



Coronado Rotaract

**New Member Information
Packet**

Rotaract Club of Coronado

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Dear Member,

Welcome to the Rotaract Club of Coronado! We are very excited to have you as a part of our club and the worldwide family of Rotaract and Rotary International. By joining Rotaract, you are choosing to commit to “service above self.”

This packet has been assembled to help answer any questions you might have about our club. Enclosed, you will find a copy of our club constitution and bylaws and information regarding Rotaract, not only for our club, but internationally as well. Feel free to look over this information and contact any of the officers if you have any questions, or contact us at coronadorotaract@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to a great first year with Rotaract, and we are glad to have you along!

Yours in Service,
Coronado Rotaract Board of Directors

About Rotaract

What is Rotaract?

Rotaract is a service club for young men and women dedicated to community and international service, who may not be ready or eligible for Rotary membership. Its membership totals over 215,000 in more than 9,500 clubs worldwide. Rotaract clubs are self-governing and self-supporting and can be either community or university based. Individual Rotary clubs sponsor Rotaract clubs and offer guidance and support, making the Rotaract clubs true “partners in service” and key members of the family of Rotary.

Through the Rotaract program, young adults not only augment their knowledge and skills, but they also address the physical and social needs of their communities while promoting international understanding and peace through a framework of friendship and service.

Although Rotaract efforts begin at the local grassroots level, all Rotaract clubs have access to the many resources of Rotary International (RI) and The Rotary Foundation.

History of Rotaract

Rotaract, Rotary International’s service club program for young adults, was officially inaugurated during January 1968 under RI President Luther Hodges. On March 13, 1968, the Rotaract Club of the University of North Carolina, sponsored by the Rotary Club of North Charlotte, North Carolina, USA, was the first Rotaract club to receive its official charter. Although this club is recognized as the first Rotaract club, Rotarians have been sponsoring similar organizations for young adults since the early 1920s.

Perhaps the greatest impetus for the creation of the Rotaract program came from Rotary’s youth service club for secondary school students, Interact clubs. Established in 1962, the Interact program enjoyed immediate success. However, since membership was only open to students in secondary schools, graduated Interactors and Rotarians were soon looking for ways to extend their relationship. Several proposals were brought before the RI Board of Directors to allow membership in Interact clubs to extend for a few years after graduation. Instead of extending the age requirements for Interact, the Board decided to study the feasibility of creating a new service club program for young adults at the university and young professional level.

The decision to adopt the Rotaract program came at the time when student protests worldwide were of growing concern to Rotarians. The Rotaract program was

adopted not only as a means of keeping former Interactors within the Rotary family, but as a means of channeling the energies of young adults into positive activities that could benefit their communities.

A special committee was convened to design the new service club program for young adults during 1966. After polling students at the University of Houston, Texas, USA, the committee decided that "Rotaract" would be the best name for the program - a combination of the words "Rotary" and "action." The committee also decided that young women should be allowed to join on equal standing with male members.

Several developments in the early 1990s helped strengthen the Rotaract movement. In February 1991, the first Rotaract club in eastern Europe was chartered in Budapest, Hungary, with the help of Austrian Rotaractors. Ties with Eastern Europe were further strengthened when the same Austrian Rotaractors helped charter the Rotaract Club of Prague in what was then Czechoslovakia later in 1991. In March 1992, the RI Board established World Rotaract Week, which is celebrated annually during the week of 13 March in commemorate the chartering of the first Rotaract club.

Information obtained from www.rotary.org and the Rotaract Handbook

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Our Mission: The Coronado Rotaract mission is to provide an opportunity for young men and women to enhance the knowledge and skills that will assist them in personal development, to address the physical and social needs of their communities, and to promote better relations between all people worldwide through a framework of friendship and service. Adopted from **Rotaract Club of the University of North Georgia**

Our Goals:

- To develop professional and leadership skills.
- To emphasize respect for the rights of others, based on recognition of the worth of each individual.
- To recognize the dignity and value of all useful occupations as opportunities to serve.
- To recognize, practice and promote ethical standards as leadership qualities and vocational responsibilities.
- To develop knowledge and understanding of the needs, problems and opportunities in the community and worldwide.
- To provide opportunities for personal and group activities to serve the community and promote international understanding and goodwill to all people.

Adopted from **Rotaract Club of Princeton**

What Do We Do

Coronado Rotaract set a goal for 2019 to participate in one service project a month, two of which to be specifically for international service. There is one business presentation a month for professional development. Through social and structure meetings we share our skills and passions with one another to better ourselves professionally and personally, as well as build a community of young adults within the community of Coronado.

Meeting Schedule

2nd Thursday of every month, 6:30pm Networking, 7:00 pm Meeting

Business Meeting

Location as of now: 1001 B Avenue Suite 201, Coronado CA

4th week of every month

Social Meeting or Service Project

Exact date and time varies

Meet our Spring 2019 Board of Directors

Feel free to contact any of the officers with questions

President - Natalie Bailey, nbailey234@yahoo.com

Vice President - Mandy Rowe, mandymrowe@gmail.com

Finance Director - Alyssa Ballard, sessalee@me.com

Secretary - Madison Marchetti, madisonmarchetti@gmail.com

Service Director - Demi Waitley, demi.waitley@gmail.com

Membership Director - Brooke Bernardy, bernardy.brooke@gmail.com

Professional Development Director - Kyle Runyon, kylewrnyon@gmail.com

How Much Does it Cost?

Dues for Coronado Rotaract are \$50.00 bi-annually. Please see the Finance Director to pay dues. New members begin to pay upon acceptance into the club. \$50.00 will be collected January 1st and July 1st. Venmo @coronadorotaract

The District

Rotary International is organized by geographical districts. We are part of District 5340. Each district is headed by a Rotarian called the District Governor. On the district level, Rotaract is led by a committee of Rotaract members from all clubs and elected officers. The committee is headed by a Rotaractor who serves as the Rotaract District Governor or District Rotaract Representative. The district plans conferences, socials, service events, and other events as needed per the district board's opinions.

Currently, the District 5340 consists of four community based Rotaract clubs: San Diego Rotaract, City Heights Rotaract, Pacific Beach Rotaract and Coronado Rotaract, as well as three university based clubs: San Diego State University Rotaract, University of California San Diego Rotaract, and University of San Diego Rotaract. These clubs are overseen by a District Council.

Rotaract District Council 2017/2018

Positions on the district council are open to any Rotaract in the district

www.rotaract5340.org

District Rotaract Representative - Belgica Crespo, City Heights Rotaract

District Rotaract Representative Elect - Jessie Case, Pacific Beach Rotaract

Director of Records - Domini Nguyen, City Heights Rotaract

Director of Finance - Stephanie Perez, City Heights Rotaract

Director of Events - Sesy Enriquez, City Heights Rotaract

Director of Publicity - Rebecca Caabay-Lainez

Conferences

Rotaract offers the opportunity to attend international conferences to network with other Rotaractors and Rotarians from all over the world. Each year Rotary International holds an annual convention, with a Rotaract Preconvention Meeting preceding this convention. The next Rotary International Convention will be held June 1-5, 2019 in Hamburg, Germany. Additional information can be found at <http://www.riconvention.org/>.

Every fall a rotaract conference is held in the Western part of North America called the Big West Rotaract Conference.

Other conferences are interota, RYLA, and cultural trips throughout the world. This information can be found at rotaractorwiki.org

Websites

www.rotaract.org

www.rotaract5340.org

www.bigwestrotaract.org

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