



**Mid-Columbia Rotaract Club  
District 5080 | Club 42440**

**Minutes of the January 25, 2012 Meeting**

**Pre-Meeting: Current Goals**

- 1) Website – shell in place, need content (some from Lisa)
- 2) Budget – determine service project \$\$\$\$ allocation
- 3) Facebook – need page and group
- 4) Establish working group of officers to handle current business
- \*5) New crew of officers – recruit and mentor them, particularly a president
- 6) Kick off event – this spring
- 7) Event(s) - what do we want to do, what do we want to stand for >>>>>>>>  
community service, socials/friendships
- 8) Deal with international project funds
- \*9) Create official financial statement that captures current status
- 10) Decide how to support District Conference

**Meeting Notes**

Those present were: Abe Woo, Kevin Yetter, Tim Kuchler, Mike Tuohy (Assistant , Rampur Viswanath (District Governor), Jeremy Asmus (Rotaract liaison), Lisa Lockrem (Past President), Amy Kuchler (Past President), David Hjerpe, and Shane Clark (potential new member, son of Pasc- Kennewick Rotarian).

Only 3 remaining Rotaract clubs in District 5080 (Pullman, Mid-Columbia, and Spokane). More than 20 Interact clubs though. Spokane Rotaract is doing very well.

Rampur asked the group to introduce themselves, explain how and why they got involved with Rotaract, as well as how long they have been a member.

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Duane Parsons has been educating the district about social media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.). If we are interested in a presentation from him, we can ask Rampur to contact him.

**Acting Officers**

President	- Tim Kuchler
Public Relations	- Amy Kuchler
Treasurer	- Kevin Yetter
Membership	- Lisa Lockrem
International	- ????
Social	- ????
Vice President	- ????
Community Service	- ????
Secretary	- ????

[Rampur's message] "Reach within to embrace humanity" – Rotary International 2012 theme

ACTION: All present to write on paper (or email to Tim) the 5-word reason they got involved

ACTION: Tim to compile "reasons" and email to Rampur (notebook paper)

ACTION: Lisa to send historical Rotaract content to Amy for website

ACTION: Amy to revise and send document "50 Ways to Support a Local Rotaract Club" to Mike/ Rampur in hopes that he will pass it along (add starred items from below)

ACTION: Amy to ask Lisa about email blast options, etc.

ACTION: Contact Mike about international service project issue, after club meets (he needs individual contact info about responsible parties from us – someone who is dedicated to the project/process – Kevin?)

**President's Report, Tim Kuchler**

Tim shared about content of recent New Generations club meeting. He and Lisa brought up the relaxation of rules about minimum age requirements being allowed into Rotary.

**Club Report**

Rotaract shared our challenges as a club to Rampur and Mike with the understanding that they would attempt to bring this information back to the local and district level.

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**Conclusions for Rampur to take back to local/ district level**

1) More support for and communication with Rotaract (offer community service opps)

\*2) Ask local Rotary clubs to encourage youngest members to consider/ help Rotaract, if there is a local club

3) Improve communication about RYLA (communication tends to be too late, good candidates are hard to find because of life situation – not in high school anymore)

\*4) Put badges on Rotary club websites for appropriate Rotaract and Interact

[Rampur's message – challenge yourself to do more than you have done because there is unlimited potential within yourself]

**Special Presentation**

Rampur presented an award to Kevin Yetter for his outstanding and dedicated service 2010-2011 for his extraordinary commitment to our trash collection fundraising program this past year. He received a special plaque and a special pin for his service.

**Final Announcements/ Comments**

Rotaract/ Interact conference as part of the upcoming District Conference. This means we will have separate sessions for these groups. \$100 registration fees covers all meals and seminars. He suggested that we help host students (welcome them) from the outside.

The District Conference is June 7-10<sup>th</sup> at the Three Rivers Convention Center in Kennewick. They encouraged us to attend, because there will be no lodging or travel costs for us.

ACTION: Tim to determine when to meet with Mike Tuohy regarding the matching grant programs.