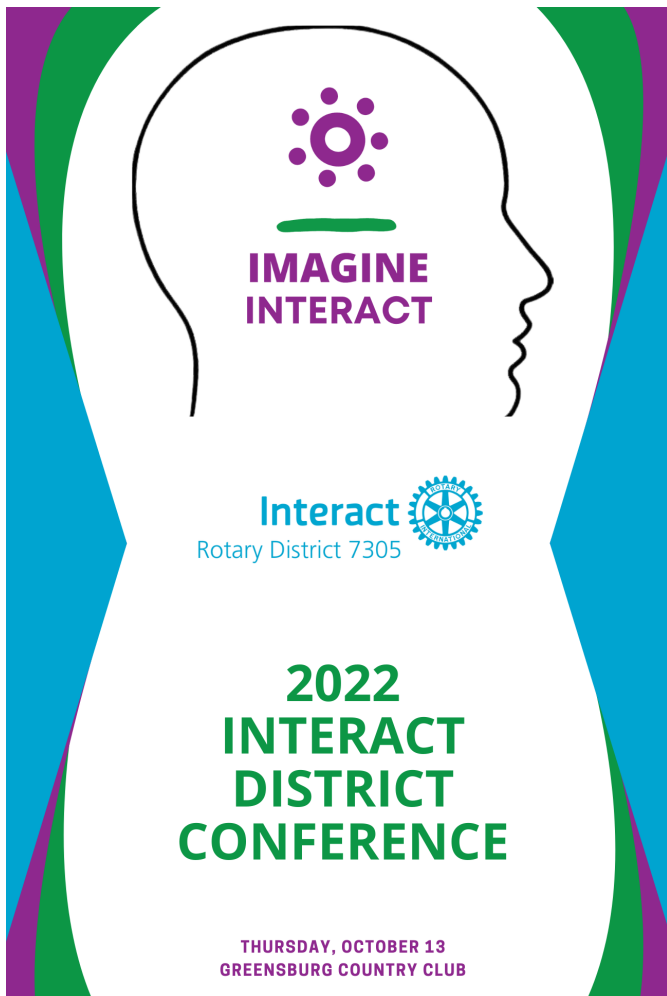


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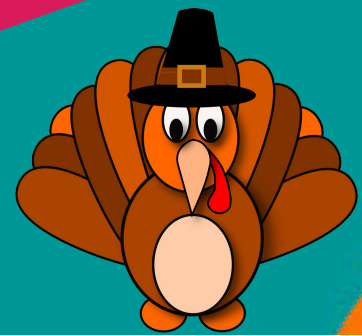
Interactors, their Advisors and Rotarians all joined together to at the Annual Rotary District 7305 Interact District Conference on Thursday, October 13 at the Greensburg Country Club. Counting all of the presenters, there were more than 200 in attendance. Two of the presenters were from Rotary District 7280 and they just couldn't believe the enthusiasm and energy for Interact that was prevalent at the Conference.

We were very fortunate to have the District Governor from Rotary District 7305, Marie Fallon, join us for the day along with the Rotary District Governor-Elect, John Hartman and the Rotary District Governor-Nominee, Dan Dougherty also join us for the day.

Ms. Faerie Grace was our keynote speaker and she didn't disappoint anyone. She was interesting and involved so many different Interactors in her presentation (especially Richard, we all loved the hat).

The breakout sessions included an International Project from Rotary District 7280 which was presented twice by Michelle Bailey. Other sessions included What is a Peacebuilder Club presented twice by Devon Carosi and Shannon Roche from the Greater Johnstown Interact Club and the South Fayette Interact Club, respectively. Felicia Mycyk presented two sessions on Being an Influencer. Walt Sickles presented a session on the history of Rotary and later teamed up with Ken Cummings to present a session on EarlyAct. Tom Fallon and Abigail Goldenberg presented a session on RYLA and Youth Exchange and Jack Cohen and Abbie Ramsell presented a session on Rotary Opportunities. There was a special session for the Interact Advisors that was moderated by Marie Fallon, Mark Barnhart and Tom Fallon. The breakout sessions wrapped up with Projects, Projects, Projects moderated by Felicia Mycyk.

