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Message from the District Interact Committee:

- In this issue, we feature the graduating high school students from various Interact Clubs in District 7080. We thank each of these individuals for their contributions to improving the lives of others, and following Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self".

- NOTE: If we missed including photos and write-ups, please send the information to Pari_pari2205@hotmail.com or Hanna_hannaywk@gmail.com so we can include this information in the next Newsletter.

- Rotary District 7080 says 'THANK YOU' to all of the adult-advisors / Rotarians who worked countless hours mentoring our Interact youth.

- A reminder to the Adult-Advisors to register your Interact Club using the Rotary International website for the upcoming 2021-2022 Rotary/school year. It is important that R.I. has up-to-date information about each Interact Clubs in the District.

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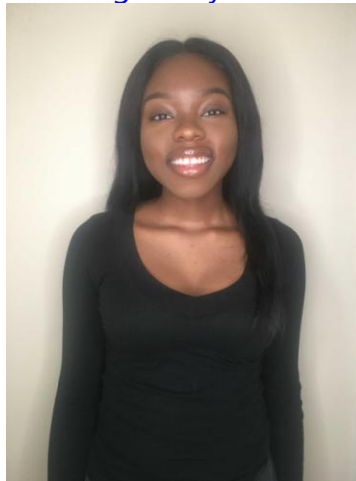
- As people continue to get vaccinated, Rotarians should think about the future of Interact. Please take time in the upcoming weeks to reach out to schools/teachers and see if Interact Clubs that went 'dormant' because of the pandemic can be resurrected. And see if new Interact Clubs can be started, either at a particular school or as a community-based club.
- Please share this Newsletter. Let's educate others about the importance of Interact in our communities.

Some youth graduating from Interact 7080

Rotary's District 7080 extends its thanks to the following Interactors for their contributions locally and internationally. We wish them much success in their future endeavors. And we hope that they will continue to place "service above self"!

Central Peel Secondary School, Brampton:

Deva Ukhuegbe, 2 years in Interact



My favourite Interact club activity is definitely the Black Lives Matter panel we held in September (but I may be a little biased since I organized and hosted the event). I love reading, baking, and playing my piano or violin. I'm super excited to go to Western University for nursing next school year!

Milan Mammen, 2 years in Interact



Being part of CPSS Interact has allowed me to advocate for issues I am passionate about and be more involved in my school's community. One of my most favourite Interact Club activities is leading our April Initiative to support Autism and Neurodiversity acceptance to our community. It was fascinating to hear from Wanda Des Champs (CEO of Liberty Co) on what we can do to help and resources to learn more about the autistic community. I will be going to Western University for their Medical Science program this coming fall and will continue to take action and make a difference in my school and community.

Tanraj Dulai, 4 years in Interact



Hi, I'm Tanraj Dulai, a graduating grade 12 from Central Peel Secondary School. I joined Interact in grade nine because I thought it would be a place where I could make a difference, but it was so much more than that. Throughout my years at Central Peel Interact I was able to meet like-minded people and further explore my interests. Now that I am graduating, I am going to the University of Waterloo where I plan on studying history.

Binalpreet Kalra, 4 years in Interact



I joined Central Peel Interact in grade 9 because I loved its motto of “Service Above Self”. What began as an avenue to make a bigger difference in my community, also left me with lifelong mentors, incredible opportunities and some of my most fond memories of high school. I especially loved volunteering at the annual Rotary Christmas party and teaching the staff how to sign “Service Above Self” in ASL. I will be pursuing the Biomedical Engineering program at the University of Waterloo in the Fall to reach my goal of bringing accessible healthcare technology to global populations.

Iroquois Ridge High School Rotary Interact Club:

William Du, 4 years in Interact



" My favorite Interact club activity would have to be the annual tea party that we run with the senior's home that is close to our school. Some of my interests include swimming and cooking. I will be attending Queen's University next year for their Health Sciences program."

