

July-December 2023

ENGAGE

VYP NEWSLETTER

This newsletter, published on December 24, 2023, will walk you into our business and introduce you to some of our events of this year until Christmas. Happy Holidays!



Inside Our Business

Business Meetings

Meet with us every first Monday of the month at Roberts Lee YMCA from 6 pm to 8 pm. You don't need to be a club member to attend any meeting. However, it is a great opportunity to interact with present club members & executives.

Socials

We engage our members every month to build better friendships by arranging social events. Details of activities are posted regularly on our website as well as social media handles.

Our Goals

- Personal growth and skill development.
- Networking and building relationships.
- Improving one's mental and physical health.
- Create lifelong friendships.

WHY VOLUNTEER WITH VANCOUVER YOUNG PROFESSIONALS?

Rotaract is an international network of students and young professionals, who seek to cultivate relationships and leadership skills through volunteering and philanthropy in our communities, and communities around the world. VYP is based out of Downtown Vancouver, B.C., where club members meet regularly to manage the club and plan events. We believe there's nothing more unstoppable than when people come together. No matter what we're doing, we're having fun, working as a team, and creating better friendships.



OUR FUNDRAISERS

Our fundraisers encourage individuals and organisations to make charitable contributions. These events allow club members and other community donors to actively participate in our club rather than simply donating. Meeting with donors also allows us to reiterate our mission and discuss ways for people to become more involved in our work.

For Earthquake in Syria & Türkiye

A powerful earthquake devastated vast regions of southern Türkiye and war-torn northwest Syria on February 6, 2023, leaving millions of people struggling to reestablish their lives. Our first fundraiser of the year and a Trivia Night raised about \$1400 to support victims of this earthquake. The funds were divided evenly among the Canadian Red Cross, UNICEF, and Action Against Hunger. Big thanks to ANZA Club for providing us with a cozy venue where this event could take place.



Ukraine Fundraiser

Our club raised \$3,254 for HERO Society in Ukraine, to assist efforts in providing logistical support to deliver medical equipment donated by various organizations in BC. They were then delivered to the hospitals and clinics that needed them in Donetsk region of Ukraine.



BC Wildfire Relief

In the summer of 2023, British Columbia was ravished by forest fires, which caused widespread destruction to communities throughout the province. We hosted a bar trivia night in the month of November at Container Brewing Ltd. where club members and their friends were brought together, raising \$550 for various relief efforts.



OUR SOCIALS

We believe that good things happen when you are surrounded by friends and family. To bring our members together, we organize socials every month to build better friendships and strengthen our community. Besides, it is a great opportunity for potential members to engage with current members and meet the executive team through some fun activities.

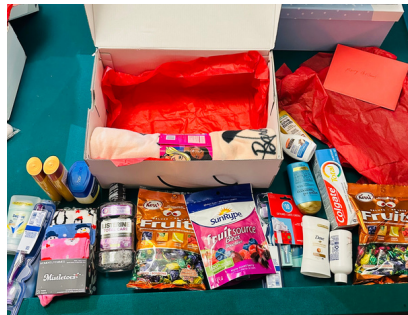
Beach Day

Our Rotaract year was kicked off with this outdoor summer social at Vancouver's pristine Jericho Beach. A day was perfectly spent with friends and potential members on a sunny day overlooking ocean and mountains.



Shoebox Project

It is a community service and social event held during the holiday season every year to help women who are impacted by homelessness. This year, we wrapped 15 shoeboxes \$50 worth each with essential supplies for unsheltered women.



Everyone's B'day

We started this event in 2021 because we had missed all of our members' birthdays during the COVID pandemic. As it turned out to be a hit, it is now a part of our tradition every year.



Vancouver's Pride Parade

This year's pride weekend in August brought us an invitation to walk Vancouver's pride parade with the City of Vancouver. This signature event attracted over 100,000 attendees cheering up from both sides of the street in support of the 2SLGBTQAI+ communities. We feel honored to be Vancouver's multicultural community, which indulges in the hues of inclusivity and a more sustainable society.

UPCOMING

WINTER RETREAT

February 2024



Good Travels for Great Souls

We live in a beautiful British Columbia filled with beauty and charm. There are no limits to the adventures we can embark on if we hunt them out with our eyes open. Coming February 2024, join our young professionals team in discovering adventures of snow mountains and ski resorts.

Take a trip to Hemlock Valley, which is renowned for its untamed, untouched wildness. From its lush woods and flowing rivers to the mountain peaks and ski hills, it is perfectly set up for winter getaways. Registration is now open to sign up through our website.



Details

Where?

HEMLOCK VALLEY,
AGASSIZ

When?

FEB. 23 TO 25, 2024

Venue:

APRES-SKI LODGE

Cost:

C\$ 150

(Includes lodging for one person)