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Qudos to all who worked so hard to present a first class event for the District Interactors: to Abbie Ramsell and her Interact Board of Directors who not only worked many hours prior to the Conference but also showed up the day prior to set things up at the Country Club and also were the first ones at the Conference on Thursday morning to man the registration tables. A big THANK YOU to all of our presenters and speakers, you were all phenomenal! To the staff of the Greensburg Country Club who bent over backwards to accommodate us and to the Rotarians in Rotary District 7305 who financially supported this event.

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A Sneaker Recycling Organization

YES WE DO

Interact Clubs attending the Conference brought tennis shoes and sneakers to the Conference not only as an environmental service project but also as a fund-raiser for Interact in the District. Over 1,000 pounds of shoes were collected and Bethel Park Interact collected the most by weight, 176 pounds and received a \$100 award from District Governor Marie Fallon to use on one of the Club Projects. Pictured below are the shoes on display from Our Lady of Sacred Heart Interact Club.

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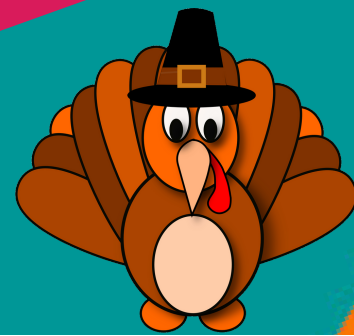
Club of Ligonier Valley High School
A Peacebuilder Club



We now have three Peacebuilder Interact Clubs in Rotary District 7305. On October 19 the Ligonier Valley High School Interact Club joined the Peacebuilder Club status and joined Greater Johnstown High School and South Fayette High School as our District's Peacebuilder Interact Clubs. CONGRATULATIONS!!



Curious as to how many pounds of shoes each Interact collected? See page 3!!



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| Bethel Park Interact | 176 Pounds |
| Montour Interact | 144 Pounds |
| Gbg. Central Cath. Interact | 128 Pounds |
| Brentwood Interact | 96 Pounds |
| Gbg. Salem Interact | 90 Pounds |
| Thomas Jefferson Interact | 80 Pounds |
| Our Lady of Sacred Heart | 80 Pounds |
| Peters Twp. Interact | 64 Pounds |
| Somerset Area Interact | 64 Pounds |
| Portage Interact | 64 Pounds |
| Greater Johnstown Interact | 48 Pounds |
| Conemaugh Twp. Interact | 30 Pounds |
| Frazier Interact | 30 Pounds |
| Ligonier Valley Interact | 20 Pounds |
| North Allegheny Interact | <u>20 Pounds</u> |
| TOTAL | 1,134 Pounds |



It's not too early to start planning for this year's District-wide Interact project "Cards for Veterans". Remember the rules: cards must not be in envelopes, no glitter can be on the cards, sign only your first name thanking the veteran for serving. Cards should not be religious in nature!

As in the past, VFW Post 33 will distribute the cards to VA Medical Facilities throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania. Please keep track of how many cards your Interact Club signs. Also, don't forget to have some cards for your community's local first responders and essential workers.

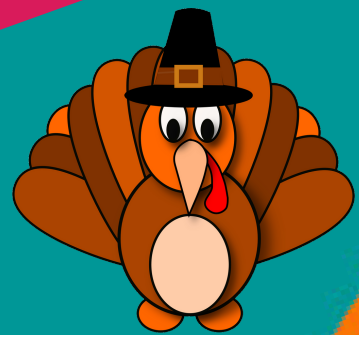
All cards must be received by me no later than Monday, December 5, they can be mailed to Mark E. Barnhart; 505 E. Pittsburgh Street; Greensburg, PA 15601.