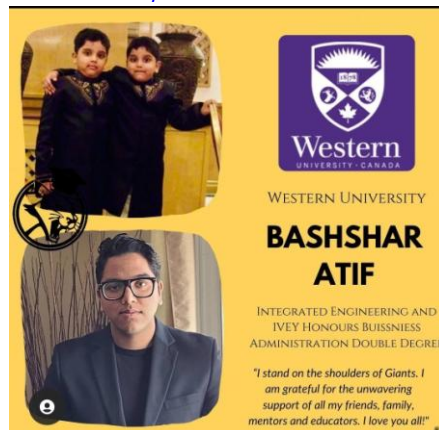
Vivian Ren, 4 years in Interact



“My favourite activity has been visiting and hanging out with the seniors! In my free time, I really enjoy spending time outside whether it be biking, hiking, or just hanging out with my friends. Next September, I’ll be attending Western University to pursue a Computer Science/Business double degree as I hope to eventually work in the FinTech industry.”

White Oaks Interact Club:

Bashshar Atif, President and Founder



Interact became a family to me, we worked hard and had lots of life long memories with one common goal - making our world a better place.

Without Interact, I wouldn't imagine myself getting accepted into one of Canada's most competitive programs.

Doing good for others is doing good for yourself.

St. Thomas Aquinas' Interact Club:

Olivia Zaks, 2020-2021 Co-President



My favourite Interact Club activity was when I was able to co-create and co-forefront the club's first charity event: a virtual escape room! It was a huge success in my eyes, and I had a ton of fun participating in it. For the fall, I will be attending King's College London in England for their Chemistry BSc programme. I am very grateful to the Rotary Club for elevating my drive for service above self and a special shout out goes to my Rotary mentors, Vanda Richard and Desmond Jordan, for their inspiring leadership.

Nelson High School Interact Club:

Xindi Wang, 4 years in Interact



My favourite Interact Club activity was helping with 2019's Lobster Fest with my teammates. I love doing martial arts and playing guitar, and am going to McMaster for life science.

District 7080 Interact Endeavors!

Central Peel Secondary **School** Interact Club, Brampton:

1) CPSS Interact hosted 'Run for Water' Charity Event in June: A service project to take action against the Indigenous Water Crisis

From June 11th to June 21st, CPSS Interact hosted "Run for Water," a charitable event in which students of Central Peel Secondary School ran/biked to raise awareness about the Indigenous Water Crisis. While accumulating a total distance of 1800 km, CPSS Interact simultaneously educated students about the Indigenous Water Crisis through our social media campaign and weekly discussions. We delved into various issues battled by the Indigenous communities in Canada and various political and personal stories regarding the water crisis. All monetary proceeds from "Run for Water" went to Water First, an NGO dedicated to addressing water challenges in Indigenous communities through education, training and meaningful collaboration. CPSS Interact's Run for Water event was very successful with over 100 students and teachers participating! Collectively, we were able to fundraise over \$1000 for Water First!

To learn more about Water First, visit: <https://waterfirst.ngo/about-us/mission-values/>

To learn more about CPSS Interact, visit <http://bit.ly/cpssinteract> or stay updated with further and past events by exploring our social media pages:

Instagram: @cpssinteract,

Twitter: @cpss_interact, and

Facebook: @cpssinteract.

If you have any inquiries, please direct them to centralpeelinteract@gmail.com

2) Google Classroom Meet to discuss <https://www.firstnationgrowers.com/>

On June 11, Heather McPhail, teacher-advisor, invited Dawn to be a guest speaker at the Central Peel Interact Club. She is the CEO of FNG.

Students asked the following thoughtful questions to Dawn:

Victoria – "We have heard that your grandmother received the Royal Order of Canada. What did she do in order to be awarded that? When was she awarded it?"

Maarij – "I am very interested in learning more about your community. We know that your community has started using Aquaponics; when did you start? What was your reasoning behind it? How much did it cost?"

Omar – "FNG is dedicated to taking water problems head-on, addressing community needs with an attractive, viable, affordable, environmentally-friendly solution for every community, especially in our remote Canadian sub-zero locations. FNG will

help communities where geographical location is unfriendly, cold climate and seasonal time is restricted. What are some factors that make it challenging to accomplish FNG?”

