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Gary Gillen, District 5890 Governor 2019-2020



Gary is married to Janice Gillen. They have two married daughters and one granddaughter. Gary & Janice own and operate Gillen Pest Control in Richmond where he is a member of the Rotary Club joining in 2001. He was named Rotarian of the Year by his club in 2003 and elected President in 2010-2011. He was an Assistant Governor from 2013-2016 and was named Assistant Governor of the Year in 2014-2015. At the District level he has been a member of the Finance Committee, several All Club Meeting Committees and District Conference Committees. He served on the Lone Star P.E.T.S Vision Committee in 2015. Gary and Janice are both Paul Harris Fellows with Gary being a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a Paul Harris Society member. Both daughters are Paul Harris Fellows.

Gary calls himself the luckiest man you will ever meet because he has had the opportunity to serve the people of Richmond, Rosenberg, Fort Bend County, Texas and the United States in positions most people do not even know exist. Gary served on the Rosenberg City Council 1982-1986, Republican Party Chairman of Fort Bend County 2006-2007, and was a Commissioner with the City of Richmond 2010-2014.

He served many years on the Board of Directors of the Texas Pest Control Association and was Chair of PestPAC, their political action committee. After the attacks in 2001, he was selected to serve on the Fort Bend County Bio-terrorism Preparedness Task Force. A dedicated Aggie, he has chaired Texas A&M's Muster in Fort Bend County for several years and helped fund a perpetual scholarship for Corps of Cadet members.

He worked on George W. Bush's two races for Governor of Texas and two campaigns for President of the United States. During those races for President he led teams to New Hampshire, Iowa, Michigan, Louisiana and Pennsylvania. He was appointed by then-Governor Bush to serve as vice-chair of a state agency. He also served on the Governor Bush Committee as well as a co-chair of the Bush for President Exploratory Committee.

He was appointed by President Bush and reappointed by President Obama to serve on the Good Neighbor Environmental Board- the only independent Presidential Advisory Board in the Federal Government. They study health and environmental issues along the US/Mexico Border and suggest policies for the President and Congress. Gary served on that Board for 7 years. Gary writes political columns for both the Fort Bend Christian Magazine and the Katy Christian Magazine.

Gary has been selected to serve as District 5890 Governor in 2019-2020.



SERVICE Above Self

What is Rotary? What do Rotarians do? How do Rotarians make a difference in the world?

Rotary is one of the largest and most influential international humanitarian service organizations in the world.

- Rotary's 1.2 million members worldwide belong to more than 35,015 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.
- As volunteers, Rotary members have been serving the needs of communities worldwide since 1905.

Rotary is a global network of business, professional, and community leaders.

- Through volunteer service, the women and men of Rotary build friendships and enlarge their circle of business, professional, and community acquaintances.
- Participating in international service projects allows Rotary members to connect with people from around the world and promote cross-cultural understanding.

Rotary promotes peace and international understanding through its educational and humanitarian programs.

- Rotary sponsors the largest privately funded international scholarship program in the world. Since 1947, Rotary has contributed roughly US\$500 million to fund 38,000 students from 100 countries. These cultural ambassadors use the skills they acquire through their studies abroad to help their communities.
- Rotary clubs promote peace by initiating thousands of humanitarian projects every year that address the underlying causes of social instability and conflict — such as hunger, poverty, disease, and illiteracy.
- Rotary's top philanthropic goal is to eradicate polio worldwide.
- Since 1985, Rotary members have donated their time and money to help immunize more than two billion children in 122 countries.
- To date, Rotary has contributed over **US\$1 BILLION** and countless volunteer hours to fighting the disease.

This is an exciting yet challenging time. Rotary and our partners have reduced polio cases by 99 percent worldwide.

- In 2015, 74 cases of polio were reported, compared with 350,000 cases in 1988.
- Polio still threatens children in parts of Africa and South Asia.
- Polio remains endemic in just two countries: Pakistan and Afghanistan



Interact

The goal of international service through Interact is to encourage and foster the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of youth united in the ideal of service.

Interact clubs organize a variety of projects and activities that depend primarily on the interests of club members. Within the Interact program, all clubs work to enhance leadership skills, serve their community, and expand international understanding. Together, these efforts ensure a balanced club program and provide important experience and opportunities for each Interactor's personal development.

Guidelines

Interact is a dynamic program that has the potential to fuel a lifetime of service. If you're thinking of starting an Interact club in your community, here are the basic requirements:

- Each Interact club must perform **at least two service projects a year**: one that benefits the **school or community** and one that furthers **international understanding**.
- Interact clubs must have a **Rotarian adviser** who is a member of the sponsor Rotary club. This person must attend Interact club and board meetings and provide advice on organizing service projects, fundraising, and club administration. The Rotarian adviser also acts as a liaison between the Interact club and the sponsor Rotary club.
- An Interact club can be school or community based. A community-based Interact club may draw members from several different schools within the territorial limits of the sponsor Rotary club. The Rotarian adviser must attend every meeting of a community-based club. A school-based club is subject to the policies and regulations governing all other organizations of that particular school. In most instances, a faculty counselor (who may or may not be a Rotarian) is appointed to work with the Interactors. In the case of a school-based club, the Rotarian adviser is only required to attend the Interact club's board meetings.
- Interact clubs **meet at least twice a month**. To remain eligible for membership, **Interactors must attend at least 60 percent** of regularly scheduled meetings.
- Each club is a self-supporting organization that requires little or no financial support from the sponsor Rotary club.
- Dues, if any, should be minimal, and money for projects and activities should be raised through club activities.
- Each Interact club must submit an [Incoming Officer Data Form](#) (PDF) and an [Interact Project Data Form](#) (PDF) to RI annually.
- **An Interact club is not allowed to MERGE with any other organization.**

THE ABC'S OF INTERACT SUCCESS FOR TEACHER/FACULTY ADVISERS

"Interactors + Faculty Adviser + Rotary Sponsor = Interact Success in D5890"

A = Allow your Interactors to be the leaders and active members of their Interact club.

- Per Rotary guidelines, Interact clubs are **"SELF GOVERNING"** and **"SELF SUPPORTING"**.
- Let them do the planning, organizing, and executing, so that they will feel complete ownership of the club.

B = Be an active supporter - assist and guide your Interactors with service events and fundraisers - but they need to be the organizers of these events so they learn by doing.

- They will need your guidance in handling school policies.
- Help them stay connected with the Interact District, and your sponsoring Rotary club.
- Help them do a **"Needs Assessment"** to select service projects.
- Ask your **Rotary Sponsor to attend** service project & fundraiser planning meetings

C = Create opportunities for your Interactors to shine!

- Encourage them to grow in their personal development and leadership skills
- Increase their awareness of the benefits of service both locally, and international.

D = Develop contact with your sponsoring Rotary club

- **Rotary Year is July 1st through June 30th**
- Contact current president - What is their Interact budget for this year?
- **Contact president elect - What is their Interact budget. Wait too late, and they can't increase their Interact budget.**
- In D5890, most Interact clubs **perform 2,000 community service hours** per school with a value at minimum wage of **\$14,500**, NOT even including their fundraising and gifts-in-kind donations. The average Interact budget for a Rotary club is only \$500.
- Contact your Rotary Sponsor (If you need their info, ask Tommie Buscemi)
- When was the last time they attended your Interact meeting? At least once/month.

If you haven't seen them this school year, contact the president of the Rotary club.

- When you need help, contact the Rotary Sponsor, and the Rotary club president.
- Attend their Rotary club meetings with your Interactors. (Call president in advance)
- If your Interact club needs speakers, ask them for help.
- Have a meeting with the Rotary Sponsor, yourself and the Interact officers to review the Standard Interact Constitution, and also the Standard Interact By-Laws. These two documents will help everyone understand how to hold elections, what needs to be approved, etc.

E = Everyone needs to communicate...Teacher Adviser + Rotary Club + Interact Club!

Who to call for help:

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THE ABC'S OF INTERACT SUCCESS FOR ROTARY SPONSORS

"Interactors + Faculty Adviser + Rotary Sponsor = Interact Success in D5890"

What makes Interact so special?

- Interact produces leaders, and Rotarians serve as their mentors
- Interactors live our motto of "Service Above Self"
- Interactors love to help us with our projects and fundraisers, and we love to help them with theirs
- Interactors are future Rotarians
- Return on Interact (ROI) is significant (Most do 2,000 service hours/year @ minimum wage = \$14,500/year)
- Per Rotary International, attending an interact meeting counts as a meeting make-up for Rotarians!

FACT: Our "Interact Humanitarian Footprint" a few years for our District 5890 Interact clubs provided an estimated \$894,997.50 in community service volunteer hours. Add to that the funds Interactors raised, plus their gifts-in-kind donations, and the total was over \$1 MILLION! For 2 consecutive years, our Interactors raised over \$24,000 for Rotary's PolioPlus Program, and \$15,416.76 for water projects. In total, D5890 Rotary clubs collectively budgeted less than \$63,000 for Interact, including RYLA scholarships. *\$894,997.50 vs \$63,000 = That is a Huge ROI!*

Here is the 'Not-So-Secret' A-B-C sauce for Interact success:

- **A – Availability.** Take the call, e-mail, or text. Give a ride to/from an event. Attend meetings & events to show you care. Ask "How can I help you?" *Writing checks is great...but It's the Rotarian's TIME that contributes to a successful Interact Club.*
- **B – Budget.** Have a spending plan, let them know what you will fund, and be timely, i.e. never make them wait or beg for the money. If they need project seed money, loan it to them. Teach them about budgets planning.
- **C – Connect.** Develop a relationship with your Interact leaders. Rotarians are role models, so let them see how we do what we do, plus how & why we do it. Develop a relationship with your Faculty Adviser.
- *A support team of Rotarian Sponsor & Faculty Adviser is the bedrock of Interact's strength & continuity.*

Action Plan If you have an Interact Club:

- Assign the right Rotarian as Sponsor (enjoys working with young people). Ask for weekly updates!
- Confirm your Interact Club is active. When as the last time their Rotary Sponsor attended a meeting?
- Confirm the Faculty Adviser is active and reachable (personal phone & e-mail). Invite them to your club.
- Send Interactors to RYLA, Interact Round-Up, Interact District Conference, Rotary District Conference, District Assembly, District Membership Seminar, etc. – these events build leaders that lead successful clubs
- Foster active relationships with Interact Club President(s) and Faculty Advisor(s) – recognize and reward their efforts with lavish praise. Make them an "HONORARY ROTARIAN!"
- Participate in each others' programs – You'll be surprised at what your Rotarians can learn from Interactors.
- Consider sponsoring another club – success breeds success, so expand to another school.
- The age for Interact has been lowered this year to 12-18 years old. *Start a club at your local middle school.*
- Promote a culture of success – **Help make Interact "the" premier club on campus!**

If you don't have an Interact Club:

- Find a middle or high school in your area that doesn't have a club & let's get one started
- Contact the Principal and ask how Rotary can bring the benefits of Interact to their campus

Resources:

Join the "Interact District 5890" Facebook Group which is maintained by D5890 Interactors.