Articles and photos for the December 2022 District 7305 Interact Newsletter are due no later than Wednesday, November 23. Items can be sent to:
mbarnhar@verizon.net

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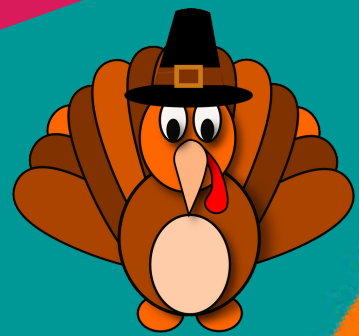
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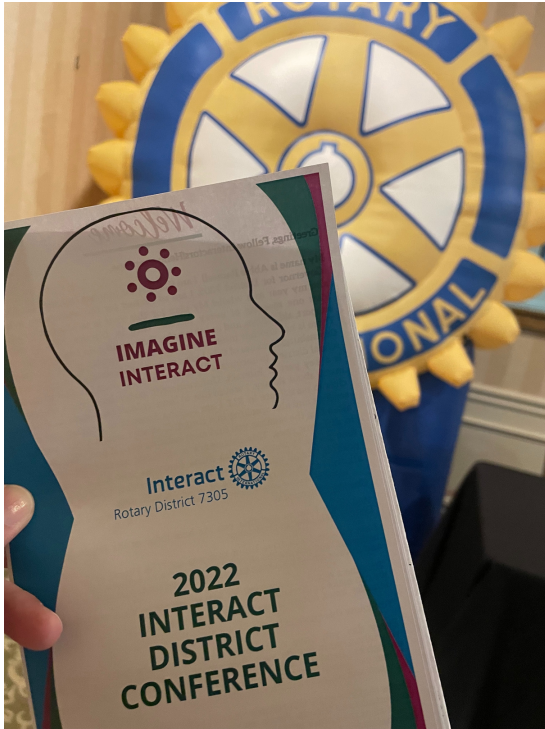
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WINNERS!

One of the recognitions and awards made at the Interact District Conference is the Interact Club of the Year. For the 2021-2022 Rotary Year there were four nominations: Greensburg Salem High School Interact Club; Bethel Park High School Interact Club; Our Lady of Sacred Heart Interact Club and Greater Johnstown High School Interact Club.

This year's judges were from Rotary District 7360 had no knowledge of any of these Clubs or what they do and redactions were made on the nomination forms to keep the identity of each nominated club a secret.

As usual it was a difficult decision for the judges but they finally came to a conclusion after several days of deliberation. In the end Greensburg Salem, Our Lady of Sacred Heart and Bethel Park were named Outstanding Interact Clubs in Rotary District 7305 for the 2021-2022 Rotary Year and GREATER JOHNSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB was named the Interact Club of Year.



ELECTION

Your Interact Board of Directors met during the Interact District Conference to hold elections to elect five new Board Members for a two year term. Those newly elected are: Dharini Maruthuy Pandian from South Fayette; Ava Poulliott from Montour; Alexandra Mock from Greater Johnstown; Ian Smith from Greensburg Salem and Izzy Hamm from Mount Pleasant Area. These five Interactors are replacing Logan O'Brien, Taylor Mock, Kate Green, Abigail Goldenberg, Morgan Baughman whose terms expire on June 30, 2023. We THANK those whose terms are expiring for their service to Interact and also to those elected for stepping up to serve Interact in District 7305.



Also elected was Angel Qu from North Allegheny High School who was elected Rotary District 7305 Interact District Governor-Elect. Angel will serve as the next Interact District Governor beginning on July 1, 2023. She is a junior at North Allegheny Senior High School, This is her third year in the school's Interact club and her second year as an officer. She also serves as a two-year officer of Anatomy Club and as a member of Science Bowl since sixth grade. Outside of school, she works as a hostess at a local restaurant and as a weekly volunteer at her local library and at the Carnegie Science Center. Additionally, she is a dedicated violinist who currently plays in the Pittsburgh Youth Philharmonic Orchestra and

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The Conemaugh Township Interact has taken part in many projects recently. A District wide recycling initiative began with recycling bins placed throughout the school and at every home Conemaugh Township football game.



The community garden is full of fall crops and is being maintained primarily by our Junior High Interact Members.

With September being suicide prevention month, we wanted to do something to spread awareness. Teachers and their homeroom students had a door decorating contest with both uplifting and fall themes.



Cuddles for Kids is a non-profit organization that helps supply toys to kids in hospitals. We collected over 400 stuffed animals and toys to donate.

