

## THE PNW PASSPORT ROTARY CLUB ROUNDUP

**Date:** January 28, 2021  
**Meeting:** 6:00 pm      **End Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Place:** Zoom Online – hosted by P-Elect Deb Wiggs

### BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

President	Roy Holman
President-Elect	Deb Wiggs
Membership & Engagement, Chair	Pati Villhauer
Membership-Elect	Rhian Piprell
Secretary	Joy St. John

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Treasurer	Terry Greer
Service, Chair	Jill Greer
Foundation Chair	Patricia Sibley

### GUESTS:

Members of the Rotaract Club of Bellingham  
Reese, Dakota, Alison, Emily and Ashley

P-Roy: Rang the bell after a lovely time of socializing.

P-Roy: Welcome everyone to our virtual meeting. Welcome to the members of the Rotaract Club of Bellingham, wonderful to have you join us tonight.

Tonight after seeing the wonderful time of socializing and suggestions at our last meeting I have asked Deb to organize Zoom Breakout Rooms tonight. This will give us a chance to get to know each other and a Rotaract person assigned to your room.

I will first go over some announcements:

- a) Dean Rohr, is now the President of RI Foundation Canada
  - b) Phoenix McLaren, is now the Rotaract President RI Foundation Canada
- Congratulations to both.

**April 22**, Stay tuned for a mystery meeting!

I have been in touch with the District Visioning committee to set up a club visioning meeting. Stay tuned on how we organize those meeting dates.

**SASSY Awards** are looking for nominations in Surrey White Rock area. Six prizes of \$1,000. plus a \$500. donation to a charity of their choice.

Thank you **Sean**, for filing the PNW Annual report.

**March 13**, There is a Grant Management Seminar. Please contact Pat Bond to register and if you wish further information. Deb and Allen will be attending the one on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Denny Boyd** is concerned that Club's are getting Zoomed out!! Denis Boyd, D5050 Membership Chair, Zones 28/32 Training Team is looking for ways Rotary Clubs are keeping their members interested in attending virtual meetings that aren't going to be ending any time soon. Ways in which your Club is doing service work during the virtual reality of the world right now? If you wish contact me (Roy) to discuss these points. Denis's team will be hosting a Zoom meeting next month (February) to go over the topic. Denis also informed us that January is Vocational Service Month, everyone is welcome to go to the district's Business Directory at [www.rotarynetworkingplus.com](http://www.rotarynetworkingplus.com).

**February 13**, we will have two social walks one on each side of the border. They will be before our meeting at 4:00 pm. Lornell is helping to organize north of the border. Deb is organizing south of the border.

North of the border we might meet at Deer Lake Park or Mud Bay.

**February 13**, there will be a Green Bag Pick up. Stay tuned for details.

Area J is in need of an Assistant Governor going forward. Please contact [beverly.harrington@msn.com](mailto:beverly.harrington@msn.com) if you are interested.

District 5050 is looking for a new webmaster. Kevin Wood will be retiring from the position at the end of June 2021. If you are interested please contact Dave Duskin at [dave.duskin@comcast.com](mailto:dave.duskin@comcast.com).

The Rotary Club of White Rock-Peace Arch and the Rotary Club of White Rock Peninsula have merged and now called Rotary Club of White-Rock-Peach Arch.

Whatcom County North Rotary Club is now called Rotary Club of Ferndale.

**Our District Conference 2021** – Windows of Opportunity will be virtual. May 14<sup>th</sup> two hour evening program. May 15<sup>th</sup> two, two hour sessions with a break for the House of Friendship.

I think I've covered all the announcements.

P-E Deb: I have asked Phoenix McLaren to induct our new Board in June and she has said yes. I'm very happy and excited to have a Rotaractor to do this for our Club.

Each of you have been assigned to a breakout room, there will be a Rotaract person in each room. The two questions you should discuss are:

1. What could our first in person meeting be like?
2. A possible opportunity for our Rotary Club?

You'll have 15 minutes to discuss the topics.

Thank you all now we'll go around the to each of the rooms for discussion points.

- (1) The resounding theme was it had to be a real joyful celebration to include families. Things suggested were picnic, bbq, pot luck, games. Rotaracts had a suggestion of a game 'Among Us'. Plus we should incorporate the 'hug ball of string' that they have at all RYLA weekends.
- (2) look at our local parks that my need help in refurbishing, and updating. Look for local artists that might need help organizing an event.

