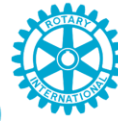




District 5810 Interact Success Guide

First Steps for Interact President

1. Find and meet with your Rotarian Advisor and Faculty Advisor
 - a. If you need help finding contact information for your Rotarian Advisor, email zkalson@gmail.com or qlin3@hotmail.com
 - b. Your Faculty Advisor can be any teacher at your school, preferably one that has shown an interest in a community service club and will be committed to showing up to club meetings and Interact events
2. Fill out any official paperwork that the school requires for making/continuing a club as soon as school starts
3. Go on bit.ly/5810Interact with your Rotarian and Faculty Advisor and read through the “What is Interact,” the “Interact Strategic Plan,” and the “Rotary Youth Opportunities” documents
4. Download “Slack” on your phone and PC and email zkalson@gmail.com to join the District 5810 Interact Slack
 - a. Once in, you will be guided into the #interact-prez channel, where you will be able to communicate with the rest of the Interact Presidents throughout District 5810 (North Texas)
 - b. As Interact President, you are expected to maintain contact with and respond to Zain Kalson, the District 5810 Interact Governor, and Julia Lin, the District 5810 Interact Vice Governor
5. Define your goals as an Interact Club
 - a. Reach X number of members
 - b. Host X number of service projects
 - c. Do something for veterans
 - d. Attend all District 5810 Interact events
 - e. Achieve the Rotary Citation
6. Schedule your first meeting for interested members
 - a. Recruit attendees through Student Council, National Honor Society, and other service-oriented clubs
 - b. Advertise your club on the school announcements and newsletter
 - c. Establish communication with interested members
 - i. Apps such as “Remind” allow you to send messages to all of your club members and make announcements for service projects, meeting agendas, and upcoming events



7. Identify your club officers (President-Elect, Public Image, Treasurer, Historian)
 - a. Use teacher recommendations to find emerging leaders or make an officer application and hold an election
 - b. Work with your club officers to brainstorm service projects to then offer to your members
8. Create a calendar to plan out the rest of the year (meetings, service projects, and District events)
9. Plan and execute service projects
 - a. If you plan on service projects in which you would like to partner with other clubs, advertise your service projects (date, location, and sign-ups) on the #interact-prez channel on Slack and send your service projects to the District Service Project Team
 - b. Plan local collection drives at your school to align with District-level service projects and bring the items that you collect to events such as the District Leadership Summit and Spring Fling
10. As the year goes on, if you or your club members would like to serve on the District 5810 Interact Team, DM Zain or Julia on Slack



First Steps for Rotarian Advisor

1. Identify an Interact President
 - a. If you have students who attended RYLA, make them the leadership for the club
 - b. If you do not have students who attended RYLA, ask the Faculty Advisor/school to identify any emerging leaders and make them the Interact President
2. Go on bit.ly/5810Interact and read “What is Interact,” the “Interact Strategic Plan,” and the “Rotary Youth Opportunities” documents
 - a. Take note of the Interact list of events (next page) and make sure you can attend them
3. Confirm with the Interact President that they have joined the Slack
4. Introduce the Interact President to Rotary
 - a. Invite them to a Rotary Club meeting
 - b. Show them the service projects you do
 - c. Make sure they understand that the Interact Club has the backing of Rotary
5. Help the Interact President define the club goals
6. Attend the first meeting and introduce yourself to the members
 - a. Prepare the Interact President to present what Rotary is and how Interact is connected to Rotary
 - b. Ensure that club members understand some of the opportunities Rotary has
7. Make note of and attend future meetings and service projects
8. Guide the Interact President as needed
 - a. Help them plan their service projects by providing suggestions and guidance
 - b. Encourage collaboration between your Rotary Club and your Interact Club
 - c. Make sure they have a system in place to communicate with their club members
 - d. Encourage the Interact Club to participate in District events such as the Leadership Summit and Spring Fling by making sure they host local drives and recruit attendance for the actual event

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Important District Dates

August 15, 2019	Interact Club Citation nominations for 2018-2019 due
September 21, 2019	District Leadership Summit
November 3-9, 2019	World Interact Week
December 1, 2019	Interact Video Awards submissions due
April 18, 2020	District Spring Fling
May 2020	Youth Service Month
August 15, 2020	Interact Club Citation nominations for 2019-2020 due

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District Club Awards

Interact Clubs are recognized yearly for their accomplishments at the District 5810 Spring Fling (preliminary date is April 18, 2020). To be eligible for club awards, each club must make their submissions to the District by March 15th. Anything completed between July 1st, 2019 and February 29th, 2020 can be awarded. More details will come out through the Slack, social media, and email newsletters, so make sure to stay tuned!

The awards categories are:

Most Creative Service Projects	Middle School Club of the Year
Highest Earning Fundraiser	High School Small Club of the Year
Most Service Projects	High School Large Club of the Year



Rotary Citations

Each year, Interact Clubs throughout the world are honored by the Rotary International Citation. This Citation is highly respected and reflects extremely well on clubs that achieve it. To receive this award, the sponsoring Rotary Club must fill out the nomination form by August 15th, 2020. To achieve the Citation, complete the following:

UNITE PEOPLE

Achieve at least 2 of the following goals:

- Hold a meeting that introduces members to Rotary programs for young leaders, such as RYLA and Rotary Youth Exchange
- Collaborate with your sponsor Rotary club or adviser to develop and participate in a career day or mentoring activity
- Engage with your sponsor Rotary club or adviser to connect graduating Interactors with university- or community-based Rotaract clubs
- Hold an activity during World Interact Week (the anniversary of Interact); invite the media and tell your club's, and Rotary's, story

TAKE ACTION

Achieve at least 3 of the following goals:

- Plan and carry out a project for Global Youth Service Day
- Hold an event to raise funds for, or to increase awareness of, Rotary's work toward polio eradication
- Partner with your sponsor Rotary club or adviser on a significant local or international service project in one of Rotary's six areas of focus
- Ask your sponsor club or adviser to post successful club projects, with details about activities, volunteer hours, and funds raised, on Rotary.org
- Use Rotary's brand guidelines, templates, People of Action campaign materials, and related resources

Moreover, clubs can complete the fulfillments for the Presidential Distinction, which is even more prestigious. By simply participating in District events and opportunities such as the Leadership Summit, Spring Fling, and Scholarship Team, most Interact Clubs can fulfill most if not all of the requirements to this Citation and the Presidential Distinction.

FOR INTERACT CLUBS

Achieve these goals **in addition to** earning the Rotary Citation to receive SILVER (1 goal), GOLD (2 goals), or PLATINUM (3 goals) distinction

- **Connect leaders.** Initiate or continue a leadership development program to enhance members' skills
- **Connect families.** Organize a family-oriented service project that connects families of your members and others
- **Connect academically.** Work with your sponsor Rotary club or adviser to explore local Rotary club and other scholarship opportunities that are available to your club's members, and present these opportunities to the club
- **Connect community.** Show how your club's members are People of Action by submitting a video that promotes your club and its service activities to the annual Interact Video Awards