

Youth Service Milestone

Birthplace of Interact celebrates 50 years



By Kevin Arter, a member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Florida, USA. Posted November 4, 2012

Fifty years ago, my club sponsored the very first Interact Club at Melbourne High School. The Interactors at Mel High, as it is known locally, received their charter on 5 November, 1962.

More than half of our Rotary club's members today were not yet born when Interact began. But the youngest members of our club, who are in their 20s and 30s, recognize the enormity of our club having started something so important, and are excited to celebrate the 50th anniversary.

No one in our club today was a Rotarian back then. But many of us remember Rotarians who were around at the birth of Interact. One of our members, Greg Maxwell, was a student at the high school in the fall of 1962. And though he was never a member of Interact, Greg was able to reach out to members of the class of 1962-63 who were students when Interact was formed, and invite them to our club's Golden Anniversary celebration of Interact on 3 November.

Current members of the Interact Club of Melbourne and their faculty sponsor, Stewart Houck, were an instrumental part of the evening. They have been eager to learn about their place in the history of Interact. Our keynote speaker, District Governor Nominee Juan Ortega, joined Interact in his native Colombia. His experience in both Interact and Rotaract put an exclamation point on the evening, and reminded us of what our club started.

Fifty years ago, our club recognized that Rotary could be a vehicle that offered young people the opportunity to serve and grow. Half a century later, our club, and the Mel High Interactors, are awed to celebrate the vision of Rotary International and the legacy of our clubs.

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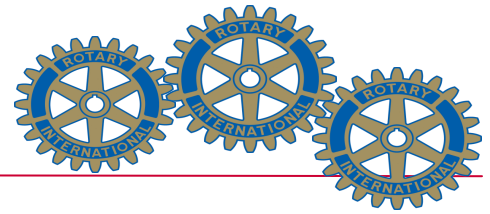
Agenda:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Invocation
3. Lunch
4. Introduction of Guests
5. Club Announcements
6. Guest Speaker Presentation
7. Upcoming Events
8. 50:50 Drawing/Happy Talk
9. Four-Way Test
10. Adjourn 1:15 PM
11. BOD Meeting — following Club Meeting when scheduled.

The Four-Way Test

"Of the things we think say or do:

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"



Quote for the Week

“Coming together is a beginning.
 Keeping together is progress.
 Working together is success.”
 – Henry Ford

Beginning this year, the Ashburn Rotary Club will award three area high school seniors scholarships in 2014. One Interact Club member from Broad Run, Stone Bridge and Briar Woods will each receive a \$500 scholarship to be used for college, university or vocational/trade school.



September is Youth Service Month !

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Upcoming Meetings & Special Events

September 5: Open

September 12: Rally Around Service

September 19: Committee Profiles - Membership and PR

September 26: Committee Profiles - Events and Foundation

Weekly Greeter Schedule:

September 5: Leah Day

September 12: Lawrence Deigh

September 19: Peggy Durbin

Note: All Meetings, unless otherwise noted, will be held at the 1757 Golf Club from 12:00 to 1:15 PM.