



# Interact District 5890

Welcome to the 2017-2018 Interact Year!

"Who, What, Where, When, Why & How" Issue - Aug 2017  
Please use as a reference guide throughout 2017-2018



Rotary District 5890

[www.rotary5890.org](http://www.rotary5890.org) or [www.RotaryD5890.org](http://www.RotaryD5890.org)

**When you have fundraisers or events, please contact the following so they can attend:**

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## Your 2017-2018 Interact District 5890 Officers



**Interact District Secretary:** Brandon Wang (Clements HS Interact)  
**Interact District Governor:** Nicole Wang (Clements HS Interact)  
**Interact Lt. Governor:** Jenny Dang (Klein Forest HS Interact)

## READY FOR 2017-2018?

**2017-2018 Interact Calendar of Events - [CLICK HERE](#)**  
**Installation Ceremony for New Officers? [CLICK HERE](#)**  
**Installation Ceremony for NEW Members: [CLICK HERE](#)**  
**\$3 per Interactor District Dues: [CLICK HERE](#)**



## Links to Important Facebook Pages

For info about Rotary District 5890 and Rotary International, here's some suggestions of Facebook pages:  
[Interact District 5890](#), [Rotaract District 5890](#), [Rotary District 5890](#), [Rotary District 5890 Governor](#), [RYLA 5890](#), [Rotary International](#), and [Rotaract](#)



**"Rotary Night at the Dynamo" - August 26th**  
[Click here to order tickets](#) (no login needed)

## THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF INTERACT!

Rotary District 5890  
Interact  
Rotary Sponsored Club



## Where can you find important Interact info?

[CLICK HERE](#) for links and downloads to help you plan for 2017-2018, an Installation Ceremony script for officers and new members, Membership Application, info about the Beads for Hope Project, how to do a Purple Pinkie Project, and lots more. Most documents are in WORD Format, so download and customize for your Interact club.

## Interact Presidents and Interact Faculty Advisers:

We need to add your club's Interact officers to our District 5890 Interact Email Contact List, so please submit their:

1) name, 2) email, and 3) office they hold to

[tommie5890@suddenlink.net](mailto:tommie5890@suddenlink.net)

## **\*\*Important Note to Interact Faculty Advisers\*\***

Each July, Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, IL requires that an adult need submit your club's contact information. [Click here](#) to update electronically. If you haven't done it yet for 2017-2018, please submit to avoid having your club's charter terminated by Rotary International.

## Interactors and Interact Faculty Advisers... Please Create a "My Rotary" Account

[Click here for instructions.](#)

Why create a "My Rotary" Account?  
 You'll have access to more information about Interact and Rotary...AND you can create club's own LOGO and 2-sided Interact club Promotional Cards...[click here](#) for examples, and [here](#) for instructions!



## **How Many Interactors are there in the world?**

495,880 Interactors in 21,560 Interact Clubs located in 143 countries & geographical areas.  
 Here in Rotary District 5890, we have 84 Interact clubs with over 3,000 Interactors!



## **2017 Interact District 5890 Round-Up**

**Saturday, Sept 23rd, 9 PM - 2:30 PM**

**Hosted by Deer Park High School Interact Club**

**FREE! Includes breakfast, lunch, Expo Tables & Photo Booth!**

👉 **Why attend? [CLICK HERE FOR A VIDEO!](#)** 👈

Come join us! This event is being hosted by the Deer Park High School-South Campus Interact Club- [click here for details](#). 650 attendees came to our 2016 Interact Round-Up, and we expect even more this year.

This is a FREE event, and we're offering a **FREE Project Expo Table to your Interact club** to share info with other Interact Clubs about your club's projects, fundraisers, etc.

EXPO Tables are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, so email [tommie5890@suddenlink.net](mailto:tommie5890@suddenlink.net)

Does our Interact club want to attend? Interact Faculty Advisers or Rotary Advisers need to send an email to the above email by Sept 18th with the total attending.

### **NOTE: 2016-2017 Interact Club Presidential Citation**

If your Interact club qualified for this global award last school year from the President of Rotary International - PLEASE HAVE AN INTERACTOR AT ROUND-UP TO ACCEPT THE AWARD AND BE IN THE GROUP PHOTO!. Our Rotary Past District Governor will personally present the award certificates.

[Click here to see if your club qualified](#)



### **It's Time for the 6th ANNUAL INTERACT DISTRICT 5890**

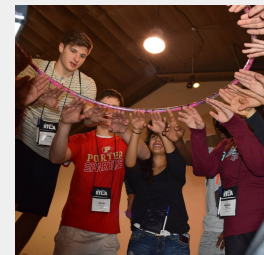
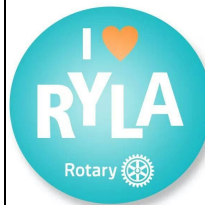
#### **"TRICK-OR-TREAT" TO END HUNGER Project! Click here**

The challenge is on to end hunger in YOUR community! Originally started by the Robert E. Lee HS Interact Club in Baytown as one of their community projects, it's now grown into 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 then donate the food they collect to a food bank that serves residents in **their own** community. Awards will be given at the Interact 2018 Interact D5890 Conference, so take photos, count the number of items, and submit info to [tommie5890@suddenlink.net](mailto:tommie5890@suddenlink.net).



