THE ABC’S OF INTERACT SUCCESS IN DISTRICT 5890 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 they raised plus their gifts-in-kind donations and the total was over $1 MILLION? In two 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 is Rotarian's TIME that contributes to a successful Interact club.* Your community's teenagers deserve THE BEST Rotarian!**
* **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. *The support team of Rotarian Sponsor and Faculty Adviser is the bedrock of Interact club strength, and continuity.*

**Action Plan:**

**If you have an Interact club:**

* Assign the right Rotarian as Sponsor (thrives on working with young people). Ask for weekly updates from them!
* Confirm your Interact club is active. When was the last time their Rotary Sponsor attended their meetings?
* Confirm the Faculty Adviser is active and reachable (personal phone and e-mail). Invite them to your meetings.
* Send Interactors to RYLA, Interact Round-Up, Interact District Conference, Rotary District Conference, District Assembly, Rotary Foundation Seminar, etc. – these events build leaders, and leaders build successful clubs
* Foster active relationships with Interact club President(s) and Faculty Adviser(s) – recognize and reward their efforts with lavish praise.
* Participate in each other’s projects – 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 - **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 club, or has an inactive one, & 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. This is their voice!

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