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Important Websites:

Rotary International: www.rotary.org

Facebook: "Interact District 5890" "Rotary District 5890" "Rotaract District 5890"

Rotary D5890: www.rotary5890.org ("Site Pages", select "Interact") for important Interact forms

[Rotary, Interact and Rotaract – Membership Worldwide](#) (as of May 2019)

Rotary: 1,235,100 Rotarians - 35,247 Rotary Clubs - in over 200 countries & geographical areas

Interact: 468,556 Interactors in 20,372 Interact Clubs in 159 countries & geographical areas

Rotaract: 250,792 Rotaractors in 10,904 Rotaract Clubs

Rotary Community Corps: 199,732 Members in 8,642 clubs

DISTRICT 5890 INTERACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions, please contact me at BSTAFF@CITYOFELCAMPO.ORG or (979) 541-5003 (office) or (979) 578-6347 Cellular.

Thanks – Brittini Staff, Rotary District 5890 Interact Committee

1. Rotary District 5890: www.rotary5890.org (this site will transition to www.rotaryd5890.com soon)

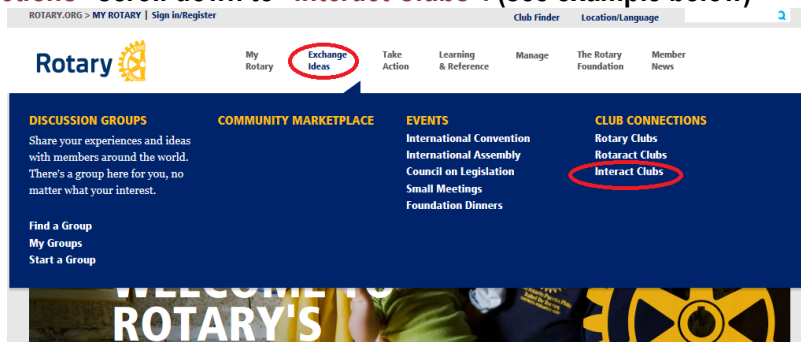
This is the source of information about what is happening in District 5890. This is an excellent resource that provides all of us with details about our great District 5890 including our District Governor's Monthly Newsletter, District Events Calendar, Interact forms, RYLA Application, plus more!

2. Rotary International: www.rotary.org

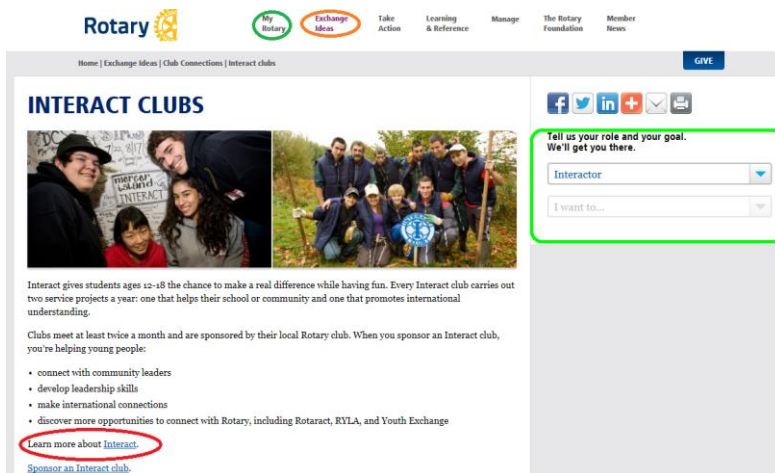
On August 26, 2013, Rotary launched their redesigned website and everything has changed, so below are a few hints to find anything and everything about Interact. It is a visitor friendly website, but parts of the website can be password protected so only Rotarians with passwords can access those sections.

A. Go to www.rotary.org and click "My Rotary" at the very top

B. When the next screen opens, click "Exchange Ideas" and in the fourth column under "Club Connections" scroll down to "Interact Clubs". (see example below)



C. The next screen (see example below) will have info about Interact, and if you click "Learn more about Interact", the next page will have multiple resources and links for Interact.



◀ **D. You can also update your Interact club's contact info, or search for other information. Feel free to explore, and if you go into a section that is for Rotarians only, you'll receive an "Access Denied" message.**

3. District 5890 Interact Round-Up 2019 – September 21st at Manvel High School - 9 AM - 2:30 PM

Our Round-Up (a free event) is a great opportunity to learn about projects, network with other Interact clubs, make new friends, find out about Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Award scholarships, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships, Rotaract...and have fun!!! **There is no cost to attend, however the number you RSVP for needs to be the number that attends the Round-Up since food and beverage will be purchased to accommodate that number.** All Interactors (all members, officers, directors, and potential members), Teacher/Faculty Advisors, and Rotary Sponsors are invited. Training sessions will be held for Interact officers, Teacher/Faculty Advisors and Rotary Sponsors, plus Interact club

members so they can learn more about their role in their Interact club. We'll have guest speakers to discuss projects, plus we'll have RYLA, Rotary Youth Exchange, and Rotaract booths. Lunch is provided.

4. 2019-2020 Rotary International Theme – “Connects the World”

RI President-elect Mark Daniel Maloney, a member of the Rotary Club of Decatur in Alabama, chose “Connects the world” as his theme for 2019-20. Rotary Connects the World, asks Rotarians to strengthen the many ways that Rotary Connects the World, building the connections that allow talented, thoughtful, and generous people to unite and take meaningful action through Rotary service.

5. World Interact Week: World Interact Week is celebrated every year during the week of November 3rd. This year, it will be November 3rd – November 9th. Why? The first Interact club was chartered at Melbourne High School, FL on November 5, 1962, just eight days after the official adoption of the Interact program by Rotary International. Interact clubs and their sponsor Rotary clubs have the opportunity to explore a variety of ways to participate in World Interact Week and the Interact clubs and their Rotary sponsors will receive recognition from Rotary International. Rotarians and Interactors will be able to decide the best way to celebrate World Interact Week. This may include completing one, two or an entire week’s worth of activities. After the club has completed their activities, the Rotary club or district Interact chair can download and fill out the Certificate of Recognition for presentation. The president of your sponsoring Rotary club will need to email me your club's list of four activities, and I will email the president a link to print the World Interact Week Citation Certificate.

6. New Generations E-Newsletter The New Generations e-mail newsletter contains monthly announcements and program updates about youth activities worldwide. Please register for the newsletter by sending an email with your full name and e-mail address to interact@rotary.org

7. Presidential Citation- Every Interact club is eligible to receive this special award from the President of Rotary International, and it is simple to qualify. Interact clubs can be recognized for undertaking worthy service activities that demonstrates the “**Connects the World**” theme for projects undertaken and completed between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. *Please submit the form as soon as your club has completed the activities or by June 1st* to Brittni Staff via email to bstaff@cityofelcampo.org. Once I receive your form, I will send it to Rotary District Governor Gary Gillen, your sponsoring Rotary club president, and register that your club qualified on the Rotary International website. The signed Presidential Citation Award certificates will not be available until August/September 2019 and will be officially presented to the Interact clubs at the 2019 Interact District 5890 Round-Up.

8. \$2,000 Four-Way Test Contest - Senior Interact students are encouraged to compete by participating in this contest that incorporates the Rotary Four-Way Test. Often, students write about how they could use the Four-Way Test to make a decision, or as a means to evaluate a situation. Deadlines and scholarship amounts will be announced during our 2019 Interact Round-Up on September 21st.

9. 2019 Interact D5890 Hungry Harvest Challenge Project “Trick-or-Treat To End Hunger”– Started by the Robert E. Lee HS Interact Club in Baytown and now a district Interact event, Interactors dress up on Halloween and instead of collecting candy, they trick-or-treat for non-perishable food. Each Interact club will donate the food they collect to a food bank that serves residents in **their own** community. Emails will be sent about these events throughout the year about these wonderful fellowship opportunities.

10. The Rotarian Magazine

Read the on-line version of Rotary’s official magazine by going to www.TheRotarianMagazine.com. Copy the URL and post stories on your Interact clubs' Facebook Page.

11. Correspondence Exchange List

If your Interact club is interested in collaborating with Interactors in other parts of the world, please register for the Correspondence Exchange List. This list contains the names and contacts of Interact clubs worldwide interested in building international friendships through correspondence and joint projects. To add your club to the next Correspondence Exchange List, please mark the appropriate box when completing the *Interact Incoming Officer Data Form* or online *Update Form*. Unless a club requests inclusion, they will not be featured

in the list. Your Interact club must be chartered with Rotary to be included on the list, and also to receive the list.

12. Interact on YouTube!

Go to <http://www.youtube.com/interactofficial> to watch videos produced by Interact clubs in Rotary International's Interact YouTube Video Contest. You can also watch Rotarian Video Magazines (RVM) that have been produced by Rotary International and Rotary club projects from around the world at www.youtube.com/rotaryinternational

13. Multimedia publications plus other Newsletters

Go to www.rotary.org then select the tabs "Get Involved", "About Rotary" and "News & Features"

14. Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Camp - Feb 7-9, 2020 (Application Deadline: Nov. 15, 2019)

Camp RYLA strengthens leadership skills and capabilities of high school students through three days of physical, mental, emotional, and intellectual challenges through problem solving, teamwork, and interaction with other outstanding students, volunteer counselors and motivational speakers. Our District 5890 RYLA Camp will be in February 7-9, 2020, and **the \$300 fee is paid by the sponsoring Rotary Club**, not the student, parents, or Interact club. They gain an appreciation for how important the Object of Rotary and the Rotary 4-Way Test are in establishing moral and ethical values and the ideals of Service Above Self. RYLA includes programs on topics designed to teach those things seen as vital ingredients in successful leaders such as fundamentals of leadership, problem solving and conflict management, building self-confidence and self-esteem, elements of community and global citizenship, sportsmanship, competition, physical fitness, spirituality and character. By working with today's leaders, Camp RYLA is trying to help guarantee a bright future for today's and tomorrow's generations. The sessions at Camp RYLA provide informal talks by selected speakers followed by discussion groups. Camp RYLA looks to remove the "generation gap" between adult and youth leaders and to foster understanding and goodwill for those who participate through its rap sessions and recreational activities in a beautiful setting. RYLA Scholars are selected through a 200-word essay as part of the application process. RYLA Scholars are recognized by the District Governor at completion of the program during the presentation of "Certificate of Attendance" ceremony.

