



ROTARY – MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE – JUNE 2, 2018

BREAKING NEWS: Our District Governor Rick Amsberry has obtained an invitation for District 5810 Interact to participate in the Rotary – Model United Nations Conference that takes place in Chicago, Illinois on June 2, 2018!

The Rotary Presidential Peacebuilding Conference focused on Education and Literacy on June 2, 2018 in Chicago will include 171 Interactors from around the United States that will discuss and vote on resolutions related to education and peace. The Rotary Model UN Conference is being held in conjunction with the Rotary International Peacebuilding Conference which is one of six Peacebuilding Conferences being held world-wide by Rotary International and the only one in the United States. Rotary District 5810 will also hold its 2018 District Conference in conjunction with the Rotary International Peacebuilding Conference in Chicago.

Rotary District 5810 is looking for FIVE Interact Clubs to represent District 5810 at the Rotary Model UN Conference. Each Interact Club will need to select 5 Interactors to prepare for the conference. 3 Interactors will represent the Interact Club and District 5810 in Chicago and 2 will be alternates. Interactor Delegates can only be current freshmen or sophomores.

What is Model United Nations?

Model United Nations is a simulation of the UN General Assembly and other multilateral bodies. In Model UN, interactors step into the shoes of ambassadors from UN member states to debate current issues on the organization's agenda. While playing their roles as ambassadors, interactor "delegates" make speeches, prepare draft resolutions, negotiate with allies and adversaries, resolve conflicts, and navigate the Model UN conference rules of procedure - all in the interest of mobilizing international cooperation to resolve problems that affect countries all over the world.

Before playing out their ambassadorial roles in a Model UN simulation, interactors research the issue that their committee will address. Model UN participants learn how the international community acts on its concerns about topics including peace and security, human rights, the environment, food and hunger, economic development and globalization. Model UN delegates also look closely at the needs, goals and foreign policies of the countries they will represent at the event. The insights they gain from their exploration of history, geography, culture, economics and science contribute to the authenticity of the simulation when the role playing gets under way. The delegates' in-depth knowledge of their countries guarantees a lively and memorable experience.

- [What is Model UN \(short video\)?](#)

Why do you want to participate in Model United Nations?

- Model UN promotes Interactors' and Model UN advisors interest in the world around them.
- Model UN broadens an Interactor's knowledge in a variety of subjects.
- Model UN teaches vital skills in negotiation, public speaking, problem solving, conflict resolution, research and communication.
- Model UN gives Interactors and Model UN advisors the opportunity to meet interesting new people and make new friends.

Who participates in Model United Nations?

The popularity of Model UN continues to grow and more than 400,000 middle school, high school and college/university students worldwide participate every year. Many of today's leaders in law, government, business and the arts participated in Model UN during their academic careers:

- US Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer
- Former World Court Justice Stephen M. Schwebel
- ABC's This Week anchor George Stephanopoulos
- Former first-daughter Chelsea Clinton
- Under-Secretary General for Public Information, Kiyotaka Akasaka
- UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-Moon
- Actor Samuel L. Jackson
- Ryan Seacrest from American Idol.
- Rainn Wilson - Dwight from The Office

More recently, Model UN has been receiving attention in the mainstream media and has been featured in television programs including Community, Parks and Recreation, The Simpson's, Like Family, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Will and Grace, The OC, and Gossip Girl. Model UN was the theme of the Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen movie Winning London and mentioned in The Sure Thing and Along Came Polly. And at least one Jeopardy question has been correctly answered with "What is Model UN?"

How much does it cost to participate in the Rotary Model United Nations?

With respect to the costs for Interactor delegates and Model UN Advisors, the Rotary International Clubs and local Foundations have covered all costs associated with the student delegates and Advisors – there is no cost for participation. There will be a requirement for participation in fundraisers and other events in support of the Rotary Model United Nations Conference.

If your Interact Club is ready to step up to the challenge to represent Rotary District 5810, you need to let the District 5810 Model UN Committee know if your Interact Club is interested by Friday, January 12, 2018. Remember: Only freshman and sophomores will be selected to represent Rotary District 5810.

- Email Rotary5810Interact@gmail.com with your interest.

District applications with Interact Clubs & specific Interactor Delegates identified are due to Rotary International by January 31, 2018.