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Rotary District 7305
November 2021



MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH



2021 INTERACT DISTRICT CONFERENCE



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Looking for a fun, free project for your Interact Club?

Consider working to start an EarlyAct Rotary Youth Club in your elementary school for ages 5-13. What better time is there to get our young folks involved in service? Your sponsoring Rotary Club can also be an EarlyAct sponsor!

Your District 7305 EarlyAct Committee will be glad to assist your Interact Club in any way we can to get the ball rolling and, hopefully, start such a club in your school district.

Have questions or need assistance with this idea, contact Walt Sickles via email at walt.rotarydg1314@yahoo.com or via cell phone/text at 724-462-6929.

What does your Club have planned for World Interact Week. The dates are November 1 through November 7, 2021. Be sure to let us know what you do to celebrate.



Time to get the cards and pens out for the Interact District's Annual Cards for Veterans Project. Again this year, as last, you can sign cards for not only Veterans but also for front line workers who helped so much during the pandemic. A simple "THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE" will suffice for both the veterans and the workers! It hasn't been determined if cards will be allowed in the VA Medical Centers at this point in time, so we will let each Interact Club determine where their cards will be distributed.

The cards don't have to be in envelopes and shouldn't be of religious nature (as not everyone is Christian). Cards going to VA Medical Centers or nursing homes should not contain glitter.

Be sure to keep track of the number of cards your Club signs and distributes! Last year our card total was 2,177 cards.

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Have you ever heard of an Interact Peacebuilder Club? This program was introduced at the Interact District Conference by Rotarians from Rotary District 5100. The criteria has been approved by your Interact Board of Directors and is posted on the District's website at www.rotarydistrict7305.org. Click on the Interact tab under Youth on the right hand side and click again on the Interact logo and you will find the Criteria and Application form. There is no cost to become an Interact Peacebuilder Club in our District. Be sure to read page 3 of this issue of the newsletter to learn about another project, Peace Poles.



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TRIVIA C H A L L E N G E

It's back for another year, the District 7305 Interact Trivia Challenge. As announced at the Interact District Conference, the Trivia Challenge will make its return in December. There will be cash prizes for the winning teams and it will be a single elimination Tournament via Zoom. Watch for more details via email but start to get your team of five which may include two "alternates" lined up. We will let you know the categories for the questions via separate email when we send you the form to get your team registered.

WINNERS!

Winners of the 2020-2021 Interact District 7305 Club(s) of the Year were:

Club of the Year

North Allegheny High School Interact Club

Outstanding Clubs of the Year

- Franklin Regional High School Interact Club
- Greater Johnstown High School Interact Club
- Greensburg Salem High School Interact Club
- Somerset Area High School Interact Club

A new project for Peacebuilder Interact Clubs in our District is the planting of Peace Poles. What is a Peace Pole you ask?

The Peace Pole Project was started in Japan by Masahisa Goi, who dedicated his life to spreading the message, "May Peace Prevail on Earth". Soon after, Peace Poles inscribed with the Peace Message began to appear in various locations across Japan initiating the start of The Peace Pole Project.

The first Peace Poles outside of Japan began to appear in towns and cities around the world in the early 1980's. By 1986, The Peace Pole Project was established in the United States followed by Peace Pole activities in Europe and throughout the world. To date there are over 250,000 Peace Poles planted worldwide. Through the efforts of members and supporters worldwide, the Message and Prayer, "May Peace Prevail On Earth" continued to gain international recognition and prominence.



A Peace Pole is an internationally-recognized symbol of the hopes and dreams of the entire human family, standing vigil in silent prayer for peace on earth. Each Peace Pole bears the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in different languages on each of its four sides. There are estimated over 250,000 Peace Poles in every country in the world dedicated as monuments to peace.

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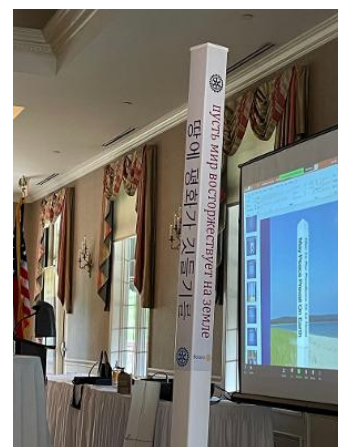
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Planting a Peace Pole is a way of bringing people together to inspire, awaken and uplift the human consciousness the world over. It is a wonderful project for any community, organization or your home. Peace Poles are now recognized as the most prominent international symbol and monument to peace. They remind us to think, speak and act in the spirit of peace and harmony. Stand as a silent visual for peace to prevail on earth.

The vision of the founder Masahisa Goi has been embraced by people the world over. Over 250,000 Peace Poles have been dedicated by friends and supporters in every country in the world. The World Peace Prayer and Flag Ceremonies have been presented on every continent and in every major city throughout the world. Most importantly, the peace Prayer, May Peace Prevail On Earth lives and resonates in the hearts of our global community.

The planting of Peace Poles is one of the obvious projects for a District Peacebuilder Interact Club! An informational brochure and order forms will be sent to all Peacebuilder Interact Clubs in the District.

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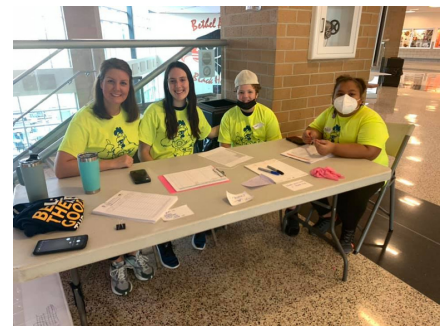
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Members of the Bethel Park High School Interact Club were busy last month and assisted both the Rotary Club of Upper St. Clair and the Rotary Club of Bethel Park with "Interact Power" at the recent Rotary's Annual BBQ (Drive-Thru) Dinner.



Officers of both the North Allegheny High School Interact Club and the Intermediate High School Interact Club are proudly showing off their Interact Club of the Year placard. GREAT WORK GUYS!!



If you missed the Interact District Conference,

DON'T DESPAIR

Everything that was discussed and presented at the Conference is included in the first four pages of this newsletter.



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Congratulations

We have had two "firsts" in Interact in District 7305! The Greater Johnstown Interact Club is the first Interact Club in the District to meet the criteria to become a Peacebuilder Club. This awesome, we can't wait to see what you do in the areas of PEACE.

The Greater Johnstown Interact headed over to the Elementary School for some Halloween fun with kindergarten!! Seeing the kiddos spooky singing, freak-tacular art, and awesome smiles, it is hard to tell who had the most fun!!

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Club of Greater Johnstown H.S.
A Peacebuilder Club



Secondly, we have the first Peace Pole in District 7305 that has been ordered by the Greensburg Central Catholic High School Interact Club.. We can't wait for you to share with us about your installation and dedication ceremony.

The four languages they have selected are French, Spanish, English and German.

In addition they are using the Interact logo with their Club name at the top on each side of the Peace Pole and their school logo will be below the wording on each side of the Peace Pole.

