

Illini Rotaract

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign





Rotaract Network





- > Worldwide
- Started in 1968
- One of the largest collegiate organizations
 - 9,522 clubs
 - 291,006 members
- ≻ Ages 18-30
- College Based Clubs
- Community Clubs
- > Partnerships between clubs
- ➢ District 6490 Clubs
 - Illini Rotaract at UIUC
 - Douglas County
 - Champaign County
 - Bloomington / Normal

About Illini Rotaract

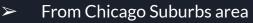


- > Part of the large network of Rotaract clubs
- Community service organization
- > Diverse network of students across all backgrounds and academic disciplines
- > Collegiate branch of Rotary International
- > RSO at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- ➤ 2019-2020 Leadership:
 - President: Jessica Nicholson
 - Vice President: Nicole Lach
 - Treasurer: Sarah Gale
 - Secretary: Mathilde Hanchard

- \succ Committee Heads:
 - Community Service: Jamie Boone
 - Professional Development: Matthew Larson
 - Membership: Connor
- Rotary Liaisons: Nick Voss and Gerry Smith of Champaign West Rotary, Mike Murphy of Urbana Rotary



About Me, Jessica Nicholson



- Sophomore in Mechanical Engineering
- Minor in Business
- > Career goal of working with renewable energy
- History with Rotary
 - Involved in Interact at my high school, Rotary district 6440
 - Elected to an officer position with Interact
 - Attended Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
 - Involved with Illini Rotaract at UIUC since last year
 - President of Illini Rotaract for Sophomore year
- > Other Experience in Community Service
 - Member of the Illinois Student Government as an elected Student Senator
 - Outreach Committee member of SWE
 - Involved with Women in Renewable Industries and Sustainable Energy
 - Individual volunteer projects







Our Focus as a Club



- > Identify areas of need within the community
- > Raise awareness for issues and community needs
- Serve the community of Urbana-Champaign through volunteerism, education, and community outreach
- Professionally develop
- > Network and collaborate with people of various academic disciplines and fields
- Work to make the best use of our time and opportunities at UIUC to benefit the community



Illini Rotaract Past Service Events



- ➤ Salt and Light
 - Resale store
 - $\circ \qquad {\sf Managing} \ {\sf donated} \ {\sf items}$
- > Community Dinner at Uniplace Church
 - $\circ \qquad {\sf Free \ dinner \ for \ community \ members}$
 - Making food and serving food
- CU's Got Talent Show
 - Coat Check
- ➢ Feed My Starving Children
- Boneyard Creek Cleanup
- Habitat for Humanity
 - ReStore Center
 - Local Projects







Illini Rotaract Past Events (cont.)



- ≻ iHelp
 - UIUC Campus-wide day of community service
- ➤ Fundraisers
 - Rotary Conference
 - Shot Glass Sales
 - On campus
 - Succulent plants
 - Making blankets
 - Donut sales with St. Thomas More HS
- > Socials
 - Ice Skating
 - Bowling
 - Picnics









This Year: Our Meetings



- > Every two weeks on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm
- Mumford Hall room 320
- Meeting Agendas
 - Recap of events
 - Updates on upcoming events and activities
 - Service project suggestions/brainstorming
 - Guest speakers for professional development
 - Social events



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Meeting Agenda [Date, Time]

I. New Business



Our Current Goals



- > Ongoing goals
 - Community Service: at least twice monthly
 - Social events: at least monthly
 - Professional Development programs and Speakers: at least monthly
 - Fundraising: Raise \$1500 dollars toward a charitable cause
 - Shelter box
 - Polio Plus
 - CU at home
 - Fundraising: Raises \$750 dollars toward club admin and subsidizing
- > New goals
 - Grow membership at least 1.5x by the end of the year
 - Community Service: at least 3 times monthly
 - Professional Development programs and Speakers: at least twice monthly
 - Create volunteer hour requirements for members



Recent Service Events





- Community Service:
 - Feed My Starving Children
 - iHelp Campus Day of Service
 - Working at the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen
 - Community Oktoberfest
 - Clean up
 - Jubilee Cafe
 - Orpheum Children's Museum
 - Running activities at a children's activity day
 - Dial-a-Carol
 - UIUC housing tradition during finals
 - Students can call in and hear Christmas carols



Recent Events (cont.)





- ➤ Fundraising
 - Shelterbox fundraiser
 - Sold themed shot glasses at tailgate
 - Raised \$471
- Professional Development / Speakers
 - Brice Hutchcraft: Chair of numerous local charities
 - Darlene Kloeppel: Vice President of Urbana Rotary and County Executive
 - Thomas Hodson: Shelterbox
 - Jeffrey Lehmann: Toastmasters
- Socials



Challenges and Solutions



- Main Challenge: Membership
 - Common issue from past years
- Steps taken to address this
 - Strong Quad Day presence
 - Invited former Interactors, exchange students and other interested students
 - Had regular events, met event goals
 - Gave members many opportunities to get involved
 - Created leadership structure and committees
- Current Outcome
 - Membership: About 15 consistent members out of around 25 at each meeting
 - Many community service activities were accomplished
- ➤ Future steps
 - Have a strong January Involvement Fair presence
 - Use more social media tools to promote club
 - Create informational events for prospective members



Future Events





- Scare Away Hunger
 - Haunted House
 - Food Drive
- > Purple Pinky Polio Fundraiser
- Salt and Light Resale Store
- > CU's Got Talent Show
- ➢ CU at home shelter
 - Volunteer work
 - Supply drives and donations
- > Professional Development programs
 - More guest speakers
 - Workshops Connecting field of study and community service
 - Group dynamics
- International Service Projects
 - Long-term
 - Partnership with Rotary Projects



Partnerships / Prospective Partnerships

- > Champaign Rotary
- Champaign West Rotary
- > Urbana Rotary
- > Office of Volunteer Programs at UIUC
 - Connects students to volunteer opportunities
 - Can feature our events
- Student Alumni Ambassadors
 - iHelp
- Illinois Student Government
 - Creates policy/resolutions to benefit the University
 - Prospective partnership





STUDENT ALUMNI AMBASSADORS





Final Remarks



- > Started fresh this semester, with no initial involvement
- > Regular meetings on Wednesdays, 5:30 pm
- > New leadership and involvement structure
- Gained consistent membership
- > Had regular community service events
- Ongoing goals and future plans
- > Always looking for new opportunities
- > Would love to get involved with Local Rotary projects
- > Open to further guest speakers for some of our meetings
- > Let us know if interested
- Questions / suggestions / comments?



Thank You!

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