The following are Rotary objectives for RYLA:

- * To further demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth.
- * To encourage and assist selected youth leaders and potential leaders in methods of responsible and effective voluntary youth leadership by providing them with a training experience.
- * To encourage continued and stronger leadership of youth by youth. (To that end, we are including the leadership of our District Interact Clubs.)
- * To encourage youth to become role models for their friends facing decisions and important social issues.
- * To publicly recognize the high qualities of many young people who are rendering service to their communities as youth leaders.

15. Interact District Conference - Target date: March 21, 2020 - We need an Interact club to host this event!

This event is held every year and is the opportunity for all the Interactors in District 5890 to get together for fellowship and share information about their projects, hear great guest speakers, participate in a group project, and have a great time. The District Conference is an all-day event with check-in Saturday morning & pickup is Saturday evening at 10:30 P.M. Awards for Projects of the Year are awarded. The \$20/Interactor includes food, t-shirt, DJ, Monte Carlo tables, & more.

16. Rotary Youth Exchange (District level interviews for 2020-2021 outbound students - December 7, 2019)

Our District 5890 Youth Exchange Program is the best in the world. The most powerful force in the promotion of international understanding and peace is exposure to different cultures. The world becomes a smaller, friendlier place when we learn that all people regardless of nationality desire the same basic things: a safe, comfortable environment that allows for a rich and satisfying life for our children and ourselves. Youth Exchange provides thousands of young people with the opportunity to meet people from other lands and to experience their cultures. This plants the seeds for a lifetime of international understanding. This is truly a

chance of a lifetime! Students can apply to be a Short-Term or Long-Term Youth Exchange Student and spend time learning about another country's culture. For more information, go to www.rotary.org, then in the Search window, type "Youth Exchange". **Our District 5890 Youth Exchange Chair is Nick Giannone** at nickg5890@yahoo.com. Contact her for any questions and for the schedule of Youth Exchange Information Seminars for parents and students to attend. *District interviews will be Saturday, December 7, 2019 to select the students leaving August 2020 (Northern Hemisphere) and January 2021 (Southern Hemisphere) to study abroad during the 2020-2021 school year (Long Term), and for the Summer of 2021 (Short Term).*

17. \$30,000 Rotary Foundation Global Grants (Formerly-Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship)

Rotary Foundation Global Grants can be used to fund scholarships for post-graduate students seeking their Master's Degree with sustainable, high impact outcomes in one of the following six areas of focus: Peace and conflict prevention/resolution, Disease prevention and treatment, Water and sanitation, Maternal and child health, Basic education and literacy, Economic and community development.

18. Rotary International Board of Directors

The Board recommended numerous actions that clubs and districts should take to provide greater Interact program support, including promoting the program through various media (publications, video, social networking), establishing strong relationships through club Interact committees, sharing information about Rotary with Interactors, and inviting Interactors to present at Rotary club and district meetings. The Board further encouraged governors-elect to include sufficient information at their PETS on RI's youth programs, including where to find resources for starting or strengthening those programs in their own communities.

19. The Rotary Foundation's Six Areas of Focus

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

The Six Areas of Focus are:

- *Peace and conflict prevention/resolution*
- *Disease prevention and treatment*
- *Water and sanitation*
- *Maternal and child health*
- *Basic education and literacy*
- *Economic and community development*

Links to all the forms below can be found at: www.rotary5890.org, under "Site Pages" select "Interact"

CHECKLIST FOR NEW INTERACT CLUBS THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN CHARTERED:

- Plan to attend the 2019 District 5890 Interact Club Round-Up on September 21st
- Collect District Interact Dues of \$3 per member. **Due: December 1, 2019.** Make check payable to: "District 5890 Rotary Interact Club".
Mail to: Bob Martin, District 5890 Treasurer, 14926 Tallow Forest Court, Houston TX 77062
- Complete the ***Interact Club Certification Form***. Have your Interact president sign the form, and then email or fax it to me at interactdistrict5890@gmail.com or (979) 543-0027. I will get the form signed by your sponsoring Rotary club's president, and District Governor Gary Gillen. I will send the form to Rotary International, then make sure that it has been received and processed. *Available at www.rotary5890.org, under "Site Pages" select "Interact" then look under "Downloads"*
- Help Interactors develop ***Standard Interact Club Constitution*** and ***Standard Interact Club Bylaws***
Available at www.rotary5890.org, under "Site Pages" select "Interact" then look under "Downloads"
- Have your members complete ***Interact Membership Application Form***. This should be done every year.
Available at www.rotary5890.org, under "Site Pages" select "Interact" then look under "Downloads"

Please see the checklist below for use by all Interact Clubs.

CHECKLIST FOR ALL INTERACT CLUBS:

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Mail to: Bob Martin, District 5890 Treasurer, 14926 Tallow Forest Court, Houston TX 77062
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- Have your members complete **Interact Membership Application Form** for Rotary club's records. This should be done every year. Available at www.rotary5890.org, under "Site Pages" select "Interact" then look under "Downloads"
- Do you have members that want to be a Rotary Youth Exchange Student? Have students interested contact Rotary Youth Exchange Student Committee Chairperson: Nick Giannone at nickg5890@yahoo.com
- Plan activities for **World Interact Week** (Week of Nov. 3rd), complete your projects then email me at Interactdistrict5890@gmail.com. We'll discuss this at the Interact Round-Up, plus I will email all clubs.
- Discuss the Four-Way Test & encourage your senior Interactors to start writing their essay - due Nov. 2019 (TBA)
- **November 15th** is absolute deadline for students to submit their RYLA Application to the sponsoring Rotary club.
- Review the requirements for the **Presidential Citation**. Scan & email the completed form as soon as you qualify to interactdistrict5890@gmail.com (or FAX: 979-543-0027). **Latest date to submit is June 30, 2020.**
- RYLA Camp – February 7-9, 2020. Check www.rotary5890.org or www.ryla5890.org for deadlines and application. The Rotary club that sponsors your Interact club will pay the \$225 scholarship to attend, not the students, parents or Interact club.
Deadline: November 15, 2019 is last date Rotary clubs will accept RYLA applications from students.
- Interact District Conference – Target Date: March 21, 2020 Cost: \$20 includes t-shirt, all food, activities & fun. Nominate your Projects, Teacher Adviser, and Rotary Sponsor to win district awards. Don't miss this event!
- Take photos of your service projects and fundraising activities and HAVE FUN!!!
- By July 1st each year, submit the **Incoming Interact Officer Data Form** with the contact info to Rotary International Available at www.rotary5890.org, under "Site Pages" select "Interact" then look under "Downloads"

Contact Brittni Staff with the District 5890 Interact Committee via email bstaff@cityofelcampo.org, by phone at 979-541-5003 (office) or 979-578-6347 (cellular) with questions or concerns about Interact.



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May:

- **Notify Interact D5890 Committee of Teacher Adviser (if new) & your incoming Interact club officers**
- Establish contact with sponsoring Rotary Club's Interact Sponsor
- Make sure your incoming club president attends **President Elect Training Seminar**
- Start working on your club's Facebook page and website during the summer!
- **July 2019 - District 5890 Membership Seminar - Interactors invited to attend!**

August:

Weeks 1-2

- Use the Interact Club Presidential Citation activities to plan your year so you qualify for this global award.
- Review Interact Handbook on Rotary International website (www.rotary.org) and Club Constitution and By-Laws
- Start communicating with the Interact District Governor
- Inform your officers about attending the District 5890 Interact Round-Up on Sept. 21st at Manvel HS

Weeks 3-4

- Meet with your fellow officers to determine first board and club meetings of the year
- Assist board in determining and publishing club meeting dates, times and locations for the year - Review Standard Interact Club Constitution, and also Standard Interact Club By-Laws
- Plan club fundraisers and activities for first semester; designate board member in charge of each event.
- Design your Interact club t-shirt using the new Interact logo.
- **Invite your members to the District 5890 Interact Round-Up on Sept. 21, 2019 (more details to follow)**

September:

Weeks 1-2

- Spread the word about the Interact Round-Up which will be September 21st at Manvel High School
- Submit registration for D5890 Interact Round-Up
- Assist board in arranging new member recruitment activities
- Meet with club secretary to establish membership list
- Meet with club treasurer to establish financial records
- Meet with board members in charge of fundraising to plan first fundraiser

Weeks 3-4

- Stay in contact with the Interact District Governor about District Interact events
- Start planning your World Interact Week activities so your Interact club receives recognition
- **Attend District 5890 Interact Round-Up on October 1st at North Shore Senior High School**

October:

- Assist board with club meeting agendas, fundraising and service events
- Assist board in promotion and fundraising for District International Project at the local club level
- Do members want to become Rotary Youth Exchange Students? Interviews will be held December 7, 2019, and applications must be submitted to your sponsoring Rotary club several weeks in advance.

November:

- Assist board with club meeting agendas, fundraising and service events
- Ensure potential Camp RYLA attendees have been identified and have application information by asking Rotary Sponsor about RYLA Registration Form, and give to club members.
- (This is a \$300 scholarship awarded by the Rotary club to the Interactors. The fee cannot be paid by the parents, or the Interact club. Applications must be submitted to the Rotary Club by Friday, November 15, 2019, and they will choose the students that will receive the scholarship.
- Announce D5890 4-Way Test \$2,000 Scholarship Contest at club meeting and determine possible candidates (Only SENIOR Interactors can submit essays for this contest.)



