


Interact

Rotary District 7305



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ROTARY DISTRICT 7305
2021-2022

**INTERACT CLUB
OF THE YEAR**

GREATER JOHNSTOWN
HIGH SCHOOL
INTERACT CLUB

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It is that time of year, time to start thinking about the Interact Club of the Year competition. The Nomination Form is posted on the District's website under the Interact tabs.

The deadline for submission is May 31, 2023 and the winner(s) will be announced at the Interact

District Conference on Thursday, October 12.

Below is a letter that was received from the judges in this competition in which they are asking those submitting Nomination Forms to be very prudent in following the directions!!

The Somerset Interact Club volunteered at the annual Fire and Ice Festival's Somerset Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast making and serving pancakes. The breakfast served as a fundraiser for the Kiwanis Club of Somerset County.



Dear Mark Barnhart,

It is that time of year when you will be approaching Rotarians outside of your district for judging. My team and myself really enjoy this each year. I do have some feedback that you may want to share with the clubs entering this. What we have noticed over the last couple of years, is the author of the entries has not adhered to the directions on how to answer the questions. One item that we have overlooked but do not plan on overlooking this year is the obvious references to what club they are. We have had to read through the entries with much redacting done to keep the entry to the directions. Another area that the committee will not overlook this year is when the directions specify a number of items to be listed and explained, ie. "describe ONE project that was completed this year." What we are given is multiple projects. We think the clubs who list this are very active and have great projects, but to be fair to those clubs who adhere to the direction, this is not fair. We do discern between answers to questions similar to this between multiple projects and projects with multiple parts. When clubs are filling the form out, ultimately we want to see that the answers can be put against the Four Way Test.

Thank you,
Judges from 7360



On January 10th the Montour Interact Club held a Damar Hamlin Day to support the Pittsburgh native who now plays for the NFL team, the Buffalo Bills. On January 2, Hamlin suffered a cardiac arrest following a tackle during the game against the Cincinnati Bengals. Teachers and students wore the Buffalo Bills colors of red, white, and blue as well as Pitt gear for Hamlin. In the cafeteria, students and staff signed a huge poster filled with get well messages and encouraging sayings. By the end of lunch, the poster was filled. Staff donated funds that were donated to Hamlin's Chasing M's Foundation which provides back-to-school supplies and Christmas gifts for children from his hometown.



Conemaugh Township just did the St. Jude Hospital Valentine e-cards - always a huge hit here. They did a rent-a-senior project to raise funds for their upcoming projects. They have a musical tea on deck, an elementary reading night, healthcare day thank yous, road clean-up, and their biggest event SHOFCO soccer tournament coming up.



Johnstown High School Interact Club has completed another Trojan Pride apparel sale with all proceeds benefiting the Johnstown Interact Club. This sale included apparel of all kinds from shirts to hoodies to sweatpants!

Looking ahead...the 2023 Interact District Conference will be held on Thursday, October 12 at the Greensburg Country Club.





RYLA information is available on the District's website in two places. You can follow the RYLA link under 7305 Youth in Service or you can follow the Interact link under 7305 Youth in Service. The dates and application information for both LaRoche University and for Outdoor Odyssey are both available. You may want to check with your sponsoring Rotary Club to see if they are willing to provide scholarships for RYLA.

In the past there have been Rotary Clubs who are willing to provide scholarships but don't have any students interested. The bottom line is to fill out an application and get registered and the District Leadership will work to find the money for the fee.

The District has permitted us to purchase a retractable banner for Interact. The banner will be available for any Rotary District 7305 Interact Club to use at a Club function. If your Club would like to use our new public image tool, please contact Mark Barnhart to make arrangements to pick up the banner and to return it.



Bethel Park Interact recently made their South Hills Pet Rescue drop off! Handmade dog blankets, toys and treats delivered.



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A Sneaker Recycling Organization

Since being introduced to the District by District Governor Marie Fallon, the District has received over \$1,000 which is going to fund youth activities, like Interact. Keep collecting sneakers and we will have another drop off at the Interact District Conference in October.

Remember that sneakers is what is being collected, not sandals or leather shoes.



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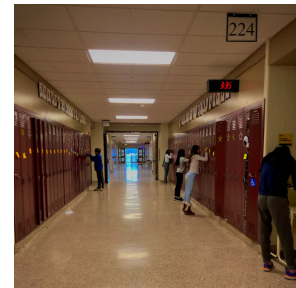
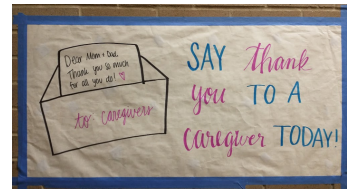
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In January, North Allegheny Interact held a "Five InterActs of Kindness Week." Each day from Jan 23-27, we engaged in a small act of kindness to honor the Rotary's pillars. Students brought refillable water bottles to school and learned what they could do to protect the environment and water supply. We wrote welcoming postcards to refugees coming to Pittsburgh, unlocking \$4,755 in donations to charitable organizations supporting refugee aid. Students showed gratitude to parents, caregivers, and teachers! Finally, we participated in a Dollar Drive; a donation of \$873 was sent to Build-a-Chair, a non-profit organization that builds wheelchairs for people with disabilities in Tanzania.

In February, we made origami heart bouquets with encouraging notes to show our appreciation for our school librarians, nurses, and secretaries for Valentine's Day. Additionally, we had some members compete in (and win!) the District 7305 Interact Trivia Competition, earning \$500 for our club to use toward a service project of our choice. Some of our students also judged our school district's middle school writing competition, reading and evaluating entries in three different categories -- Poetry, Flash Fiction, and 6-Word Story.

At the middle schools, EarlyAct clubs wrote encouraging "Post-It Notes of Kindness" and placed them on student lockers, writing almost 1400 notes! Additionally, some Early Actors have been selected to serve on "Leadership Councils" at their respective middle schools to gain leadership skills while getting hands-on experience in planning EarlyAct meetings, announcing events and news, and working and communicating with a team.



Johnstown Interactors wishing Rotary a Happy 118th Birthday on February 23!!