Fawaz – “Recently, we learned about indigenous food insecurity. I also read on your website that household food insecurity is related to food procurement from modern markets and traditional sources (e.g., fishing, hunting). However, factors such as climate change and environmental pollution may be salient due to their impact on the availability of edible plants and animals found in nature. How much of a role does climate change play in food insecurity in Indigenous communities?”

Nimrat – “What are the steps you took as a team to start your rotary hydroponic growth industry?”

Jahni - “What kinds of food are you growing, knowing that chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease are on the increase?”

Noah – “How much is the government helping with the goals of First Nations Growers?”

Destiny – “Why is it hard for indigenous people, who are supposed to be the true founders of this land, to have access to the things that should be normal for them?”

Steven – “In class, we learned about different ways various First Nations, Inuit, and Metis communities are dealing with food insecurity. How did you and your community deal with over-priced produce before you started using aquaponics/growing your own produce?”

Upcoming Events

Zone 28 & 32 Interact Convention (ZIC) 2022

March 10th to March 13th, 2022: The Best Western Premier Calgary Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre in Calgary, Alberta

The 2022 Zone Interact Conference will be held at The Best Western Premier Calgary Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre in Calgary, from March 10th to March 13th.

The registration fee consists of accommodation for the 4 days of conference and hotel meals, program-related fees (speakers, program supplies, external program, etc.), and merchandise. It does not include travel to or from the event or money for incidentals such as laundry and souvenirs. Conference fees vary based on the date of registration.

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An additional contingency refundable deposit is paid for both the early bird and regular pricing plans. If the event was cancelled due to extenuating circumstances, the registration fee would be refunded and the deposit will be retained.

Our current policy requires clubs to pay for the program and transportation costs of students. Parents and/or legal guardians are not able to pay directly for their student to attend. Multiple clubs are able to sponsor a single student.

Only high school students aged 14-18 years old who are active members of their school's or community's Rotary Interact Club are eligible to attend ZIC. Selected students are expected to be representatives of their Rotary Interact Clubs and their respective Rotary Districts.

Students must be accompanied to and from their home districts by a Rotarian chaperone. Failure to provide a chaperone will result in students being unable to attend the event without refund to clubs.

'Early Bird' registration is \$700 (Canadian) per attendee, with an additional \$141 deposit. This amounts to \$841 total (without tax). Costs increase for later registrations. If you have any questions, please contact registration@zoneinteractconvention.org

Grants to 7080 Interact Clubs by the DIC!!

2021 Interact Grant Writing Competition – District 7080

In April 2021, the District 7080 Interact Committee launched a new activity: the Grant Writing initiative!

On April 12th, Rotarians Lorraine Crow and Jan Gerrard hosted a workshop for Interactors on how to complete a Grant Application.

Once the applications were received, the District 7080 Interact Committee adjudicated, approved, and awarded Interact Clubs with grants, as well as feedback about their Projects.

Rotary clubs from Mississauga, Brampton, Milton and Oakville also contributed towards the grants – thank you!!

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Here are the results of the very 1st Annual District 7080 Grant Writing initiative:

	INTERACT CLUB	REGISTERED CHARITY	LOCATION	PROJECT	TOTAL FUNDING (\$)	FUND FROM DISTRICT (\$)	FUND FROM CLUBS (\$)
1	Central Peel SS Interact	Water First Education & Training Inc.	Creemor, Simcoe County, ON	Support students with materials or tuition for the course.	1250	250	1000
2	Nelson HS Interact	Wellington Square United Church	Burlington, ON	Community Meal Program	1000	750	250
3	Nelson HS Interact Club	CNIB Foundation	Toronto, ON	To the services of testing for vision impairment for underserved residents of Mississauga.	500	500	0
4	Project E Community Club	Elizabeth Fry Society of Peel-Halton	Brampton, ON	Provide clothing for persons with disabilities for interviews and reintegration after rehabilitation	750	250	500
5	Project E Community Club	Youth Without Shelter	Etobicoke, ON	Provide clothing for persons with disabilities for interviews and reintegration after rehabilitation	750	250	500
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