December:

- Assist board with club meeting agendas, fundraising and service events
- December 1, 2019: \$3 per member District Dues are due. Payable to: "District 5890 Rotary Interact Club".
Mail to: Bob Martin, District 5890 Treasurer, 14926 Tallow Forest Ct., Houston TX 77062

January:

- Assist board with club meeting agendas, fundraising and service events
- Announce info about the Interact District Conference. Speak to sponsoring Rotary club about providing door prizes & fully or partially sponsoring costs for Interact club members to attend.
- Talk to possible nominees for club officers for next school year

February:

- Assist board with club meeting agendas, fundraising and service events
- Remind students about Interact District Conference in March 2019 (exact date will be advised)

March:

- Interact District Conference in March 2019 (exact date will be advised)
- Presidential Citation from President of Rotary International is due on June 1, 2019
- Assist board with club meeting agendas, fundraising and service events
- Determine due date for transfer of D5890 Group Fundraising monies to District
- Talk to possible nominees for club officers for next school year

April:

- Plan to attend the D5890 Interact Gardening with the District Governors event with your club
- Assist board with club meeting agendas, fundraising and service events
- Determine how club board for the following school year will be determined (By-Laws)
- Arrange for fundraising proceeds to be sent to District

May and June:

- Assist board with final club meetings and celebrations of the year
- Announce club board for the following school year
- Register club data for following school year with Rotary International (on website)

Possible Fundraising Events:

- Talent Show or International Showcase at high school or area level
- Penny Wars, Bake Sales, Car Washes, Candygrams, Walk-A-Thon, Purple Pinkie Project
- Auction "services" to local Rotarians, i.e. dog walking, car washing

Important Links can be found at www.rotary5890.org, under "Site Pages" scroll down to "Interact"

- Interact Handbook
- Interact Brochure
- Camp RYLA - www.rotary5890.org - Links on left side under "RYLA"
- Incoming Interact Officer Data Form
- Rotary International: www.rotary.org Rotary District 5890: www.rotary5890.org

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CONGRATULATIONS... You are a leader in Interact, and it is time to pursue the projects and activities that inspired you to become an Interactor. Your club's government can help you accomplish these goals. Their roles and responsibilities are described below. Since each Interact club is self-governing, the follow serves as guidelines and are not mandatory.

The Board of Directors

Just like in Rotary, the governing body of an Interact club is its board of directors. The board consists of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and any additional officers, depending on the size of the club. The board is required to meet at least once a month and report any action taken at the next Interact club meeting.

During its meetings, the board reviews and approves the club's plans and projects. The Rotarian and faculty advisers must attend all board meetings. Club members may also attend these meetings as observers. The Interact club's board of directors should be familiar with the Interact constitutional documents. In addition, incoming Interact club officers must participate in leadership training.

Board members should think of project ideas, encourage club members to participate, and delegate responsibilities. At the end of the year, the board prepares a final report that describes the major actions taken over the past year. It should keep the original on file and send a copy to the sponsoring Rotary club.

President

The President presides over all meetings of the Club, appoints all standing and special committees and serves as an ex-officio member of all committees. As the Club leader, the President helps members to develop as leaders and works to ensure that identifying members' skills and interests and put them to work in Club projects.

Qualities:

- Leadership skills
- Energetic
- Good manager and respectful of other officers (Peace and Conflict Resolution)
- Strong self-motivation
- Good communicator
- Strong self-discipline: actions – follow-up

Responsibilities in office include:

- Study the Interact constitutional documents.
 - Meet with the board of directors to plan club activities.
 - Appoint all standing and special committees with board approval and serve as an ex officio member of all committees.
 - Appoint committee chairs based on their experience and talk with them about their choices for committee members.
- Additional responsibilities for established Interact clubs:
- Meet with the outgoing president and board of directors to review the club's records and discuss its current activities.
 - Decide which of the existing committees should be kept for the upcoming year and consider ideas for new committees.
 - Conduct effective meetings by preparing a detailed agenda that outlines what will be covered and for how long, allowing enough time for reports from officers and committee members.
 - Plan creative programs for club meetings well in advance, and arrange for speakers, panel discussions, trips, and entertainment that appeal to a wide range of interests.
 - Delegate responsibility to help other members develop their leadership skills and to avoid getting overwhelmed with details.
 - Identify members' skills and interests and harness them in club projects.
 - Work to ensure that the club's activities and service projects are successfully promoted and carried out.
 - Pay attention to membership growth and development and maintain a balance among age and gender groups.
 - Communicate and collaborate actively with the Rotarian or faculty adviser and the district Interact chair.

Vice President

The vice president's primary role is to support the president. The vice presidency is not an automatic stepping stone to the presidency, but it provides excellent training for a future club leader. The Vice-President presides over meetings when the President is absent and handles special assignments for the President. Before taking office and throughout the year the Vice-President should keep up to date on all the Club's goals and ongoing activities.

Qualities:

- Assist the President
- Ideas
- Organizational skills – empower all the Interact club members
- Action follow-up

Responsibilities include:

- Preside over meetings when the president is absent.
- Serve as a member of the board of directors.
- Work with the president to handle special assignments.
- Stay up-to-date on all the club's goals and ongoing activities.

Treasurer

The Treasurer works with the Secretary to maintain accurate financial records. The Treasurer should be a responsible, detail-oriented person. A final report summing up the year's operation should be given to the Club and the incoming Treasurer.

Qualities:
Great with numbers
Business acumen
Responsible
Strong self-discipline

Responsibilities include:

- Collect membership dues.
- Deposit dues and all proceeds from fundraising projects.
- Handle most of the work of preparing and administering the budget.
- Prepare a monthly report that accurately details:
 - Money on hand at the beginning and end of the month
 - Income, with its source (such as membership dues or fundraising) clearly indicated
 - Payments, indicating for what and to whom
- Prepare an end-of-year report summing up the impact of the past year's activities on the budget. The outgoing treasurer should give the end-of-year report to club members and the incoming treasurer. All the treasurer's reports form part of the club's permanent record.

Secretary

The Secretary's primary responsibility is to help the club function effectively and maintains all Club records, including membership records, which are necessary for determining who is eligible to vote. They should also keep attendance records for each member's attendance at each meeting, fundraiser, and service projects. The Secretary also completes the Interact Officer Data Form and submits them to Rotary International. The Secretary must also take minutes at all meetings and prepare the agendas for meetings in conjunction with the President.

Qualities:
Preparation for meetings: Agenda, Minutes
Clear thinking
Attentive
Timely/responsive

Responsibilities include:

- Maintain all club records, such as:
 - Membership
 - Committee appointment worksheets
 - Attendance
 - Dues payments
 - All important club papers, including the club's Certificate of Organization, budget documents, and reports
- Take minutes — a clear, concise written record of what was said at a meeting and any actions taken — at all club meetings. Minutes shouldn't detail every word that was said or how the decisions were reached but should cover these points:
 - Type of meeting (board, club, or committee meeting)
 - Date, time, and place
 - Presiding officer
 - Attendance
 - Approval and correction of last meeting's minutes
 - Treasurer's statement
 - Summary of reports from officers and committees
 - Summary of agenda (including old and new business) and actions taken
 - Announcements
 - Adjournment

The Secretary can also be responsible for notifying Rotary International of successful projects by submitting the Interact Project Data Form and for annually updating the club's officer and contact information with Rotary International. Develop an email list every year so you can keep your members informed and updated.

Other Officers: Historian, Publicity/Communication, Webmaster Club Committees

Committees help your club carry out activities and projects. The club president appoints four standing committees — club, finance, service, and international understanding — as prescribed by the Standard Interact Club Constitution. Additional committees may be appointed as needed. Committees should meet at least once a month to discuss plans and activities and share them with the president. Try to keep these meetings short and to the point. And remember: All committee activities and expenses are subject to the board's approval.

Committee chair responsibilities include:

- Assign every committee member a job to do and keep track of these assignments.
- Make sure all committee members are familiar with the club's constitutional documents, organization, and goals.
- Establish a schedule of committee meetings for the year.
- Notify committee members in writing of a meeting, giving the date, time, place, and subject of the meeting. (For example, E-mail, text messaging.)
- Prepare agendas for meetings and try to follow them.
- Contact members scheduled to make reports at meetings and ask if they need any help preparing their reports.
- Ask members for their opinions.
- Keep accurate records but avoid unnecessary paperwork.

Club Committee

The club committee develops ideas for club meeting programs, ways to recruit new members and keep current members, and methods for publicizing the club's activities. To accomplish these tasks, the committee may want to divide into subcommittees.

The committee also maintains a historical record of the club, such as a scrapbook, that includes pictures and descriptions of the club's activities.

Finance Committee

The finance committee decides how the club will fund its activities, always with a goal of keeping dues low and maintaining the club's ability to support itself. The committee finds ways to obtain donations for projects and activities, both in-kind and monetary, from businesses and organizations by offering something of value in return, such as services or recognition.

Service Committee

The service committee organizes one project each year that benefits either the school or the community.

International Understanding Committee

The international understanding committee undertakes one project each year that promotes international goodwill.

Publicity/Communication

Publicize the Club's activities in the local and school newspapers and on the Interact and school website. Take action pictures at club events and send them to the press, sponsoring Rotary Club and the District President for the use at the District level. A good image in the school and local community will help the club recruit new members and contributes to an accurate, positive image of Interact and Rotary.

Qualities:

- Creative & imaginative
- Should enjoy writing
- Should enjoy marketing and sales
- Familiar with generating and placing material on the website
- Artistic flair would be useful
- Website... Instagram... Facebook... Twitter... all Social Media!

Running a Successful Club

Interact clubs must meet at least twice a month. To encourage good attendance, select a time and location that's convenient for club members. (School-based clubs usually meet at the school.)

Lead Club Meetings

Remember, Interact meetings should be fun and productive. Some clubs incorporate team-building activities, icebreakers, or brainstorming sessions during their meetings to keep club members involved while building trust and friendships. Whatever you do, stick to your agenda. It will help keep the meeting moving forward and ensure all topics are covered.

Here's a typical meeting format:

1. Allow time before the meeting for members and guests to talk among themselves.
2. Begin the meeting with the president introducing guests and making announcements and reminders.
3. Introduce new club members.
4. Have the secretary, treasurer, and committee chairs make any relevant reports.
5. Present the program.
6. Close with a thank-you to the program speaker and other program participants.
7. Before adjourning, have the entire club recite the Rotary's Four-Way Test together

Keep Club Membership Strong

Your ability to hold on to current club members and bring in new ones is key to your club's success. Keep members coming back by involving them in club activities and encouraging them to take on club leadership roles. Help your club grow by bringing in members who have special interests and abilities & are enthusiastic about the social & service aspects of Interact. Consider these suggestions for maintaining a strong, committed membership:

Set goals. Set membership goals and encourage all club members to work to meet them. For example, challenge members to bring in one new Interactor each year and offer an award or prize to the member who recruits the most new members.

Keep current members. Keeping active club members is just as important as gaining new ones. With a large number of enthusiastic, dedicated Interactors, your club will be better able to carry out successful service projects and attract new members.

Strategies for Involving New Members

- Hold a special meeting or event to welcome and celebrate new club members.
- Explain the opportunities and benefits that come with Interact membership. Members who understand Interact and its purpose are more likely to remain active in the club.
- Ask experienced Interactors to "adopt" new members and make them feel welcome.