Joy: stated that she thoroughly enjoyed the American inauguration ceremonies. But of course she loves Lady Gaga, JLO & especially Garth Brooks. The young poet had such a powerful message for all. The evening of entertainment and how it went all across the states to include so many people from all walks of life and ages was wonderful.

Pati: Welcome to the Rotaract Club of Bellingham we are so pleased to have you join us today. President Reese.

P-Reese: Thank you for having us today. We are pleased that we are now recognized as a partner of Rotary. Myself and others from our Club have brought you a slide show presentation – What is a Rotaract?

*The team gave us a great slide presentation. The presentation is attached for those of you who had to miss the very informative presentation.*

A few of our members had questions for the Rotaractors.

Char: where did you meet before COVID.

Answer: coffee shops mostly. We look forward to getting back to those types of meetings and connecting with each other.

Deb: maybe our club should set up mentorship possibilities. Our Club has many different skilled folks.

Answer: a few of our members said what they do and did before retirement. This is a project to look into post-COVID.

Ashley: as a new member of Rotaract – I am very excited about the future of my Club.

P-Roy: Thank you for taking the time out of your busy day to join us. We appreciate you sharing with us information about District 5050 Rotaractors and your Club in particular well put together presentation. Good luck with your future endeavours.

P-Roy: *Time for our wonderful Happy sometimes Sad Bucks – remember all our Bucks go to help fund our projects --- Green Bag and ARES.*

P-Roy: said he had celebrated his birthday somewhat quietly with family but had lots of phone calls which made it special.

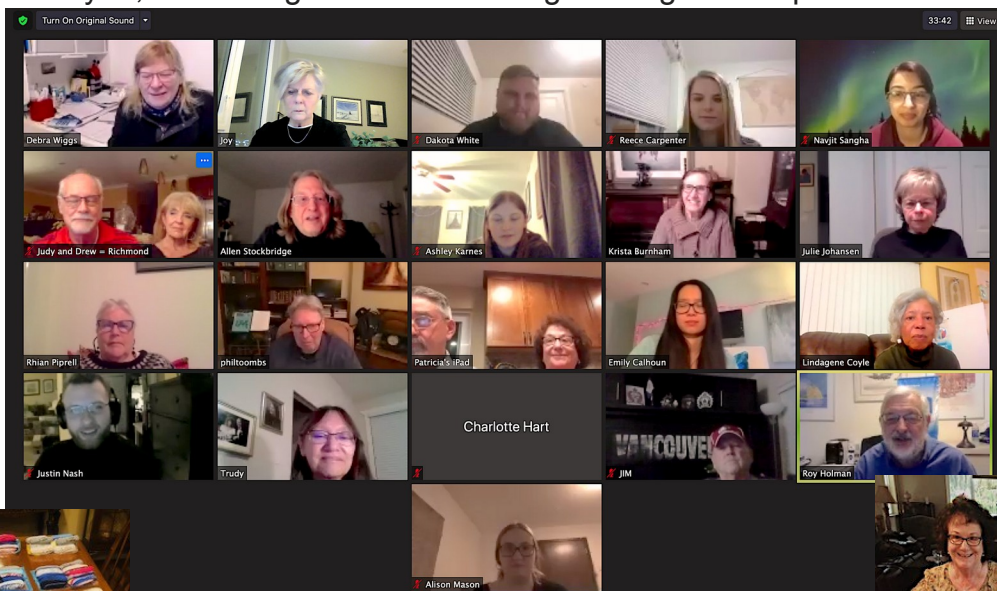
Tim: he & Pati now have a Iowa Special Olympic needs penpal that they are corresponding with, they are enjoying getting to know the person.

Sean: has booked a trip to Hawaii later this year because he missed going to the convention there!!

There were more who graciously shared why they would be giving money to our Happy Buck.

When you feel you want to send your committed funds along, please send a cheque to either Terry Greer or Lindagene Coyle's address.

P-Roy: Thank you, for coming. I now close our gathering at 7:05 pm



Pati is rolling 192 pairs of female underwear for Days for Girls.

