

Interact

Rotary District 7305



DECEMBER 2023



The journey begins...on Monday, November 27 the journey for all of the gifts for the Ukrainian Orphanages began. All of the gifts that were dropped off in Greensburg were transported to Pittsburgh to meet up with the gifts that were dropped off at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church.

You can see from the pictures below there is quite a collection, three vehicles were used to transport everything to Pittsburgh. There everything will be boxed and ready to fly out of Pittsburgh International Airport to JFK International in New York and then on to Ukraine. Watch for updates in your email. The orphans will receive their gifts on December 25.



RYLA

rotary youth leadership awards

As this is being written, contract negotiations are under way with Outdoor Odyssey and with Robert Morris University to host RYLA in 2024. Final details will be announced in mid-January but it looks as though the Outdoor Odyssey session will be the last week in June.

Please seriously consider taking part in this life-changing experience! Full scholarships to attend RYLA are provided by the majority of Rotary Clubs in District 7305



The deadline for all cards to be turned in is Monday, December 4. This gives the VFW time to make plans to get them all distributed before Christmas. They can either be sent to: 505 E. Pittsburgh Street in Greensburg, PA 15601 or they can be dropped off at that address. Please contact Mark Barnhart at 724-396-5078 if you have any questions!



TRIVIA

C H A L L E N G E

It is back for another year! That is right, the District 7305 Interact Trivia Challenge will again be held virtually this year on January 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 from 7:00 to 8:30 each evening for two rounds each night.

There is no charge for this fun competition and there will be some cash prizes for the top three finishing teams. A registration form is posted on the District's website under the "Interact" tabs. The deadline to register your team is January 3, 2024. There can be no more than 3 individuals on each team plus an alternate who can fill in if someone can't make a round of competition. There must be at least one (1) Interactor on each team.

This year's topics are: Math, Sports, Science, American History, Celebrities and Mainstream Media and finally Interact/Rotary Facts. Each team will be asked three questions from each category with one question being easy, one difficult question and the third being in between being easy or difficult.

As always, we will make every effort to make the scheduling flexible BUT you will need to tell us the days you are not going to be available in advance. The first session each evening will be from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. and the second session will be from 7:45 to 8:30 p.m.



I usually don't go into the finances of our Interact District Conference but this year I feel I need to give a "shout out". Several Rotary District Committees and others eliminated a lot of stress this year!

The Greensburg Country Club's bill was \$5,425 this year, the program booklet was \$250 for a total of \$5,675.

Rotary District Governor, John Hartman, built in a total of \$2,100 in his budget to cover costs, the District Grants Committee allocated a total of \$2,600 for a total of \$4,700, still a little short. The District Golf Outing raised money for Youth Programming in the District, there were funds available from "Got Sneakers?" and Past District Governor had some funds left from her year as District Governor and divided them between youth programs and End Polio.

All bills have been paid and everyone is HAPPY!



Omar from Pa Vet Pets came out to our club and spoke about his mission with veterans. The work he does is AMAZING



**Coming in
March 2024!**
Stay tuned.



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**Interact District
Governor, Angel and the
Interact Board
of Directors wish you a Safe and
Happy Holiday Season**



Stockings
FOR
SOLDIERS™



Item drop off:

**Thursday November 30
6pm-8pm**

**Bethel Park Historical Society
2600 South Park Rd.**

List of Recommended Items

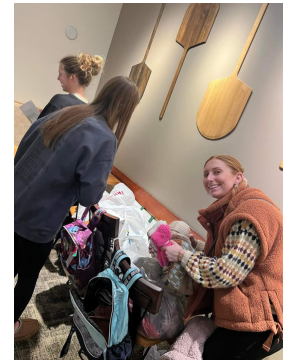
- Protein Bars, Rice Krispie Treats, Cereal Bars, Granola Bars
- Coffee, Tea, and Hot Chocolate singles, Kool aid/Crystal Light singles
- Gum, Mints, Hard Candy (no chocolate) •Beef Jerky, Slim Jims
- Dried Fruit, Fruit Snacks, Licorice, Gummy Bears
- Cup A Soup, Ramen Noodle, Dried soup packets, Easy Mac & Cheese
- Trail Mix, Nuts, Sunflower Seeds
- Instant Oatmeal, Granola
- Microwave Popcorn
- Canned Tuna, Chicken
- Ziploc Bags ~ Quart ~ Sandwich ~ Snack ~ Gallon
- Boot Socks, T-Shirts
- Baby Wipes, Lip Balm, Q-tips, Icy Hot Patches
- Multi-Vitamins, Tylenol, Foot Powder, Anti-fungal cream
- Deck of Playing Cards, Dice, Nerf Balls, Hackysacks
- Paperback Books, Crossword Puzzles, Notepads & Pens