Strategies for Involving Established Members

- Assign committee responsibilities to veteran members to let them know they're important to the club.
- Recognize club members who dedicate extra time to service projects.
- Maintain a good age and gender balance. Different points of view make for interesting meetings and contribute to a richer Interact experience for everyone.
- Get feedback from members on the types of meetings, activities, and projects they enjoy, and plan accordingly.
- Plan social events to bring members closer together.
- Monitor attendance to ensure everyone comes to at least 60 percent of the club's meetings. Members with high attendance are the most likely to stay involved.
- Keep members informed through a club newsletter, distributed either in print or electronically. Mention service projects and fundraising efforts, news from Rotary International, Interact club leadership reports, a brief summary of club meetings, and sponsor Rotary club activities that may interest Interactors. Include the name and address of the Interact club, its meeting time and place, the name of the sponsor Rotary club, and the Rotary district number in your newsletter.

Bring in new members.

The first step to bringing in new members is to let them know that the club exists. Use the suggestions below to promote your Interact club and its service projects.

- Organize a special event. Make sure to do these things:
 - Explain the purpose of Interact and show slides or photographs of your club's activities.
 - Display the *Interact Poster* (639-MU) and hand out the *Interact Brochure* (600-EN).
 - Emphasize the club's service efforts and successes, the internationality of Interact, and the opportunity for members to take on leadership roles while having fun and making new friends.
- Publicize your club's activities in the school newspaper and local media.
- Invite potential members to participate in a service project or attend a club meeting so that they see Interact in action.
- Develop a club website, Facebook page, or other social media account (get approval from your school district)
- Arrange for Interact displays at local libraries, coffee shops, community centers, or anywhere else youth gather and provide information about Interact and how interested teenagers can join their club.

Plan Service Projects

Interact clubs must carry out two service projects each year: one that helps the school or community and one that promotes **International Understanding**: These projects are a great way for Interact clubs to get involved in the community, connect with youth around the world, and attract new members. Because service projects can cover a wide range of issues, it helps to focus your efforts early on. Keep in mind any service goals set by your club and its sponsor Rotary club. Gain support for club projects by choosing service activities that address real needs in the local or international community. Before your club decides on a project, ask the following questions:

- What services are needed in your school or in the local or international community?
- Which local or international organizations could use your Interact club's assistance?
- Can you collaborate with your sponsor Rotary club or a local Rotaract club on its service efforts?
- Can you collaborate with another local Interact club or a club that's in another country?
- What types of service projects fit within your club's budget? With a little imagination and hard work, the possibilities are limitless. Though clubs are welcome to select their own projects, consider choosing projects that coincide with the calendar of Rotary observances or that relate to the Menu of Service Opportunities.
- Some of the most rewarding projects are those conducted with Interact clubs in other countries. Establish ongoing correspondence with a club before planning an exchange or visit by sending photos, conducting meetings Skype or other social media.

Rotary Monthly Themes

Interact clubs might consider planning projects or activities to coincide with the following Rotary observances:

July (First Month of the Rotary Year)

The new Rotary year begins on 1 July. Hold a social event and plan a project (volunteer at a food bank, etc.)

August (Membership and New Club Development Month)

Develop a membership strategy for the year and set this plan into motion.

September (Basic Education and Literacy Month)

Celebrate Rotary's commitment to youth by performing a joint project with your sponsoring Rotary club.

October (Economic and Community Development Month)

Invite Rotarians to speak with Interactors about their professions or to discuss ethics in the workplace.

November (Rotary Foundation Month)

Support polio eradication efforts by organizing a service project or awareness campaign. Celebrate World Interact Week.

December (Disease Prevention and Treatment Month)

Involve your siblings, parents, or other family members in a service project.

January (Vocational Service Month)

Do a Career or Membership Day. Publicize successful service projects and promote upcoming activities in your community.

February (Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month)

Reach across borders and cultures to organize a project that promotes peace and understanding. Celebrate Rotary's anniversary on February 23rd, designated as World Understanding and Peace Day.

March (Water and Sanitation Month)

Start planning early and do a project so you can sponsor water filters or a water well.

April (Maternal and Child Health Month)

Do a project that creates awareness about the need to save lives.

May (Youth Service Month)

Submit articles about your club's activities. Read to elementary students.

June (Rotary Fellowships Month)

Consider attending the annual Rotary International Convention. The Rotary year ends on 30 June.

Interact is Serious Fun...So have Fun while Changing the World!

NOTE: As soon as your Interact club has completed the ONE (1) REQUIRED GOAL, and at least FOUR (4) OTHER GOALS, Please submit your form. **Scan & Email to:** BStaff@cityofelcampo.org or by FAX to (979)543-0027



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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: June 1, 2020, but please submit BEFORE THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 2019.

ROTARY CITATION FOR INTERACT CLUBS

Be the Inspiration

We want Interact members to have fun while making a positive difference in their school and community. Include the following activities in your 2019-20 plans and you won't just keep members energized and attract new ones, you'll also earn a Rotary Citation for your efforts. Your club has the entire Rotary year – 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 – to work with your sponsor Rotary club to achieve the citation's goals.

Your Interact club president or adviser should report your club's achievements to your sponsor Rotary club president. They Rotary club president will be contacted by Rotary with instructions for reporting this achievement.

To earn the citation, clubs must achieve one required goal and at least four other goals. Be sure to send your accomplishments to your sponsor Rotary club's president to make sure your club receives recognition.

Partner with your sponsor Rotary club

By keeping your club linked to Rotary International and your sponsor Rotary club, you'll be able to access Rotary resources to strengthen and support your club.

- **Required:** Have your sponsor Rotary club's president check the [Listing of Club-Sponsored Organizations](#) in [Rotary Club Central](#) to confirm that your Interact club is listed as active in Rotary International's records. If your information is not up-to-date, [learn how to update your club's information](#).

Enhance your members' experience

Interactors develop their leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self. Connect your members with opportunities outside of your club.

1. Plan a meeting to introduce members to Rotary programs for young leaders, such as RYLA and Rotary Youth Exchange. Encourage them to pursue these opportunities.
2. Collaborate with your sponsor Rotary club to develop and participate in a career day or mentoring activity.
3. Work with your sponsor Rotary club to connect graduating Interactors to university- or community-based [Rotaract](#) clubs.

Serve your community and your world

Interact offers club members the opportunity to meet people from around the world and experience new cultures while making a positive difference.

4. Organize or participate in a school or community service project or fundraiser that supports one of [Rotary's areas of focus](#).
5. Plan and Carry out a service project for [Global Youth Service Day](#).
6. Make a video that features your club's service activities and enter it in the Interact Video Awards.
7. Invite a Rotary Youth Exchange student or someone else from another country to give a presentation about their country at your club meeting.
8. Collaborate with your sponsor Rotary club to raise funds for [End Polio Now](#) or another cause

REQUIRED GOAL:

1. Active status with Rotary International

ENHANCE YOUR MEMBER’S EXPERIENCE:

GOAL #1 – ROTARY PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG LEADERS

Invite a Rotarian to have a meeting with your members about RYLA Came and/or a presentation about Rotary Youth Exchange

GOAL #2 – CAREER DAY OR MENTORING ACTIVITY – ASK YOUR SPONSORING ROTARY CLUB TO HELP

Create awareness and help students learn about careers, or mentor students in middle school or elementary school.

GOAL #3 - ROTARACT

Connect graduating Interactors to university or community-based Rotaract clubs. Go to www.Rotary5890.org, and select “Interact” to find an Alphabetical List of Rotaract clubs in the State of Texas, so share with senior Interactors and encourage them to join Rotaract, and you’ve qualified for this activity. At our Interact Round-Up & Interact DCon, we’ll have Rotaractors speak to senior Interactors, and this will count!

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY AND YOUR WORLD:

GOAL #4 – SERVICE PROJECT OR FUNDRAISER THAT SUPPORTS ROTARY’S AREAS OF FOCUS

- * Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- * Disease prevention and treatment
- * Water and sanitation
- * Maternal and child health
- * Basic education and literacy
- * Economic and community development

Projects that promote peace, focus on disease prevention of any kind (AIDS, polio, diabetes, cancer, heart disease, etc.), clean water (Living Water International, Disaster Aid, or any other group that provides clean water), helping women and children (donate items or volunteer at a homeless shelter or one that helps victims of human trafficking/physical abuse, provides food or health care), collect food for Houston Food Bank or for your local community food bank, hold a food drive like our Trick-or-Treat to End Hunger Project, collect 7 donate clothes (to Goodwill Industries, etc.), basic education (collect and donate books, volunteer to read, volunteer at a local library, etc.) or raise funds or donate used books or volunteer for Rotary Books for the World, PolioPlus, Goodwill Industries, or volunteered at a YSA (Youth Service America) Project, hold or volunteer at any project that creates awareness about different cultures and diversity, etc... then you qualify!

GOAL #5 – PLAN & CARRY OUT A SERVICE PROJECT FOR GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY

Youth Service America is one of Rotary’s partners, so plan an event and register it at www.YSA.org. Do a clean-up day at your school, local park or elementary school. Their website has lots of info and ideas.

GOAL #6 – SUBMIT A VIDEO FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL INTERACT VIDEO AWARDS – Deadline is usually December 1st

Start working on a video this summer. Visit www.YouTube.Com/InteractOfficial for info. Use the video you created for the Interact DCon and make a few edits to fit the theme. They need to look professional, so ask the Technology Department at your school to help.

GOAL #7 – PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING – ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Ask your sponsoring Rotary club if they are hosting an Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange Student from another country, and if they attend your school ask them; 1) to join your Interact club, and 2) ask them to give a presentation. Maybe the parents of your Interactors can come speak about their home country, or even a Rotarian from your sponsoring Rotary club. Also, we have many former Rotary Youth Exchange Students (ROTEX) from the Houston area that could come speak, just contact Brittini Staff for their info.

GOAL #8 – PARTICIPATE IN AN EVENT TO BUILD AWARENESS OF POLIO OR TO RAISE FUNDS TO HELP ERADIATE POLIO

Submit an article to your local newspaper, discuss the eradication of polio at your school or raise funds to help Rotary eradicate polio: Purple Pinkie Project, Walk-A-Thon, Golf Tournament, Pennies for Polio, etc. At Rotary’s www.EndPolio.org site, scroll to the bottom to the “Materials to Help Spread the Word Resource Center” for photos templates, Social Media, videos, banners & poster downloads & more! Also, visit www.Rotary5890.org, “Interact” Site Page, for our Purple Pinkie Project Handbook, the “Heal the World” video, etc. for presentations at your school, Rotary club, or local community events. For each \$1 you raise, Gates Foundation will match with \$2 so that’s a total of \$3, and since each polio vaccine costs 50 cents you’ve protected 6 children from polio!

