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University of Florida Rotaract Club 2017–2018 Impact Report

University of Florida Rotaract Club | Established: December 1985
Gainesville, Florida | Rotary District 6970
Rotary Club Sponsors:
Rotary Club of Gainesville & Rotary Club of Greater Gainesville



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Summary

Total Volunteer Hours 78.5	Total Number of Volunteers 40	Amount Donated to Service Projects \$806
Type of In-Kind Donations Donuts Coffee Holiday cards Christmas presents	Quantity of In-Kind Donations 69	Value of In-Kind Donations \$308
Awards Rotary Citation	International Service Project Days for Girls	Instagram 700% ↑ followers 266% ↑ posts
General Body Meetings 13	Workshops 4	Guest Speakers 7

Blast from The Past



Rotaract: Florida Rotaract meets tonight at 6 in Reitz Union Room 334. Call Shawn or Jason at 335-7657.

When searching for the founding year of UF Rotaract a club announcement from September 1990 was discovered in the famed Alligator newspaper. According to Rotary International records UF Rotaract was established and chartered in December 1985.



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Professional Development

Career Resource Center Workshop

UP CAREER RESOURCE CENTER
CREATING CONNECTIONS



Service & Community Engagement Workshop



This year UF Rotaract successfully had 14 meetings this year with guest speakers and workshops. Each speaker and workshop offered professional development opportunities for Rotaract members. Guest speakers ranged from local Rotarians and nonprofit workers to people involved with some of Rotary's programs. Workshops were hosted by the UF Career Resource Center and the UF Center for Leadership and Service. We even went high tech by using Skype to have a guest speaker talk to us.

Workshops: LinkedIn Workshop, Resume Workshop, Service & Community Engagement Workshop, Mind Mapping Workshop

Service Organizations: Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, P4H Global

Rotary Related Guest Speakers: Rotary Peace Fellow and career talks about being a lawyer and a business owner

**2017 Rotary Peace Fellow
Scott R. Martin**

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Learn About AmeriCorps

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50th Anniversary of Rotaract



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The first Rotaract Club was established in 1968 by the Charlotte North Rotary Club in Charlotte, North Carolina. "Rotaract" stands for "Rotary in Action". Rotaract clubs aim to promote leadership, service, fellowship, and professional development among its members and to foster an international community of increased cultural understanding and world peace.

For the 2018–2019 Rotary year Barry Rassin aims to increase Rotaract's involvement with Rotary by offering services specifically for Rotaractors and pushing Rotary clubs to be more involved with Rotaract clubs and the young adults in their community.

Currently there are over:

10,900 Rotaract Clubs

250,000 Rotaractors

180 Countries with Rotaract Clubs



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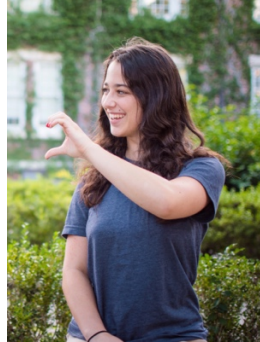


Rotaract International Project Collaborations

Say No to Racism Project



Lexi Ulseth



Ashlyn Leto



Grace Ishak



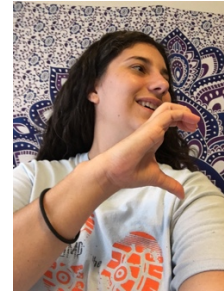
Tina Vo



Katie Walker



Kristen Wilson



Lauryn Scruggs



This project is hosted by the Rotaract clubs in Rotary District 9141 Nigeria. The purpose of the project is to show that we are one all over the world. Rotaractors from different countries participated in this project.

The photo to the left is a preview of the final project images. Official release date of all images is still TBD.



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50th Rotaract Video Celebration



This project was hosted by Rotaract Club Tanger Dean of Tangier City, Morocco in Rotary District 9010. The project aims to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Rotaract by showing the diversity of Rotaract members and Rotaract clubs all over the world. For the project participating Rotaract Clubs had to take a video saying "Happy birthday Rotaract" in their native language. Later the host Rotaract Club will combine all of the videos together to create one video. The release date of the final video is still TBD.



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Service Projects



Food 4 Kids provides students with food to take home after school. UF Rotaract supports Food 4 Kids at Rawlings Elementary School in Gainesville. During the Christmas season they also collect donated Christmas presents and sell them at a price that families can afford.

Donated: \$481



Walk to End Alzheimer's raises awareness and funding for Alzheimer's research.

Donated: \$40



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Virtual Rotary Ride to End Polio

2017 was the 2nd annual event. This event unites all of the Rotary, Interact, and Rotaract Clubs in Gainesville together to work towards one of Rotary's main goals of ending Polio. This event raised over \$3,000 and will be donated to End Polio Now. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has joined Rotary to end Polio, so they are matching all donations, two-to-one, meaning the Gates Foundation donated over \$6,000!



Donated: \$95

Christmas for the Community

A small preview of the 14 gifts that were donated to the Christmas for the Community event hosted by University City Church. This event celebrates foster families and foster children in Gainesville by hosting a Christmas party for them.



Donated: 14 Christmas Presents, total value of \$280



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Holiday Card Social

We made 50 holiday cards that were handed out to children in the pediatric ward of hospitals all over Florida.

Donated: 50 Holiday Cards

Total Volunteer Hours: 22 Hours



Field and Fork Garden

is a sustainable and organic garden that grows vegetables. The garden is used as a teaching tool about sustainable gardening and some of the harvest is donated to the Field and Fork pantry on campus.

Total Volunteer Hours: 8.5 Hours



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Days for Girls

Days for Girls increases access to menstrual care and education by developing global partnerships, cultivating social enterprises, mobilizing volunteers, and innovating sustainable solutions that shatter stigmas and limitations for women and girls. Days for Girls chapter organizations and enterprises hand sew sustainable and reusable menstrual pads.

The local chapter in Gainesville works to empower women internationally by providing access to sustainable menstrual pads, health education, and setting up enterprises. They are also working with vulnerable women's populations in the local community to provide access to sustainable menstrual pads and sewing skills.

Days for Girls is the official international service project for UF Rotaract and was started during spring 2018.

Total Volunteer Hours: 11 Hours

Donated: \$25



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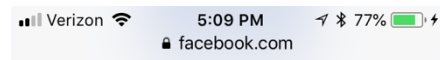


Social Media

This year we increased the UF Rotaract's social media presence by increasing our Instagram posts by 266% and increased followers by 700% from last year. The club also has a new Facebook Page where we post information about club activities and showcase club members.



Instagram is used to engage with other Rotaract, Interact, and Rotary Clubs all over the world by sharing club activities and experiences.



Facebook is used to post announcements, promote club events, and to share interesting news about Rotary and Rotaract.



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Conclusion

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The 2017-2018 year has been amazing and UF Rotaract was able to improve and increase social media presence as well as general body meetings and guest speakers. Next year we hope to offer more service and professional development opportunities to our members as we hope to expand our involvement with the local Rotary Clubs, increase our involvement with our new international service project, increase attendance to Rotary conferences, and start new projects with Interact Clubs. We also look forward the 2018-2019 Rotary theme, "Be the Inspiration" and the unique opportunities Rotary will be offering to Rotaractors.

You can follow our activities and updates through our Facebook Page or follow us on Instagram. If you are a University of Florida or Santa Fe student and are interested in getting involved, join the UF Rotaract Facebook Group. If you are interested in reaching out about a service opportunity, being a guest speaker, or other collaborative projects/events you can email UF Rotaract.



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