Southmoreland High School Interact Club and the Rotary Club of Scottdale joined forces to spread Holiday cheer to a nine year old girl in a Ukrainian orphanage, aiming to bring warmth and joy to a region that has endured significant hardship. Recognizing the devastation faced by Ukraine, this collaborative effort reflects the power of compassion and international solidarity as local students extend a heartfelt gesture.



Like so many other Interact Clubs in Rotary District 7305, Bethel Park was busy shopping and packing gifts to send to Ukraine.



The North Allegheny Interact Club is sponsoring two EarlyAct Clubs in their two Middle Schools. Tho EarlyAct Clubs challenged each other to a penny war to raise funds to help with the Ukrainian Orphanage Project. Marshall Middle School Early Act raised a total of \$2,012.85 and Carson Middle School raised \$413.00, that's a total of \$2,425.85 that will help pay the shipping.

Just a couple of side notes regarding the Ukrainian Orphanage Project:



1. The general consensus is that we do the project again next year, this consensus came from several Interact Advisors, from the Seminarians in Ukraine and from Father and Julie from St. Vladimir Church in Arnold.
2. An elderly lady from St. Vladimir Church sent a bag of extra items for "her Ukrainian children."
3. The Ukrainian orphans were told that the lists that they made were being to sent to America's St. Nicholas.



The New Brighton Interact Club participated in the annual Candy Crawl sponsored by the New Brighton Business District. Approximately 30 members dressed up in their favorite Halloween Costume to pass out candy. Close to 600 kids participated in the Candy Crawl.



The Greater Johnstown Interact Club volunteered with their first Avidum Assembly of the year. Avidum is an organization that encourages youth to shatter the silence surrounding depression, suicide, and other mental health issues.



The Greater Johnstown Interact Club continued their monthly Literacy Project and this time read to preschool students at Morrell Preschool about turkeys!

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The deadline for articles and pictures for the December 2023 District Interact Newsletter is Tuesday, December 26. Items for publication should be emailed to: Mark Barnhart at mbarnhar@verizon.net



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Greater Johnstown Interact Club President Madelyn Wilfong and Senior Member Casey Barrett presented their 2023 RYLA Experiences to the Rotary Club of Johnstown at the November 8th Luncheon.

Jeannette Interact Officers, Club Sponsor, and building principals got “slimed” for a good cause. Raffle tickets were sold to students during lunches all week for a chance to slime an officer or possibly even the club sponsor. Teachers were able to purchase tickets for a chance to slime a principal. The sliming occurred at the end of the senior pep assembly in front of the entire student body. The JHS Interact Club raised \$500 to help a Jeannette resident with her Christmas shopping while she is battling a rare form of Ovarian cancer, with a 2% survival rate.



The Greater Johnstown Middle School is NOT going to be outdone by their High School counterparts!!



Students from JMS Interact worked at The Family Kitchen with several members of the Johnstown Tomahawks Hockey Team, serving the people of our city.

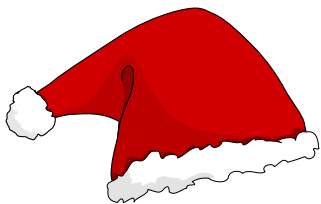
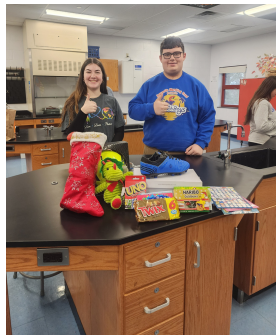
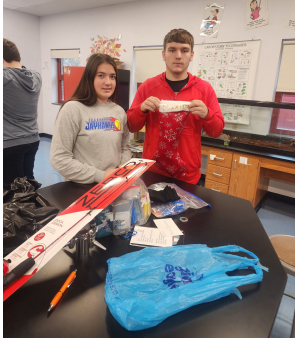




Students from Jeannette Interact Club, like so many of you were busy getting the Christmas gifts for the orphans in Ukraine ready to ship.



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