8th Annual Interact District 5890 Trick-or-Treat to End Hunger



INTERACT DISTRICT 5890 SERVICE PROJECT...HELP END HUNGER!

Food will be donated to COMMUNITY FOOD BANKS

For the 8th year, we are encouraging all our District 5890 Interactors, Rotarians, and Rotaractors to "Trick-or-Treat To End Hunger" this Halloween.

Since 2012, our Interactors collected over 125,000 non-perishable food items for their local community food banks.

Our 2019 goal is 30,000 cans!

Special thanks to the Robert E. Lee HS Interact Club in Baytown since they started this project and they've issued a challenge to all D5890 Interact clubs to do this project. They have also contact other Interact clubs in the USA, so they've helped this project expand to high schools in several states!

Here's what you do! On October 31st, or during Halloween week, instead of "Trick-or-Treating" for candy, you'll "Trick-or-Treat" for non-perishable food which your Interact club will donate to local food banks or organizations serving the hungry, or housing facilities for the elderly.

INTERACT DISTRICT 5890 "TRICK-OR-TREAT TO END HUNGER" PROJECT

Please help us to help the hungry in ***your community***.

This is a great partnership project between the Interact, Rotaract & Rotary clubs.

Interactors: Visit local Rotary club meetings to talk to the Rotarians. Notify your local media so they can let the community know what you are doing.

Rotarians/Rotaractors: ***Help*** the Interactors by asking your members to bring non-perishable food items to meetings during October. Help the Interactors with transportation collecting donations, then assist them with transportation and logistics of bringing the food to ***YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY FOOD BANK***.

More information will be posted on the D5890 website at www.rotary5890.org

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"TRICK-OR-TREAT TO END HUNGER 2018"

HOW-TO FOR INTERACT, ROTARACT AND ROTARY

CLUBS:

1. Two weeks PRIOR to Halloween, flag your local neighborhoods and businesses with information about "8th Annual Interact District 5890 Trick-or-Treat To End Hunger 2019"...and send articles to local media.
2. Get your club excited! (Have collection boxes at meetings)
3. Interactors...Involve your school! Have a home-room or class competition, or lunch drive.
4. Partner with other clubs at your school: the more the merrier!
5. Interactors...Offer service hours for donations. (i.e.: 5 cans=1 hour.)
6. Involve your Rotary club with this project. You need their help. (Vehicles, transportation, publicity, etc.)
7. Have an accurate count in the end to report to 5890 the total amount your club collected. (send info to Brittni Staff via email to bstaff@cityofelcampo.org)
8. **Your Interact club selects where they donate the food.**
9. HAVE FUN! Make this a membership-strengthening experience for ALL Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary clubs.

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**Interact Clubs: Develop your own business card, or use this as a handout at each home
(Two should fit on one piece of paper, then all you need to do it cut)**

"Trick-or-Treat To Help End Hunger - Interact District 5890 Hungry Harvest 2019" Project

Who are we?: Members of the _____ High School Interact Club and we are sponsored by the Rotary club of _____ .

What are we?: Interact is the world's largest student-based service organization

Our Project: We are collecting non-perishable food items in our neighborhood this Halloween which we'll donate to our local food bank.

ALL THE FOOD ITEMS COLLECTED WILL BE DONATED TO (Insert food bank name here)

Our 2018 goal is (insert your goal) non-perishable food items, so donate as much you like!
For more information, please contact our sponsoring Rotary club which is the Rotary Club of _____, (insert website, insert phone #, insert Rotarian's name)

Rotary and Interact Motto: "Service Above Self"



World Interact Week – November 3-November 9, 2019

Interact and Rotary clubs will be recognized for working together during World Interact Week to celebrate the founding of the first Interact club on November 5, 1962

World Interact Week is celebrated every year during the week of November 5th to commemorate the founding of the first Interact club in 1962.

To mark this occasion with Interactors and Rotarians around the world, Interact clubs, in partnership with their sponsor Rotary clubs, are encouraged to participate in joint projects during World Interact Week 2019.

World Interact Week is an excellent opportunity for clubs to publicize, promote, and inform the community about the great work accomplished by its members. Clubs should encourage community members to get involved with Interact projects.

Interact clubs and their sponsor Rotary clubs have the opportunity to explore a variety of ways to participate in World Interact Week.

If your Interact club qualifies, please let me know so I can add their club's name to my list of Interact clubs accomplishing this recognition.

Rotarians and Interactors will be able to decide the best way to celebrate World Interact Week. This may include completing one, two or an entire week's worth of activities.

Here are some examples of activities Interact clubs can do for recognition:

- Collect non-perishable foods (District 5890 Interact Hungry Harvest 2017 Project)
- Conduct a joint project with a Rotary club. (You decide on the project.)
- Plan a literacy day during World Interact Week.
- Invite Interactors to Rotary club meetings and vice versa.
- Give a presentation about Interact to a Rotary club that does not sponsor an Interact club. (I have a list)
- Publicize Interact projects to local media. (Submit a story to your local newspaper)
- Conduct a fundraiser for Rotary's US \$200 Million Challenge to eradicate polio
- Encourage cross-promotion between Interact, Rotary Youth Exchange , RYLA , Rotaract , and other community youth organizations.
- Partner with international Interact clubs.
- Establish mentoring programs between Rotaractors and Interactors.
- Introduce potential members to Interact by inviting them to a meeting or a project

After the Interact club has completed their activities, email bstaff@cityofelcampo.org, and I'll will email them a link to download the award form. The Rotary club president will complete and sign the Certificate of Recognition, and they will present it to your Interact club.

We encourage clubs and districts to hold a Certificate of Recognition ceremony for participating Interact and sponsoring Rotary clubs.

The Interact Club of Mengo Senior Secondary School, Uganda, donated time and much-needed materials to a local orphanage. Their contribution included pens and other school supplies to aid primary school students in preparation for math exams.

The Interact Club of Cali Pance, Colombia, organized an AIDS awareness march. Interactors marched through neighborhoods, shopping centers, and other venues to educate their community on the importance of AIDS prevention.

The Interact Club of St. Petersburg Neva, Russia, contributed a monthly article about Interact to a local teen newspaper to show that Interactors are dedicated to bettering their community.

Take care,

Brittni Staff

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STANDARD INTERACT CLUB CONSTITUTION



ARTICLE I — Name

The name of this organization shall be the Interact Club of _____

ARTICLE II — Purpose and Goals

The purpose of Interact is to provide opportunity for young people to work together in a world fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding.

The goals of Interact are:

1. To recognize and develop constructive leadership and personal integrity.
2. To encourage and practice thoughtfulness of and helpfulness to others.
3. To create an awareness of the importance of home and family.
4. To build respect for the rights of others, based on recognition of the worth of each individual.
5. To emphasize acceptance of individual responsibility as the basis of personal success, community improvement, and group achievement.
6. To develop life skills including self development, time management, and personal finances.
7. To recognize the dignity and value of all useful occupations as opportunities to serve society.
8. To provide opportunities for gaining increased knowledge and understanding of community, national, and world affairs.
9. To open avenues of personal and group action leading to the advancement of international understanding and goodwill toward all peoples.

ARTICLE III — Sponsorship

1. The sponsor of this Interact club is the Rotary Club of _____ which, through a committee of not less than five Rotarians, shall exercise supervision and control over all activities, programs and policies of this Interact club. The continued existence of this Interact club shall depend upon the continued active personal participation of the sponsoring Rotary club. In the case of a club composed of young women only, the committee shall also include one or more responsible women as ex officio members.
2. This club is not a part of, and neither this club nor its members have any rights or privileges with respect to, the sponsoring Rotary club.

ARTICLE IV — Membership

1. To be eligible for membership a person must possess good character and leadership potential and (a) in a school-based club be a student at the secondary-school or pre-university level, or be age 12 to 18; (b) in a community-based club be a young person 12 to 18 years.
2. The membership of this club may be all male, all female, or both male and female in any ratio, at the discretion of the sponsoring club.
3. The method of electing members of this club shall be determined by the sponsoring Rotary club in consultation with the Interact club. The method of electing new members of a school-connected club shall have the approval of the school authorities.
4. Each member of this club shall attend at least 60% of this club's regularly scheduled meetings.
5. Membership shall automatically terminate (a) upon removal from the community; (b) in a school-based club upon graduation or otherwise ceasing to be a student in the last four years of school preceding the university level in the area from which the membership is drawn or in a community-based club, not in connection with a school, upon graduation or upon reaching the age of eighteen; (c) by termination of the club; or (d) by failure to meet attendance requirements unless excused by the board of directors of this club for good and sufficient reason.
6. Membership may be terminated for cause as determined by this club by vote of not less than 2/3 of all the members in good standing.

ARTICLE V — Meetings

1. The club shall meet not less than twice per month, as provided in the by-laws, at a time and place suited to the convenience of the members, with due regard for their school obligations.
2. The board of directors shall meet as provided in the by-laws. In a community-based club, no meeting of the club or of the board shall be deemed official unless a member of the Interact committee of the sponsoring Rotary club is in attendance. In a school-based club, no meeting of the board shall be deemed official unless a member of the Interact committee of the sponsoring Rotary club is in attendance.
3. Meetings of the club and of the board of directors may be cancelled during holiday or vacation periods at the discretion of the board of directors, with the approval of the sponsoring Rotary club.

ARTICLE VI — Officers and Directors

1. The officers of this club shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and such additional officer(s) as may be provided in the by-laws.
2. The governing body of this club shall be a board of directors composed of the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and additional directors whose number shall be determined by this club with the approval of the sponsoring Rotary club, all to be elected from among the members in good standing. All decisions, policies and actions of the board and of the club shall be subject to the authority of the sponsoring Rotary club, the provisions of this constitution, and policy established by Rotary International.

If school-connected, this club shall be subject to the same regulations and policies established by the school authorities for all student organizations and extracurricular activities of the school.

The board of directors shall have general control over all officers and committees and may, for good cause, declare any office vacant. It shall constitute a board of appeals from the rulings of all officers and actions of all committees.

3. Elections of officers and directors shall be by methods compatible with local customs and procedures, but in no case shall more than a simple majority of the members present and in good standing be required for election.

The term of office of all officers and directors shall be one year, unless a shorter term is provided in the by-laws. No provision shall be made for a term of office shorter than one year except with the written permission of Rotary International.

