our club hosted a packing event where we put all of the products together. We then personally distributed these bags to the homeless in the New Brunswick area.



8. **Stop Hunger Now Event:** After raising a total of \$3,100, Rutgers Rotaract Club was able to host its first ever “Stop Hunger Now” meal-packing event where 10,152 meals were packed by members of Rutgers Rotaract, RVCC Rotaract, and students from Rutgers University. Around 60 people joined us that evening. The event was a huge success and will certainly be expanded in the future.





- 9. Participation in the 2016-2017 District Conference:** Six members from Rutgers Rotaract attended the District 7510 Annual Conference under Governor Charlie Minton's tenure.



A total of 657 hours were invested in community service related events by the members of the Rutgers University Rotaract Club during the 2016-2017 Academic Year. Our deepest gratitude goes to our members, our partnering Rotaract clubs and our sponsor, Rotary Club of New Brunswick.