



Peel Interactors' Virtual Fundraiser & 2020 Summary

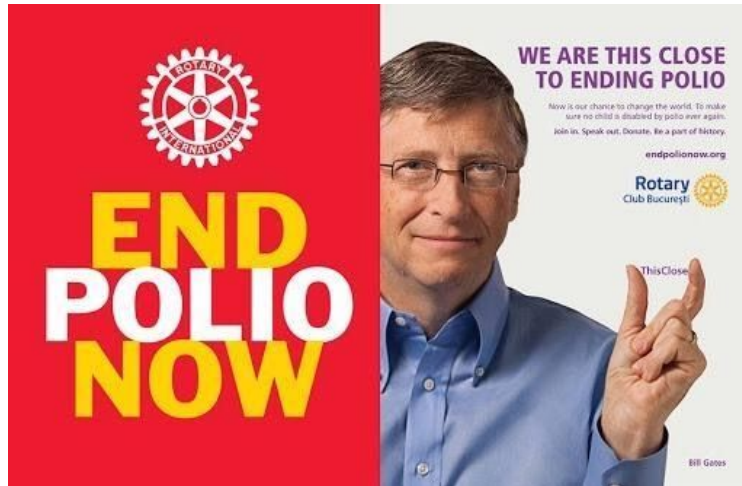


The Interact Students at Central Peel Secondary School are not letting Covid 19 stop them from helping those in need in their community. Through their annual Toasty Toes campaign, they have traditionally collected warm weather clothes for the homeless. This year they have pivoted to a Covid-friendly alternative to create awareness and collect donations on behalf of the local Coldest Night Of The Year Fundraiser, which has a similar objective as Toasty Toes. The Club has also created and entered a video into Rotary International Interact's Annual Video Awards Competition 2020. See details of both below.

[CPSS Interact's Toasty Toes Coldest Night Of The Year Fundraiser](#)

[CPSS Interact's Video Summary of 2020 Club Activities](#)

Long before Covid 19, there was Polio. Rotary has been key to its global eradication.



Polio is a very cruel, debilitating disease, which often leaves its victims with life-long impairments, if it does not paralyse or even kill them. It is also highly contagious.

Many people in Canada today don't really know what Polio is. This is because we managed to eradicate it in North America and Europe in the 1960s, thanks to a vaccine initially developed by Jonas Salk. This creation of this vaccine was further developed by Alfred Sabin, who compassionately chose not to put a patent on his manufacturing process so the vaccine would remain cheaper and more accessible.

Unfortunately through the 60s, 70s and 80s, many less developed countries still continued to have high levels of Polio cases, particularly among children. In 1979, a Rotarian decided he wanted to raise funds to help eradicate the disease in the Philippines, after seeing many people suffering from it. His actions then inspired others to begin what has now become Polio Plus, Rotary's billion dollar, 40 year battle to eradicate Polio worldwide. The task is 98% complete with only a few countries left.

[Rotary's fight against Polio](#)

Join Halton Rotaract Club's Fitness Fundraiser



FITNESS FUNDRAISER

SWEAT FOR A CAUSE

BE STRONG FITNESS

Join **BE STRONG FITNESS** as we come together for a great cause! We'll be hosting a **STRONG Nation™ (HIIT)** 40 minute fitness class via **ZOOM** on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 2020, at 7:00 PM (EST)**.

\$10 donation to Halton Rotaract, e-transfer and email contact information to haltonrotaract@gmail.com or donate via Eventbrite. Proceeds will be used to fund programs that strengthen communities locally, and around the world.

REGISTER BY MONDAY DEC. 14TH

Rotaract Halton 

On December 15 at 7pm for a small donation, join local Rotary supporter and fitness coach, Renee Durepos, as she guides you through a fun, high impact training routine. The event is being organized by the Rotaract Club of Halton to raise funds for local and international humanitarian causes. Registration and a \$10 donation can be made by e-transfer or through Eventbrite.

Get yoursELF registered today for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon gift card! E-transfer \$10 to haltonrotaract@gmail.com or [Register via Eventbrite](#)

What Is Rotaract And Who Can Join?



Rotaract is a Club Rotary for those 18-30+ years old. It generally has a more casual vibe than a traditional Rotary Club. However the passion for 'Service Above Self' is just the same, as members enjoy working together to better their local and international community. There is also a focus on personal and professional development through speakers, workshops, mentoring, volunteering, fundraising, networking etc. Many Rotaractors are former members of Interact Clubs.

You will find Rotaract Clubs at many colleges and universities but there are also community-based clubs such as the recently renamed and relaunched **Rotaract Club of Halton**. This club is growing rapidly as more young people from across Halton Region become aware of it. Please let your older brothers, sisters, friends and extended family know about Halton Rotaract via <https://www.haltonrotaract.com/>. Maybe you should also think about joining a Rotaract Club after you graduate High School?

[Rotaract Club of Halton Facebook Page](#)

Oakville Interactor Highlights Historic Racism



St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School's Interact Club Board Member, Ethan C, was inspired at a local Black Lives Matter rally to investigate historic system racism in the Oakville community. Ethan thoroughly researched some of the issues raised and spoke to notable academics and authors. He spoke passionately and eloquently about his awakening on this matter. His insights were well captured by the journalist in the article below. The stories and events he discovered are worth reading about.

While Canada is seen as one of the most progressive and racially diverse countries in the world, the reality is that we also have our own dark history. Ethan felt this fact needed to be highlighted and remembered as we continue to strive for eradication of prejudices and bigotry of all kinds in our local communities and across our country.

[Ethan's Toronto Star Article Re: Racism July 11, 2020](#)

'Santa Claus Is (Virtually) Coming To Town'



Santa is a good friend of Rotary and he has just told us that, due to Mall visits being too risky this year, he will be taking appointments to video-chat with kids online. This will be happening on a daily basis from now to just before Christmas.

Even better, being the ultimate volunteer, Santa has also been generous enough to let his chats with kids be part of a fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Oakville Trafalgar. This will help them to raise funds during Covid, so they can continue to support important humanitarian causes and projects, both locally and internationally.

We ask all Interactors, Rotaractors and Rotarians in the 7080 District to help to spread the word about Santa's generous offer by directing interested parents of younger children to www.SantaChat.ca where they can select and book their preferred time slot with a donation. Parents can also email northpolelive@gmail.com and Santa's Rotary helpers will answer any questions about this initiative.

[How To Book A Virtual Chat With Santa](#)