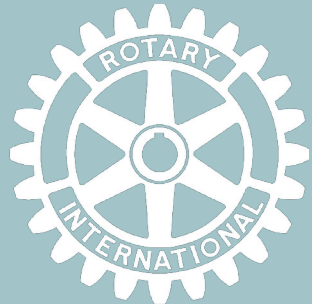
This job took 9-hrs . Thank you Pati

Please send your volunteer hours and pictures To: [pnwpassportrotary@gmail.com](mailto:pnwpassportrotary@gmail.com)



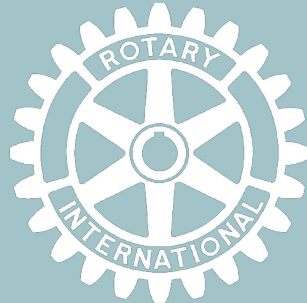
# WHAT IS ROTARACT?

a rotary club partner



Rotaract is a group of young individuals who cultivate relationships and leadership skills through serving our local and global communities.

rotary in action.

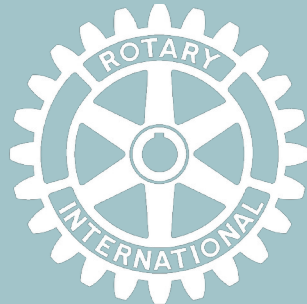


# What is Rotaract?

“Rotaract clubs bring together people ages 18 and older to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service.”  
-from Rotary.org

## Rotaract clubs:

- ❖ have access to Rotary International (RI) and The Rotary Foundation
- ❖ develop leadership and professional skills
- ❖ serve local, district, and international communities
- ❖ harvest meaningful and lasting connections



# Who are Rotaractors?

Students and young professionals 18 and older

University and Community members

Past Rotary exchange students, Interactors, YAIL & RYLA attendees, future Rotarians!





# ROTARACT 101

- HISTORY OF ROTARACT – *as of January 2021*
- NORTH CAROLINA | 1968 (50 YEARS!)
- 10,698 CLUBS
- 203,298 MEMBERS
- 180 COUNTRIES
  
- DISTRICT 5050
- 1987 | ABBOTSFORD MATSQUI
- 10 CHARTERED CLUBS
- 26 SPONSORING CLUBS

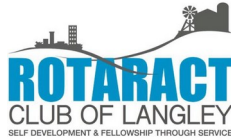
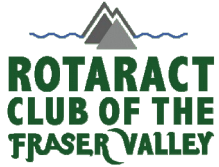


# ROTARACT DISTRICT 5050

Big West  
Rotaract  
*Rotary Club Partner*



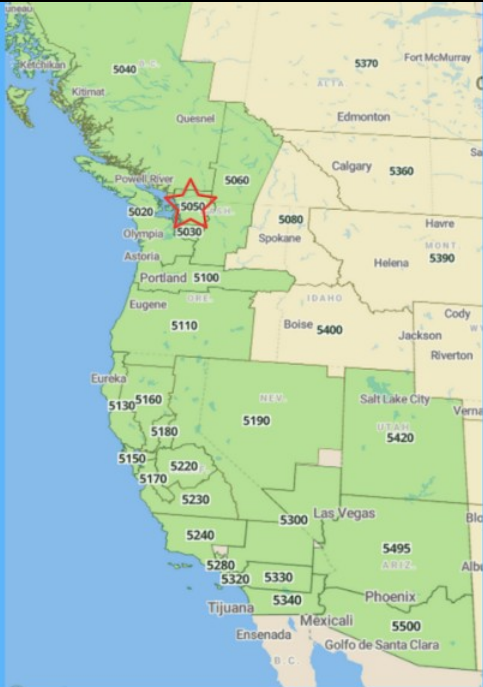
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AMERICAN CLUBS | 3 CHARTERED | 1 STARTING | [APPROX. 30 MEMBERS]



# Big West Rotaract



- Started in 2009
- Spreads across the West Coast of North America
- We've had members attended the Last 3 Years
- Trainings, Education, and Resources

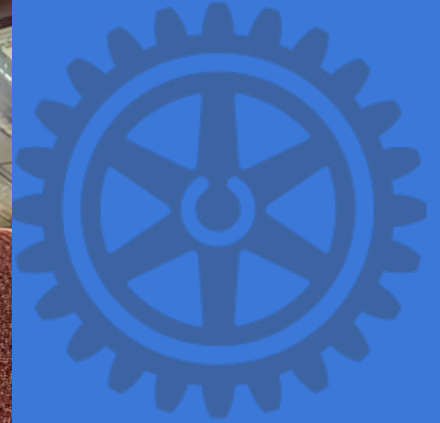


# Rotaract Club of Bellingham

8 Members +1 Advisor



(Photo taken in 2019)