ARTICLE VII — Activities and Projects

1. Within the limits prescribed in section 1 of Article III, this club shall be responsible for planning, organizing, financing and conducting its own activities and shall itself supply the money, manpower and creative imagination necessary thereto, except that in the case of joint projects or activities undertaken in cooperation with other organizations, such responsibility shall be shared with such other organization(s).
2. The club shall undertake among its activities at least two major projects annually, one designed to serve the school or community, the other to promote international understanding, and each shall involve all or most of the members of the club.
3. The aim of international service in Interact is to encourage and foster the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of youth united in the ideal of service. The aim of community and school service is to encourage and foster the application of the ideal of service by each Interact club member to his or her personal, community and school life.
4. It is the responsibility of the club to raise the funds necessary to carry out its program. It shall not solicit or accept more than occasional or incidental financial assistance from its sponsoring Rotary club, nor shall it make general solicitations from Rotary clubs other than its sponsoring Rotary club or from other Interact clubs, nor shall it solicit financial assistance from individuals, businesses or organizations in the community without giving something of value in return.

ARTICLE VIII — Committees

1. There shall be provided in the by-laws of this club the following standing committees: international understanding, service, finance, club, and such other standing committees as may be deemed necessary or convenient for the administration of the club.
2. The president, with the approval of the board, may appoint such special committees as he or she may deem necessary, citing their duties at the time of appointment. All such special committees shall lapse upon the completion of their duties, upon discharge by the appointing president, or with the end of his or her term of office, whichever occurs first.

ARTICLE IX — Fees and Dues

Any additional fees, dues or assessments on the membership of the club shall be nominal and shall only be for the purpose of meeting the administrative costs of the club. Funds for activities and projects undertaken by the club shall in general be raised apart from such fees, dues or assessments.

ARTICLE X — Acceptance of Constitution and By-Laws

Every member of this club, by his or her acceptance of membership and continuation thereof, thereby accepts the principles of Interact as expressed in its purpose and goals and submits himself or herself to and agrees to comply with and be bound by the constitution and by-laws of this club, and on these conditions alone is entitled to the privileges of the club. No member shall be absolved from the observance of the constitution and by-laws on the plea that he or she has not received a copy of them.

ARTICLE XI — By-Laws

This club shall adopt the “Standard Interact Club By-Laws,” together with such amendments as are not inconsistent with this constitution and which may be deemed necessary or convenient for the government of the club, provided that such amendments are adopted in accordance with the amendment procedure prescribed in the “Standard Interact Club By-Laws.”

ARTICLE XII — Emblem

The emblem of Interact shall be preserved for the exclusive use and benefit of Interact members. Each member of this club shall be entitled to wear or otherwise display the Interact emblem in a dignified and appropriate manner during the period of his membership. He or she shall relinquish such entitlement upon termination of his or her membership or termination of this club.

ARTICLE XIII — Duration

This Interact club shall exist so long as it continues to function in accordance with the provisions of this constitution and policy relating to Interact established by Rotary International, or until it is terminated:

- a) by this club upon its own determination and action;
- b) by the sponsoring Rotary club upon withdrawal of its sponsorship; or
- c) by Rotary International for failure to function in accordance with this constitution or for other cause.

Upon termination of this club, all rights and privileges relating to the Interact name and emblem shall be relinquished by the club and by its members individually and collectively.

ARTICLE XIV — Amendments

This constitution may be amended only by action of the Board of Directors of Rotary International, and all amendments to the “Standard Interact Club By-Laws” adopted by the Board of Directors of Rotary International shall automatically amend this constitution.

STANDARD INTERACT CLUB BY-LAWS



By-Laws of the Interact Club of _____

ARTICLE I — Elections

1. Election for the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and directors shall be held annually prior to _____. Those elected shall take office on _____.
(date) (date)
2. Nominations of officers shall be made either in writing or from the floor. Candidates shall be voted upon at the regular meeting following the meeting at which nominations are made. Voting shall be by secret ballot. Those candidates receiving a majority of the votes of the members present and in good standing shall be elected.
3. In addition to the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, there shall be elected _____ directors.

ARTICLE II — Duties of Officers

1. *President.* The president shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the club and the board of directors. He or she shall, with the approval of the board, appoint all standing and special committees and, in the event of a vacancy in the board of directors, shall, with the approval of the board, fill such vacancy by appointment until the next regular election of the club. He or she shall be an ex officio member of all committees.
2. *Vice-President.* The vice-president shall succeed to the office of president in the event of the removal of the latter for whatever cause, and, in the absence of the president, shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the board.
3. *Secretary.* The secretary shall maintain all club records. He or she shall keep minutes of all meetings of the club and board of directors.
4. *Treasurer.* The treasurer shall have custody of all club funds, maintaining all necessary records, and depositing all such funds in a bank approved by the board of directors. He or she shall make all disbursements under procedures determined by the board of directors. He or she shall report the club's financial status at each meeting of the club, and shall hold all records available for inspection by any club member.
5. *Board of Directors.* The board of directors shall be the governing body of the club, as provided in the constitution. It shall make an annual report to the club to apprise all members of the club's operations. It shall hold regularly scheduled meetings, not less than one a month, which shall be open to the attendance of any club member in good standing. Members attending such meetings, however, shall not address the meeting except with the permission of the board.

ARTICLE III — Meetings

1. Meetings of the club shall be held not less than twice per month and meetings of the board not less than once a month, at a time and place suited to the convenience of the membership.
2. A majority of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the club. Any four members of the board, one of whom must be the president or vice president, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the board. No meeting of the club or of the board shall be deemed official unless a member of the Interact committee of the sponsoring Rotary club is in attendance.

ARTICLE IV — Fees and Dues

1. The admission fee for new members shall be _____. Annual dues shall be _____ per member.
2. All fees and dues must be paid before a member will be considered in good standing.

ARTICLE V — Committees

1. The president, with the approval of the board of directors, shall appoint the following standing committees:
 - A. *International Understanding.* This committee shall be charged with primary responsibility for devising ways and means of engendering international understanding among the members, in the school and community, and in all other areas. It shall have the duty of initiating and planning one major activity in its field each year which shall involve all or most of the club membership.

- B. *Service*. This committee shall have responsibility for devising at least one major service project annually, other than international, which shall involve all or most of the membership.
 - C. *Finance*. This committee shall devise ways and means of financing any and all club activities requiring funds, in cooperation with the appropriate committee.
 - D. *Club*. This committee shall be responsible for attendance, membership, programs, fellowship, public relations and such other matters as may be deemed appropriate.
2. No committee shall take any action to carry out its plans until those plans have been approved by a majority of the club membership.

ARTICLE VI — Amendments

- 1. These by-laws may be amended by majority vote of the members in good standing at any regular or special meeting of the club at which a quorum is present, provided notice of intention to call such a vote is given at least fourteen days earlier at a meeting of the club at which a quorum is present, and provided such amendment is approved by the sponsoring Rotary club.
- 2. Nothing in these by-laws shall contravene any provision of this club's constitution.



GUIDELINES FOR INTERACT CLUB MEETINGS



A good leader is prepared, delegates authority, has the ability to get things done, and makes people feel appreciated. The member Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but Interact clubs are **self-governing** and **self-supporting**. It is the responsibility of the Interact officers, NOT the Rotarians or Facility Advisers, to run the Interact meetings.

OFFICERS NEED TO:

- Communicate!
- Know the Interact club's goals.
- Serve those Interactors we represent.
- Work hard.
- Provide leadership.
- Seek fairness for everyone.

BEFORE MEETINGS:

- Choose meeting goals.
- Choose the kind of meeting to hold.
- Plan the agenda and deliver copies to members.
- Check the meeting place for chairs and equipment.
- Arrive on time.
- Be ready to help.

DURING THE MEETING:

- Help to get started on-time.
- Follow the Agenda.
- Help the discussion - participate!
- Know how to get things done. (Help others know)
- Encourage Members. Give each one a chance.
- Make positive suggestions.
- Listen to each person.
- Help summarize progress. Keep on track.
- Use the last few minutes to review important decisions.

AFTER THE MEETING:

- Put the room back in order.
- Evaluate the meeting.
- Keep Teacher Adviser(s) updated.

BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING:

- List jobs to do by the next meeting.
- Check the minutes and reports.
- Check Committee work and reports.
- Follow-up on recommendations and action.
- Investigate and get ready to report back on items of interest.

MEMBERS NEED TO:

- Communicate!
- Know the Interact club's goals.
- Serve those we represent.
- Work hard.
- Collect and bring ideas to the Interact club meetings.
- Share ideas between Board of Directors and members.

BEFORE MEETINGS:

- Review the agenda.
- Be sure all needed materials are ready.
- Arrive on time.
- Be ready to help.

DURING THE MEETING:

- Listen Attentively
- Help keep the group on the subject.
- Try to use written motions so everyone may have a copy.
- Be sure everyone has a chance to talk.
- Keep asking:
 - Are we reaching our goals for this meeting?
 - Are we using our people and materials?
- Share your ideas.

AFTER THE MEETING:

- Review your notes.
- Arrange to report to your class.

BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING:

- Read the copies of the minutes.
- Make a report to those you represent as soon as possible.
- Write down important ideas and reactions.
- Bring them to the next meeting.

Consider inviting guest speakers to your Interact club meetings. Contact local Rotarians, motivational speakers, and community organizations for potential speakers.



SAMPLE: AGENDA FOR YOUR INTERACT CLUB MEETING

Agenda: Interact Club Meeting # _____ Date _____

Call to order by President: _____ at (time): _____

1. Recite Rotary's Four-Way Test
2. Welcome guests/Introduce new Interact club members.

Roll Call: _____ Members Absent: _____

(If a Board of Directors meeting was held since the last Interact club meeting, the club secretary gives a report to the Interact club meeting.)

Reports of Officers: _____

Committee Reports: _____

Unfinished
Business: _____

New Business: _____

Announcements: _____

Adjournment Time: _____



Start recruiting new members now:

- Develop a membership strategy plan, and goal
- Invite! Invite! Invite!
- Have Interact information booth with videos & photos at FISH Camp and school registration
- Interact booth at PTA/PTO meeting, and during lunch period
- Use Social Media as a membership tool
- Produce a video of club projects and put it on your club's website.

Selling points:

- Explain personal value and life changing benefits of “Service Above Self”
- Make a "Why We Joined Interact" video of your members...put it on your club's website.
- Friendship, fellowship, pride, performance, and service to others
- Tight knit, family group

Be proud of your service projects and tells others about your club's accomplishments!