### **Senior Interactors**

How do you find a [Rotaract club](#) to join once you graduate in May 2018? [Click here](#) to find Texas Rotaract clubs! Visiting potential colleges? Contact their Rotaract club before you go because they would love to meet you!



### **Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Camp Scholarship** **February 9-11, 2018**

#### **Student's Application Deadline: November 13, 2017**

#### **Cost \$225 (paid by Rotary clubs)**

Our Rotary D5890 Camp RYLA ([click here](#)) strengthens leadership skills and capabilities of sophomore and junior 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 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, and character. RYLA Scholars are selected by Rotary clubs 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. Learn more about RYLA at Round-Up!



the things we think, say or do  
Is it the TRUTH?  
Is it FAIR to all concerned?  
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?  
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

### **Rotary District 5890 Four-Way Test Essay** **Scholarship Contest for SENIOR** **Interactors...\$3,000 for 1st, \$2,000 for 2nd** **and \$1,000 for 3rd Place**

Senior Interact club members are encouraged to compete by participating in this essay scholarship contest which incorporates the Rotary Four-Way Test. Deadlines & rules will

be announced during our 2017 Interact Round-Up on September 23rd and an email with all the details will be sent to everyone. Scholarship funds are sent directly to the recipient's university or trade school. Special thanks to Stu Levin, our Rotary District 5890 Essay Contest Committee Chair.





### **Rotary International's Annual "Interact Video Contest"**

Did you know that Rotary International has an annual video contest for Interact clubs? Contest info will be released soon, but start thinking about ideas for your club's video.

Get inspired by watching these videos that won in previous years by [clicking here](#).

The deadline is usually December 1st, and as soon as details about this year's contest is announced, we'll let you know.



**Did you know that 500,000 young adults get involved with Rotary in any given year?**

[Click here to watch at 45-second video.](#)



### **2018 Interact District Conference**

**Target date: February 24, 2018**

**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 fun, 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", "Faculty Adviser of the Year", "Rotary Adviser of the Year", "End Polio Now", "Trick-or-Treat to End Hunger" and lots more are awarded. The \$20/Interactor registration fee includes meals, conference t-shirt, DJ, photo booth, Monte Carlo tables, & more.

**Interact Teacher Advisers that are interested in their campus hosting need to contact Tommie Buscemi at (281) 359-7193 or [tommie5890@suddenlink.net](mailto:tommie5890@suddenlink.net)**



**Like our "Interact District 5890" Facebook Page - [Click Here](#)**



### **Want to be a Rotary Youth Exchange Student?**

If so, **NOW** is the time to talk to your sponsoring Rotary club since your applications will be due in a couple of months! This is truly a chance of a lifetime and our District 5890 **Rotary 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. Students can apply to be a Short-Term (4-5 weeks in summer) or Long-Term Youth Exchange Student (entire school year studying abroad) and spend time learning about another country's culture. [Click here for FAQs about applying](#). For more information, contact our District 5890 Youth Exchange Chair, Nick Giannone., at [nickg5890@yahoo.com](mailto:nickg5890@yahoo.com). Contact her for any questions and for the schedule of Youth Exchange Information Seminars for parents and students to attend in September & October. Rotary clubs interview and select students that advance to the District-level interviews on Saturday, December 2, 2017 to select students leaving August 2018 (Northern Hemisphere) and January 2019 (Southern Hemisphere) to study abroad during the 2018-2019 school year (Long Term), and for the Summer of 2018 (Short Term).



### **World Interact Week**

**November 5-11, 2017**

World Interact Week is celebrated every year during the week of November 5<sup>th</sup>.

This year, it will be November 5-11th. Why? The first Interact club was chartered at Melbourne High School in Melbourne Florida 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 that they want to celebrate World Interact Week...but our **Trick-or-Treat to End Hunger Project would be perfect!** 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.



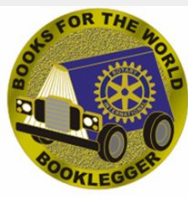
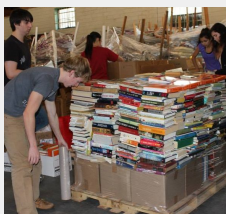
### **2017-2018 Interact Club Presidential Citation Award**

#### **So what is THIS award?**

It's a **global award** from the **President of Rotary International** (hence the name, "Presidential" Citation) awarded to outstanding Interact clubs! To qualify for the 2017-18 Interact Presidential Citation, Interact clubs must complete one "required" activity and accomplish 4 of the 8 goals between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. Each Rotaract club in D5890 can easily qualify for this award, so [CLICK HERE](#) to view the requirements. Reminders will be sent throughout this school year to Interact clubs.