# Rotaract Club of Bellingham Members

Past President:  
Dakota White



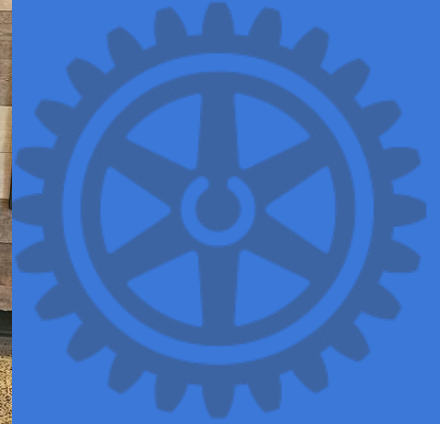
# Rotaract Club of Bellingham Members

President:  
Reece Carpenter



# Rotaract Club of Bellingham Members

Vice President:  
Emily Calhoun



# Rotaract Club of Bellingham Members

Secretary:  
Justin Nash





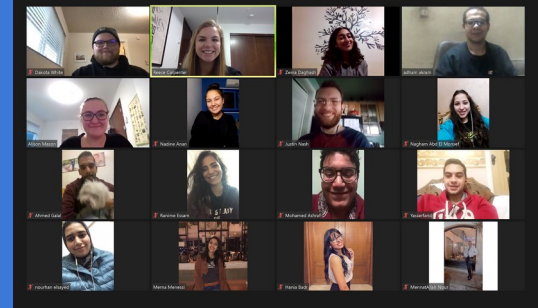
# Rotaract Club of Bellingham Sponsoring Clubs

- Rotary Club of Bellingham
- Rotary Club of Bellingham Bay
- Bellingham Sunrise Rotary
- Ferndale Rotary Club
- Mt Baker Rotary
- *Burlington Rotary*



# What have we done in the past?

- Bellingham Rotaract first chartered in 2015 and became a university club in 2020.
- Fundraiser for Seattle Children's Hospital at Lairmont Manor.
- Fundraiser for stoves for Guatemala.
- Brewers by the Bay
- Fundraiser to support wildfire relief.
- Park clean up at Maritime Heritage Park.
- Mentor Program with Bellingham Bay Rotary.
- 2 international joint meetings with the Rotaract Clubs of Rakouda, Egypt and Cologne, Germany
- Letter writing program to local senior citizen center.



# What do we have planned for the future?

- Grow Mentor Program
- Winter Clothing Drive
- Sister Club
- Park Clean Up
- Resume/Career Building Workshops
- Mayor Fleetwood Presentation
- Member Growth



BELLINGHAM ROTARACT CLUB IS HOSTING A

## WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Bring coats, scarves, gloves, etc. to any drop off location below to support those in need during the cold Winter months!

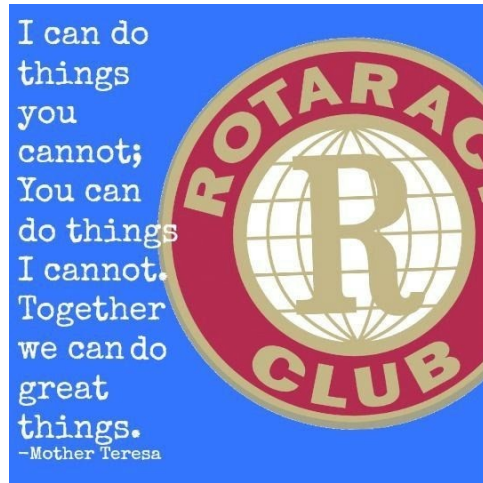
**FEBRUARY 1-FEBRUARY 15**

Drop off locations:  
Fitness Evolution - 1504 Iowa St  
(Donation comes with free day pass!)  
Starbucks - Old Fairhaven Parkway & 30th  
Starbucks - Sehome Village

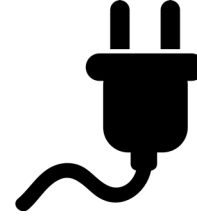
Bellingham  
**Rotaract** 

# ROTARY + ROTARACT + INTERACT

## WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?



# STAY CONNECTED



[www.rotaract5050.org](http://www.rotaract5050.org)



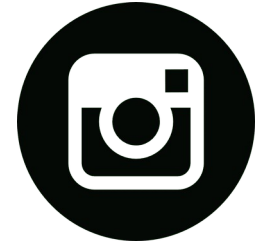
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