

2017-2018 Rotary District 5890 Interact Club Contact Information

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Important Websites:

Rotary International: www.rotary.org

Facebook: "Interact District 5890", "Rotary District 5890", "Rotary District 5890 Governor" and "Rotaract District 5890"

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

****LEARNING & REFERENCE CENTER:** Many of the Reference Materials, Handbooks and Tools for Rotary clubs are very useful for Interactors. To access them, you must first create a "My Rotary" Account at www.Rotary.org. Once your account is made, go to the "Learning & Reference" tab along the top of the webpage, and select "Document Center" for lots of info.

Rotary, Interact and Rotaract – Membership Worldwide (as of November 2016)

Rotary: 1,227,217 Rotarians - 35,263 Rotary Clubs - in over 200 countries & geographical areas

Interact: 483,230 Interactors in 21,010 Interact Clubs in 150 countries & geographical areas

Rotaract: 226,389 Rotaractors in 9,843 Rotaract Clubs

Rotary Community Corps: 210,500 Members in 9,154 clubs

DISTRICT 5890 INTERACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions, please contact me at TOMMIE5890@SUDDENLINK.NET or (281) 359-7193 (office) or (713) 598-7129 Cellular.

Thanks – Tommie Buscemi, Rotary District 5890 Interact Committee

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

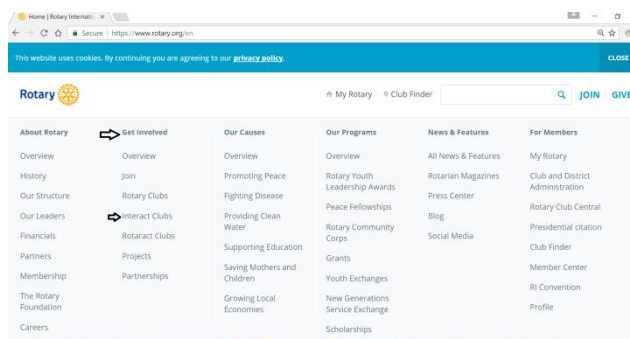
This is the source of information about what is happening in District 5890. This is a excellent resource provides all of us with details about our great District 5890 including our District Governor's Monthly Newsletter, District Events Calendar, Interact forms, RYLA Application, plus more!

2. Rotary International: www.rotary.org

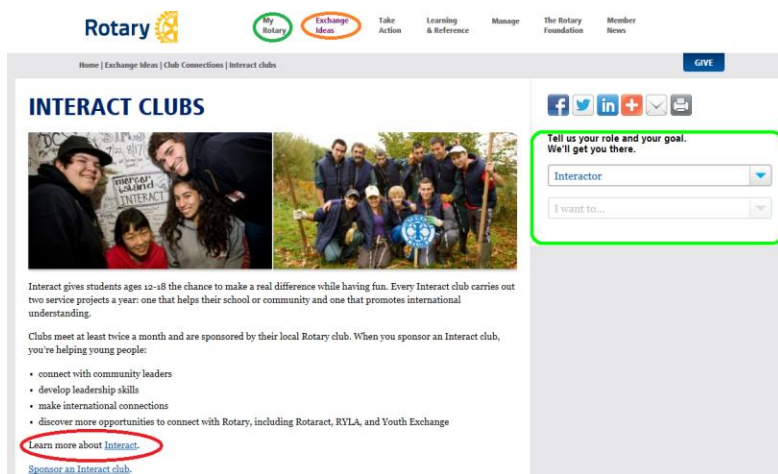
Rotary launched their redesigned website and everything has changed, so below are a few hints to find anything and everything about Interact. It is a visitor friendly website, but parts of the website can are password protected so only Rotarians with passwords can access those sections.

A. Go to www.rotary.org and click "Our Programs" at the very top

B. Then, select "Interact"



C. The next screen (see example below) will have info about Interact, and if you set-up a "My Rotary" account as an Interactor.



◀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 2017 - September 23rd at Deer Park High School-South Campus

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. 2017-2018 Rotary International Theme - "Rotary: Making A Difference"

Rotary International President-elect Ian Riseley, a member Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia "*Rotary: Making A Difference*" as his 2017-2018 theme. At the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego, CA, President-Elect Riseley said, "In 2017-18, we'll answer the question "What is Rotary?" with this year's theme, *Rotary: Making a Difference*. Whether we're building a new playground or a new school, improving medical care or sanitation, training conflict mediators or midwives, we know that the work we do will change people's lives — in ways large and small — for the better." Also, environmental degradation and global climate change are serious threats to everyone, Riseley said. "They are having a disproportionate impact on those who are most vulnerable, those to whom Rotary has the greatest responsibility. Yet environmental issues rarely register on the Rotary agenda," he said. The president-elect challenged every Rotary club to make a difference by planting a tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on 1 July and Earth Day on 22 April 2018.

