



## Interactors Proactive Approach to Covid 19

# ROTARY INTERACTIVE QUARANTINE

Rotary Youth around the world taking action.



Interact Clubs in the USA Rotary District of 6840 came together with Rotary International Youth Exchange students around the world to combat the negative impact of Covid 19 quarantine and lockdowns that have been required to stop the spread of the virus. Click below to learn all about the great initiative they created called Interact Quarantine and to find out which of their ideas or activities might inspire your club.

[interactivequarantine.org](https://interactivequarantine.org)

## Interactors show 'It's A Small World After All'.



Interact Students from a High School in Big Sky Montana go the extra mile to help those less fortunate in the 'sky high' country of Nepal.

[Interactors in action overseas](#)

## What are Rotary's Guiding Principles?

Interact Students will know Rotary's motto is **Service Above Self** but are you aware of Rotary's Guiding Principles? These include our Objectives, the Four-Way Test and our Avenues of Service.

[Learn more about Interact and Rotary through Rotary.org](#)

[Rotary's Guiding Principles & Website](#)

[Interact Is \*\*INTER\*\*national \*\*ACT\*\*ion By Youth - See Global Membership Data](#)

## Looking For Service Ideas And Planning Tools?



Rotary in the USA has partnered with the Youth Service America organization. Their website has some very interesting ideas and resources that you can access for free. Take a look at their Covid pandemic range of projects in the link below.

[Youth Service America \(YSA\) website](#)

## Local Rotary Club's Response To Covid 19

**The Rotary Club of Oakville Trafalgar (RCOT)** is one of four Rotary Clubs based in Oakville and one of 11 clubs in Halton Region. RCOT is an active supporter of the **Rotaract Club of Halton** (for students and young professionals aged 18-30 years) and the sponsor of the **Oakville Trafalgar High School** and the new **St. Thomas Aquinas Interact Club** (for students aged 12-18 years).

Despite having their major annual fundraiser, the **Oakville Family Ribfest**, cancelled due to Covid RCOT responded quickly to support their community by being a founding member and financial contributor to the **Oakville Covid Relief Fund**. This fund grew to over \$45,000 and immediately purchased an intubation training mannequin for the front line medical staff Oakville Trafalgar

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Memorial Hospital to prepare them for the most serious Covid 19 cases. The fund also provided financial support to the local Food Banks and other local charities and families in need.

RCOT member's also helped to raise \$30,000 to provide emergency food supplies to some of the poorest communities in **Honduras** and **Guatemala**, where their club has some ongoing humanitarian projects. Members of one of these poor communities make a living, day by day, by scavenging at the Municipal garbage dump on the outskirts of Guatemala city. Covid 19 caused a shutdown of the dump and a strict, city-wide curfew so they could not make money to buy food. For a few months there was more risk of them dying from starvation than Covid 19.

In an effort to raise funds for these humanitarian activities RCOT members began collecting alcohol containers from friends and family and redeemed them at the LCBO. When word spread in Oakville about this **Rotary Covid Relief Bottle Drive** they were inundated with offers of empties and they managed to raise over \$10,000 in the first 3-4 months. This initial success encouraged them to continue and the bottle and can collection campaign is ongoing.

RCOT is also raising funds through the annual Online Rotary Auction which runs from November 7-21, 2020. RCOT began this fundraiser over 10 years ago. Since then seven other Rotary Clubs have joined them and together they have raised over \$400,000 for worthy causes locally and overseas. Visit the club's website for more details.

[Rotary Club of Oakville Trafalgar Website](#)

## Central Peel Interactors Adapt And Stay Active



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**Binalpreet** is a grade 12 student from Central Peel Secondary School and the president of CPSS Interact this year. Here is her message about her club's activities;

The CPSS Interact Club will be focusing on a different social issue every month this school year where our club will go through interactive activities and educational discussions to learn more about the issue, then participate in at least one "Big Service Project" for the month all through a virtual/social distancing platform.

We would love to have you attend these events and engage with our social media campaign. It would also be greatly appreciated if you could take a few minutes to share the event details and the sign up link with the other Interact Club members and whoever else you think may be interested.

In September our focus was on the BLM movement. We hosted a panel event to listen to 3 speakers and activists from our own community who gave their perspective. Then we engaged in further discussions with Q & A session. The event took place on Friday September 25th from 5 to 6 PM. We opened it up to anyone who was interested - with a focus on high school students and interactors in particular.

We do lots of other things too and have all our club info and events on our website and social media accounts

[Central Peel Interact Website](#)

[Central Peel Interact Facebook Page](#)