



Interact



Rotary Sponsored Clubs
Rotary District 7305

MAY—2021



Rotary District 7305, being made up of Rotary Clubs in Southwestern Pennsylvania, is also a member of a larger group. Rotary Districts are organized in “Zones” with each “Zone” being comprised of roughly 34,000 Rotarians from many different Districts. We, District 7305, are a part of Zone 33 which covers the Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern Seaboard of the United States and the Caribbean countries.

Peter Kyle, Rotary International Director, oversees both Zones 33 and 34 has launched the largest local peacebuilding initiative in the history of Rotary International for the youth. It is entitled **YOUTH & PEACE IN ACTION**. Recently a webinar was held to introduce this exciting program to the District Leadership in the Zones and to get the ball rolling.

With support from 22 Districts in Rotary Zones 33 & 34, \$500,000 has been committed to provide peace education, training and project mentoring in collaboration with established peacebuilding partners. Our focus is high school students, teachers and youth service club members in communities where we serve.

We're putting youth at the center of building and sustaining a culture of peace

We, District 7305, have committed our support to this exciting program not only financially but also by submitting requested information. If you are an Interact Advisor or a Rotary Club's Interact Chair, you may have already received information from Youth & Peace in Action (YPA).

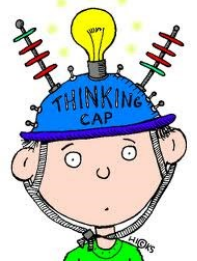
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We are coming down the “home stretch” for our first ever Family Feud Tournament. The Tournament will take place the week of May 16. If your Interact Club would like to take part and has not already registered, this is your last chance, please contact Interact District Governor Lena at:

lavoss26@gmail.com

Start thinking of becoming more involved with Interact at the District level. In September we will be seeking nominations for Freshmen and Sophomores to serve on the Rotary District 7305 Interact Board of Governors for two years beginning on July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2024. Let your Interact Advisor know if you would be interested as that is who will be receiving the nomination form in late August.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Week of May 16 is the tentative scheduled competition for the District's Interact Family Feud.

Saturday, May 29 is the deadline to submit your 2020-2021 Rotary District 7305 Interact Club(s) of the Year Nomination Form. (See Page 3)

June 30 is the deadline to Report your Interact Club's Advisor Form to Rotary International for the 2021-2022 school year. (See Page 2)

Thursday, October 14 is the date for the 2021 Interact District Conference.



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Individuals spear-heading this program have very strong ties to the Rotary Peace Centers, Peace Scholars and other peace oriented organizations. The hope is to offer a curriculum to local high schools beginning in the Fall of 2021. Not wanting to reinvent the wheel, Rotary is looking to the Interact Clubs in the high schools to get the ball rolling. The goal is to have 875 total high schools and youth service organizations involved for the 2021-22 school year. Half of them can and should be high schools and service organizations that are Interact-focused or where existing relationships with Rotary Clubs exist that have a broader outreach to high schools and other service organizations.

The YPA steering committee has asked local Rotary Clubs to contact their Interact Club Advisor(s) and if possible high school principals to invite them to an information session in May where they can learn more, including how to register their school/students to participate. Anyone can register for an information session (multiple dates are being offered for convenience) using this link:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJckdGopz4iHdUGdN7o21hkeujBa0LYKMd>

More information regarding YPA is available at



The North Allegheny Interact Club shared the following news with us as to how they used their \$500 prize from the District's Interact Trivia Challenge.

The North Allegheny Trivia Team members wanted to focus their project around the topic of food insecurity because it became such an immediate concern for families during the pandemic. Without some of the free and reduced lunch programs at local schools, many families were suddenly left without the resources they had depended on. In light of this need, the NA Trivia Team donated their \$500 prize to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank to help them in their efforts toward COVID relief. In addition, our Trivia Team members will take over our monthly Interact meeting in May to educate our members about food insecurity; they plan to focus on awareness, advocacy, action, and service. On top of their monetary donation, we donated seeds, soil packets, and planters made from recycled products to our friends at Pittsburgh Grandview for them to plant a backyard/school garden this spring.

All Interact Advisors are to register with Rotary International by June 30. This is taking place of filing the Incoming Officers Data Form that had been done in years past. This can all be done on-line. The form can be found on the District's website at www.rotarydistrict7305.org and follow the Interact tabs. The document is with the newsletters and is entitled Report Your Interact Club Advisor. You will need to know your Interact Club's number before filing and you can contact me at mbarnhar@verizon.net for that information.

REGISTRATION



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Homer-Center

The Homer-Center Interact Club organized and distributed Easter meals to families in the community on April 1, 2021. The Interact Club and Student Council partnered together to provide over 30 meals that benefited approximately 150 individuals in the community. Some items were donated by students and staff in the building. Other items were purchased by Interact Club members before all items were sorted and boxed based on the size of the household that was receiving each box. The students involved were pleased to see the joy on the faces of those who received meals and Homer-Center Interact Club plans to continue meal distributions in the future.



Who's name will be on the placard this year?

Remember that May 29 is the deadline to submit your Rotary District 7305 Interact Club of the Year Nomination Form. A Nomination Form is attached to the email by

which you received this newsletter and it can also be found on the District's website at www.rotarydistrict7305.org under the Interact tabs. You will find it among the archived monthly newsletters.

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**INTERACT CLUB
OF THE YEAR**

Pictured below are members of your District 7305 Interact Board of Directors who very capably represented Interact at Rotary District's 7360 Virtual District Conference on April 30. Members of the panel talked about Interact in District 7305 and their goals for Interact in our District and how they attained those goals.



We have reached the end of another school year and again it was an interesting year. Some Interact Clubs were unable

to meet or function this past year because of the Covid 19 limitations while others managed to meet virtually and complete many projects. This will be the last, maybe, issue of the Rotary District 7305 Interact Newsletter until September. I say "maybe" because I will keep you all informed of happenings within the District that concern Interact as they occur. **HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!**



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To all of you who will be ending your high school careers and embarking on new adventures in the next couple of weeks:

Congratulations!

from all of the Rotarians in District 7305



Details and registration information will be forthcoming via email blasts and on the District website at:

www.rotarydistrict7305.org