

<u>World Interact Week – October 31-November 6, 2017</u> 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 2017.

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, <u>Rotary Youth Exchange</u>, <u>RYLA</u>, <u>Rotaract</u>, 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

<u>After the Interact club has completed their activities, email Tommie5890@SuddenLink.net, and I'll will</u> 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.

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