

What is Rotaract?

Rotaract brings together young people ages 18-30 in universities and communities worldwide to organize service activities, develop their leadership and professional skills, and have fun. Rotary clubs sponsor them, but Rotaract club members manage and fund their clubs independently.

If you are interested in starting a Rotaract Club please contact Beth Leconte, District Rotaract Chair, at 401-871-8412 or via email at bleconte@uri.edu

Our District is proud to have the following Rotaract Clubs with more being formed. Cape Cod Community College, Community College of Rhode Island, Stonehill College, University of Rhode Island and New England Institute of Technology.

The Rotaract Club at the University of Rhode Island is sponsored by the Wakefield Rotary Club. This club began in the spring of 2013 under the leadership of a RYLA graduate who wanted to bring to campus the Rotary experience that he had as a high school participant.

This year the URI Club has 40 active students who meet twice a month on Monday evenings with a focus on team building, leadership skills and service projects. On the off weeks the Executive Board meets to discuss future activities and the URI Student Senate needs. Four projects have been identified for this semester. Rock, Spook, and Skate will be a fund raiser for Shelter Box. Students and community members will come in costume and ice skate on Saturday, October 28th. A Buy One More food drive has been scheduled for November 12 at a local grocery store. This fund raiser will support the Jonnycake food pantry. And on November 19th the Rotaracters will be supporting the efforts of Easter Seals Rhode Island by serving as race marshals at the Mews Tavern Gear and Beer 6.9k Run. Before the semester ends these young adults will be cooking and serving breakfast and dinner at the Welcome House, a shelter for the homeless and making Christmas cards for the children at Hasbro Hospital.

This high energy group knows how to play hard as well. A pot luck dinner has been scheduled followed by a night of Rock Wall Climbing on Campus. And, the newly designed Rotaract at URI T-shirts will be arriving shortly.