

Getting Interact Started

5 Simple Success Steps

A. Getting Started

1. Select a club “Champion” - Someone to be involved and follow through.
2. Use the Interact Handbook as a guide – everything is there.
3. Identify a high school or community

B. Working with the School

1. Meet first with the principal – Explain program and get support
2. Establish timeline for working with the club
3. Identify a School Adviser

C. Partnering with the School Adviser

1. Meet with the faculty sponsor – Discuss the program and guidelines
2. Provide an Interact Handbook
3. Develop a connection with Rotary

D. Organizing the Club

1. Hold initial meeting with sponsor, core group of interested students and District Interact Chair.
2. Establish membership goal and discuss recruitment techniques with guidelines.
3. Organize an introductory meeting – provide food!

E. Forms and Formalities

1. Review procedures
2. Complete Certification Form for RI and District
3. Plan Charter Meeting and Officer Installation – Annual event
4. Provide banners, bell, Interact pins, etc.
5. Recognize the new club at a District Breakfast or District Conference
6. Attend meetings and participate with the club

10 Lessons for Sponsors

10. Provides a sense of belonging – positive and meaningful
9. A group to help with the work of Rotary
8. Provides a new outlook on today’s young people
7. Meet some of the finest teachers around
6. Brings youth and vitality to the Rotary Club
5. Helpful and energetic help at Rotary fundraisers
4. New Perspective and insight for service projects
3. A great partnering opportunity
2. Potential future Rotarians
1. If “Mankind is our Business” – we need a bigger sales force!