- School projects
- Community projects
- International projects

Start school year off with a major project and invite all students to participate

- Water well or bio-sand filter project
- PolioPlus project (Purple Pinkie Project)
- Collecting books for Rotary Books for the World, & volunteer to sort books
- Invite International students to tell about projects in their countries

Advertise:

- School newspaper – Submit your own articles or invite one of the reporters to attend your meeting.
- Community newspapers and websites – Have your Publicity Chair submit articles/photos weekly

Create awareness

- Interact T-shirts – Have your members wear their shirts to school the day of your meeting
- Develop a list of all your service projects of the last several years to show your club's “humanitarian footprint”
- Your Interact club website...If you don't have one, develop one
- Create invitations to join that members can handout to potential members
- Ask each member to sign a pledge card that they will find one new member to join the club
- Partner with another school organization on a project

Development:

- Is the club meeting time/day convenient?
- Induct club officers and make it an important, and fun event
- Have great speakers at your club meeting, or schedule a special speaker for your entire school and serve as the host for the event
- Survey the club members for their personal ideas for future projects, and fundraisers
- Have your sponsoring Rotary club order Interact membership certificates and membership cards
- Have experienced Interactors serve as mentors to new members
- Invite former members to rejoin
- Plan some social events for the members and invite others to attend

Invite your parents to attend Rotary meetings...They would make great Rotarians!

Rotary offers an exciting future for Interactors to stay in the Family of Rotary: Rotary Youth Exchange Program... Rotaract Clubs at colleges, universities & young professionals...\$30,000 Rotary Scholarships to study abroad!

2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Please circle your grade level:

6th 7th 8th
9th 10th 11th 12th

Interact Membership Application Form



Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State or Province: _____

Country/Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Mom's Name: _____

Mom's Phone: _____

Mom's Email: _____

Dad's Name: _____

Dad's Phone: _____

Dad's Email: _____

Areas of Interest:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> School Service | <input type="radio"/> International Service Development |
| <input type="radio"/> Community Service | <input type="radio"/> Club Service |
| <input type="radio"/> Fund-Raising Service | <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ |

I understand and accept the principles of Interact as expressed in its purpose and objectives, and agree to comply with and be bound by the standard Interact Club constitution, Statement of Policy Relating to Interact, and bylaws of the club.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Interact club secretary should retain this form for club records.

2019-2020 DISTRICT 5890 - INTERACT CLUB OFFICER INSTALLATION CEREMONY

You have been elected to the important position of:

- (Name of Interactor) _____ - President
- _____ - Vice President
- _____ - Secretary
- _____ - Treasurer

of the **INTERACT CLUB OF _____ School**. This is an indication of the esteem and confidence that your fellow Interactors have in you. We also believe you will uphold the high moral and ethical standards of your club, and that you will give the best of your executive ability to the furtherance of the interest of your Interact club, and the carrying forward of the Object of Rotary.

Membership in Interact is an honor and a privilege with corresponding duties and obligations, including service to your club, school, and community. You will be expected to participate in multiple levels of service, and to attend this club's meetings regularly.

With 441,278 Interactors in 19,186 Interact Clubs in 143 countries & geographical areas, you are members of a worldwide elite group of young leaders that represent the best of the youth in their respective communities, and countries.

All members of our Interact Club of _____ School are setting the example for all of those that will follow in your footsteps.

Your school, and community, will know and judge Interact by your actions. Interact is like everything else - you get out of it what you put into it.

As a member of the "Family of Rotary", Interact officers, and members, are encouraged to foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise:

- The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- High ethical standards in your school work, using your Interact club as opportunity to serve society;
- The application of the ideal of service by every Interactor in their personal, family, school and community life.
- The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of Interactors united in the ideal of service.

I charge each of you to judge yourself by Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self" and the Rotary Four-Way Test which is recited by 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide at their weekly club meetings:

- Of the things you think, say or do:*
- First...Is it the Truth?*
- Second...Is it fair to all concerned?*
- Third...Will it build goodwill and better friendships?*
- Fourth...Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

You, the individual members of the **INTERACT CLUB OF _____ SCHOOL**, are the electors. You have chosen to use your vote to elect from your membership the young men and women who will guide the club's activities in the year ahead. This is your action team...but they need your help, support and involvement to make the Interact club successful.

For the next few minutes we will recognize your new officers. They will stand before you to accept the duties and responsibilities of their offices, and it is my honor to install the officers you have selected.

Incoming officers, I charge you to lead this club only in those actions which exemplify the highest principles of Rotary, that you conduct the affairs of this club in accordance with the Standard Interact Club Constitution and By-Laws, to strive to make Rotary's 2016-2017 theme, "**Rotary Serving Humanity**", the heart and soul of this club.

Each year, the incoming president of Rotary International selects a theme to inspire the 1.9 million Rotarians, Interactors, Rotaractors, and Rotary Community Corps members around the world. This year, RI President John Germ, a member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee chose "**Rotary Helping Humanity**" as his theme for 2016-17. "Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, believed that serving humanity is "the most worthwhile thing a person can do". I believe everyone recognizes the opportunity to serve Rotary for what it truly is: not a small opportunity, but a great one; an opportunity of a lifetime to change the world for the better, forever through Rotary's service to humanity.

Oath for the President: _____, do you solemnly pledge that you will faithfully execute the office of president of the Interact Club of _____ School, and that you will to the best of your ability support the Interact and Rotary district governors and Rotary International and that you will uphold the constitution and bylaws of this Interact club.

Oath for the Vice-President: _____, do you solemnly pledge that you will faithfully execute the office of vice president of the Interact Club of _____ School, and that you will to the best of your ability support your club president and board of directors, the Interact and Rotary district governors and Rotary International and that you will uphold the constitution and bylaws of this Interact club.

Oath for the Secretary: Many people wise in the ways of Interact believe that the Office Of Secretary is the second most vital position in the success of an Interact Club. _____, do you solemnly pledge that you will faithfully execute the office of secretary of the Interact Club of _____ School, and that you will maintain accurate records of your club which includes taking attendance at club meetings, service projects, and fundraisers, take minutes of the meetings and Board meetings; that you will to the best of you ability support your club president, your Interact and Rotary district governors, and Rotary International and that you will uphold the constitution and bylaws of this Interact club.

Oath for the Treasurer: _____, do you solemnly pledge that you will faithfully execute the office of treasurer of the Interact Club of _____ School with the responsibility of keeping true and accurate financial records of the funds of this club, accounting for these records as requested by the president and the Board of Directors; that you will to the best of your ability support your club president, your Interact and Rotary district governors, and Rotary International and that you will uphold the constitution and bylaws of this Interact club.

Answer: I will.

Will all of the members of the **INTERACT CLUB OF _____ School** please rise?

You have seen those you selected and elected to lead your club in the school year ahead. You have heard the promises they have made. In response, do you now, individually and collectively, agree to support and sustain them in their work so that the **INTERACT CLUB OF _____ School** may truly exemplify the highest standards of Service Above Self? If you do so agree, please respond by saying, "**I DO.**"

Answer: We do

I hereby declare the new officers and directors installed. Our community will be stronger and have a better future because of these young leaders!

DISTRICT 5890 - INTERACT CLUB - NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION CEREMONY

Today is a special day because we are installing a new member to our Interact Club of _____ School,
_____(Name of New Member).

_____(First Name) this is an indication of the esteem and confidence that your fellow Interactors have in you. We also believe you will uphold the high moral and ethical standards of your club, and that you will give the best of your ability to the furtherance of the interest of your Interact club, and the carrying forward the morals and ethics of Rotary.

Membership in Interact is an honor and a privilege with corresponding duties and obligations, including service to your club, school, community, and beyond. You will be expected to participate in multiple levels of service, and to attend this club's meetings regularly.

With 495,880 Interactors in 21,560 Interact Clubs in 143 countries & geographical areas, you are members of a worldwide elite group of young leaders that represent the best of the youth in their respective communities, and countries.

Your school, and community, will know and judge Interact by your actions. Interact is like everything else - you get out of it what you put into it.

As a member of the "Family of Rotary, Interact officers, and members, are encouraged to foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise:

- The development of acquaintances as an opportunity for service;
- High ethical standards in your school work, using your Interact club as opportunity to serve society;
- The application of the ideal of service by every Interactor in their personal, family, school and community life.
- The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of Interactors united in the ideal of service.

I charge each of you to judge yourself by Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self" and the Rotary Four-Way Test: *Of the things you think, say or do:*

First...Is it the Truth?

Second...Is it fair to all concerned?

Third...Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Fourth...Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

" _____ (First Name) You have been chosen for membership in the Interact Club of _____ because we believe you to be a leader, and because you display those characteristics which will enable you to enjoy Interact, and Interacts message of service and goodwill. Do you accept these responsibilities, and do you agree to uphold the constitution and bylaws of this Interact club?"

Answer: I will.

It is my pleasure on behalf of the board of directors and the members of the Interact Club of _____ School to welcome you as a member.



The Rotary Foundation enables Rotarians worldwide to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

1. Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

The Rotary Foundation promotes the practice of peace and conflict prevention/resolutions by:

- Strengthening local peace efforts
- Training local leaders to prevent and mediate conflict
- Supporting long-term peace building in areas affected by conflict
- Assisting vulnerable populations affected by conflict, particularly children and youth
- Supporting studies related to peace and conflict resolution

2. Disease Prevention and Treatment

The Rotary Foundation reduces the causes and effects of disease by:

- Improving the capacity of local health care professionals
- Combating the spread of HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other major diseases
- Enhancing the health infrastructure of local communities
- Educating and mobilizing communities to help prevent the spread of major diseases
- Supporting studies related to disease prevention and treatment

3. Water and Sanitation

The Rotary Foundation ensures that people have sustainable access to water and sanitation by:

- Increasing equitable community access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation
- Strengthening the ability of communities to develop & maintain sustainable water & sanitation
- Educating communities about safe water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Supporting studies related to water and sanitation

4. Maternal and Child Health

The Rotary Foundation improves the lives of mothers and their children by:

- Reducing the mortality rate for children under the age of five
- Reducing the maternal mortality rate
- Improving access to essential medical services & trained health care providers for mothers & their children
- Supporting studies related to maternal and child health

5. Basic Education and Literacy

The Rotary Foundation promotes education and literacy for all by:

- Ensuring that children have access to quality basic education
- Reducing gender disparity in education
- Increasing adult literacy
- Strengthening the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy
- Supporting studies related to basic education and literacy

6. Economic and Community Development

The Rotary Foundation invests in people to create measurable and enduring economic improvement in their lives and communities by:

- Strengthening the development of local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities
- Developing opportunities for decent and productive work, particularly for youth
- Building the capacity of local organizations and community networks to support economic development
- Supporting studies related to economic and community development