Got Sneakers? We collected sneakers to participate in the District Conference. We were grateful to participate!



52nd Annual World Affairs Institute for Student Leaders will be held on November 16 at the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh.



Sparking Bold Thoughts

TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Interact District Governor, Abbie Ramsell, announced at the Interact District Conference that the Trivial Challenge will return again this Rotary Year but will be moved to January instead of December. Details and registration information will be forthcoming in December's District Interact Newsletter.



It was also announced that the Interact Insititue will return in April.

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The annual road clean-up took place on October 18th to help clean up the community. This week is our Souperbowl with a local school where we collect canned goods and donate it to the local food pantry. Our school and the away school collect, but the winner receives a trophy. We have a lot of upcoming projects planned including a World Polio Day Coin Collection, and Veterans Day Cards.

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is recognized as a 2022 PMEA All-State musician. After high school, she intends to major in nursing and, afterwards, attend medical school. She hopes to utilize her passion for medicine to continue to serve her community. For now, though, she is excited to see what her term as a board member and District Governor-Elect will hold.



GS Interactors assisted the Challenge League Baseball players twice this month as volunteer buddies. Interactors helped the players run the bases, field the balls in the outfield, and cheered them on as they played.

Fourteen Greensburg Salem students were excited to attend this year's Interact District Conference. The group helped to gather, bag, and weigh all the shoes that were donated by all the schools. Lots of ideas were shared at the conference, and GS enjoyed collaborating with other clubs.

The GS Interactors sold pink out t-shirts for the Greensburg Salem students to wear to this year's pink out game. The proceeds from the t-shirts go directly to someone in district fighting breast cancer. The club has raised \$1000 so far.





Bethel Park Interact held a PINK OUT SALE! during all Bethel Park High School lunch periods. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFITTED ST CLAIR BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION.



Bethel Park Interact also participated in the South Park Shops Trick or Treat event on October 23!





The Greater Johnstown Interact Club had a great day celebrating Halloween with the Johnstown Elementary School Kindergardeners for their Annual Pumpkid Patch!



Attending the conference will always be a great experience and learning opportunity in my eyes. However, I may be biased, because this was my third year attending the event. This year, our Mount Pleasant Interact club has grown and gained several new hardworking members. These members willingly attended the conference with no background knowledge, days after joining the club, excited to see what was in store. When I asked the new members about their first initial thoughts of the gathering this is what they said: "When entering the event, everyone was very nice and let our club know where to go. They also gave us an itinerary for the day, which was very helpful." At the event, there were various different sessions for attendants to choose from after some appearances of multiple inspiring keynote speakers. When asked about these sessions, the members had a lot to say. "The breakout sessions occurred after the introduction to the day with engaging speakers. They were very intriguing and gave our Interact Club many new ideas that we plan to act on, to benefit our community. I

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think that it is very nice to see that many students gather in one place that all would like to better themselves and their community by taking action." Additionally, a member from our club, freshman Izzy Hamm, was elected on the Board of Directors, to take my spot. Since I'm a senior, it was very important to me to get someone from our school involved in such a great leadership role. Izzy volunteered to be on the board, and I knew she would be a great addition. Because she is a freshman, she'll be able to serve for three years, contributing many efforts, as I can only imagine. Since I was busy helping other schools and students, I didn't get to spend much time with my club. When I asked them about their overall experience, they stated "As newer members of Interact club, we would recommend members of any Interact Club to attend this event at least once in their high school career, as it can allow a student to want to make a difference in their community. Overall, the Interact Conference that we attended at Greensburg Country Club was very beneficial and definitely something that will help guide our club to great ideas in the future." Speaking of the future, our Interact Club attained many new ideas. We plan on electing officers, designing t-shirts, and aiding in the GotSneakers project. I see a very bright future for our club, and I hope that it can become well-established before I graduate.



The article above was submitted by members of the Mount Pleasant High School Interact Club

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They are talking about us. GotSneakersUSA posted the following on their Instagram account:

GREAT WORK Interact Rotary District 7305 Conference! 64 bags of pre-loved sneakers are headed over to our team to be sorted for recycling or reusing with the circular economy.