5. World Interact Week - November 5 - 11, 2017 World Interact Week is celebrated every year during the week of November 5th. 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. "Young Leaders In Action" E-Newsletter The newsletter contains monthly announcements and program updates about youth activities worldwide. Sign-up when you establish a "My Rotary" account or you can register 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 "***Rotary Making A Difference***" theme for projects undertaken and *completed* between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. *Please submit form as soon as your club has completed the activities or by June 30th* Tommie Buscemi via email to tommie5890@suddenlink.net. Once I receive your form, I'll notify Rotary District Governor Bill Palko, your sponsoring Rotary club president, and I will register that your club as qualified on the Rotary International website. The signed Presidential Citation Award certificates will not be available until September/October 2018, and will be officially presented to the Interact clubs at the 2018 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 2017 Interact Round-Up in September/October.

9. 2017 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. 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

Visit www.Rotary.Org, under "News and Media" tab at top, under "Magazines", select "The Rotarian". You can also read "Regional Magazines" from many countries. Great way to learn about the World of Rotary!

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 9-11, 2018 (Application Deadline: Nov 2017)

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 9-11, 2018, and **the \$225 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 24, 2018 at Sealy High School

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 around 9:00 AM on 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 2018-2019 outbound students - December 2, 2017)

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 Dr. Nick Niannone** at nickg5890@yahoo.com. Contact him for any questions and for the schedule of Youth Exchange Information Seminars for parents and students to attend. District interviews will be Saturday, December 2, 2017 to select the students leaving August 2018 (Northern Hemisphere-Belgium, Italy, etc) and January 2019 (Southern Hemisphere-Brazil, Chile, etc.) to study abroad during the 2018-2019 school year (Long Term), and for the Summer of 2018 (Short Term).

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

During their COLLEGE senior year, applicants apply for this Rotary Foundation Global Grants which used to fund scholarships for post-graduate COLLEGE 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:

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| ■ <i>Peace and conflict prevention/resolution</i> | ■ <i>Disease prevention and treatment</i> |
| ■ <i>Water and sanitation</i> | ■ <i>Maternal and child health</i> |
| ■ <i>Basic education and literacy</i> | ■ <i>Economic and community development</i> |

See next page for important reminders for NEW Interact clubs, and also for established Interact clubs

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

CHECKLIST FOR NEWLY CHARTERED SINCE JULY 1, 2017 INTERACT CLUBS:

- Plan to attend the 2017 District 5890 Interact Club Round-Up on September 23rd at Deer Park HS South Campus
- Collect District Interact Dues of \$3 per member. **Due: December 1, 2017.** Make check payable to: "District 5890 Rotary Interact Club". Mail to: Tommie Buscemi, 4722 Autumn Alcove Court, Kingwood TX 77345
- To charter a NEWLY formed Interact club, please complete the **Interact Club Certification Form**. Have your Interact president sign the form, and then scan and email it to Tommie5890@SuddenLink.Net or fax it to me at (281) 359-8877. I will get the form signed by your sponsoring Rotary club's president, and District Governor Bill Palko. I will send the form to Rotary International, then make sure that it is 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:

- Plan to attend the 2017 District 5890 Interact Club Round-Up on September 23rd at Deer Park HS South Campus
- Collect District Interact Dues of \$3 per member. **Due: December 1, 2017.** Make check payable to: "District 5890 Rotary Interact Club". Mail to: Tommie Buscemi, 4722 Autumn Alcove Court, Kingwood TX 77345
- Help students develop/update **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** 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: Dr. Nick Niannone at nickg5890@yahoo.com
- Plan activities for **World Interact Week Nov 5-11, 2017** (Week of Nov. 5th), complete your projects then email me at Tommie5890@SuddenLink.Net. 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. 2017 (TBA)
- Review the requirements for the **Presidential Citation**. Fax the completed form by scanning and email to Tommie5890@SuddenLink.Net or fax to (281)359-8877 by the last day of school 2018.
- RYLA Camp – February 9-11, 2018. 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 2017 is last date Rotary clubs will accept RYLA applications from students.
- Interact District Conference – Target Dates: March 24, 2018 at Sealy High School
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!!!
- In June of 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 Tommie Buscemi with the District 5890 Interact Committee via email Tommie5890@Suddenlink.Net, by phone at 281-359-7193 (office) or 713-598-7129 (cellular) with questions or concerns about Interact.