Deadline to submit to [tommie5890@suddenlink.net](mailto:tommie5890@suddenlink.net) is June 30, 2018...but as soon as you qualify, email your form.

**Per Rotary International, only 5% of Interact clubs globally receive this award...here in Rotary D5890, 51% receive it!**



### **Did you know that Rotary's LARGEST Literacy Project in the world is right here in D5890?**

It's "Rotary Books For The World Project"! So far, over 10 MILLION pounds of books have been shipped to teachers and students in 18 countries and given to them FREE of charge!

The 40' shipping container is then used for libraries, etc. [Click here](#) and [Click Here](#) to learn more about this project which is actually four (4) projects in one:

International...Literacy...Vocational...& Recycling!

Without our D5890 Interactors, this project couldn't happen!

*Here's the dates of upcoming book sortings:*

Aug 19, Sept 23 (will be changed), Oct 21 from 9 AM-11 AM

Nov 8, and Dec 9 from 9 AM - Noon

Visit [www.rotarybooksfortheworld.org](http://www.rotarybooksfortheworld.org)



Watch great videos about Interact projects?

[Click here.](#)

Here's a link to Rotary videos! [Click here.](#)



### **WANT TO ERADICATE A DISEASE?**

Rotary has **SAVED 16,000,000 children from polio since 1988!** Go to <http://www.endpolio.org/> to learn more!

**Since 1985, Rotary has eradicated 99.9% of polio cases in the world!**



### **Need Interact Merchandise?**

Click on the company names below for vendors that are officially licensed by

Rotary International to sell merchandise such as Interact banners, customizable [retractable Interact banners](#), Interact lapel pins, [Interact Graduation Sashes](#), Interact name badges, Interact patches (like the one above), awards, bells, certificates, and more:

[Russell Hampton Company](#) and [Award4You](#)

### **Is your club using the NEW Interact logo?**

#### **Design your club's own logo for t-shirts, etc!**



Example ABC High School  
**Interact**  
Rotary Sponsored Club



In March 2015, Rotary International changed the logos for their Rotary Programs for Young Leaders including Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, and Rotary Youth Exchange to include Rotary wheel. The change in the logos and graphics was to reflect Rotary's visual identity and to help you deliver a compelling message in your promotional materials, t-shirts, letterhead, business cards, etc. that you are part of our ROTARY FAMILY.

To start creating your club's logo, you'll need to create a "My Rotary" account, then go to "Manage", then "Logos" [Click here for instructions for creating a MY ROTARY Account.](#)

[Click here for the Visual Identity Guide for the Interact logo.](#)

**Club Banners:** If you have a Interact club banner with the former "heritage" (an "I" with circles) Interact logo, it's okay!

### **When & where do D5890 Rotary clubs meet?**

[Click here!](#) Contact the Rotary president & visit a meeting!

Need the president's email?

Contact Tommie Buscemi, [tommie5890@suddenlink.net](mailto:tommie5890@suddenlink.net)



**Interactors are PEOPLE OF ACTION!**

Send us your stories so we can share with the other Interact clubs!

### **\$3/Interact Member - District Dues**

[Click here](#) for an invoice in Word format that you can add your club's name, total number of members, and total amount you are paying. Deadline to submit is payment is December 1, 2017.



Here's a couple of upcoming events that we would love to have your Interact club attend

**Rotary**  **NIGHT!**  
District 5890 **Saturday August 26th, 2017**

  **END POLIO NOW**  
**KICK POLIO OUT!**

 **VS** 

**Tickets \$33**  
\$5 going to Polio Plus  
Each dollar to Polio Plus is matched 2 for 1 by the Gates Foundation  
**HELP US KICK POLIO OUT!**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 26TH, 2017 - 6:00 PM**  
**PRE-GAME PARTY**  
COMPLIMENTARY 1ST DRINK & APPETIZERS  
*With purchase of your Rotary Dynamo Ticket*

  **HOSTED BY**  
Rotary Club of Houston Skyline

**KING'S COURT**  
903 HUTCHINS ST.  
(ACROSS STREET FROM THE STADIUM)

To purchase tickets, [CLICK HERE](#) (no login required)

 **Rotary D 5890**  
**RagBall Tournament**  
**& Pot Luck Food Festival** 

 **RagBall**  
**Save the date**

**Benefitting Polio Plus**  
 **POT LUCK**  
**Food Festival**

**SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER 21st, 2017**  
(Details to follow by e-mail)

 **END POLIO NOW!** 

**Bring your Teams!**  
**Bring your Club's**  
**Famous Food!**

That's a WRAP for the "WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY AND HOW" issue of the **Interact** District 5890 Newsletter!