

District 6630 Interact and Rotaract Service Project

Shoes for the Sole



The Interact and Rotaract Clubs of Rotary District 6630 have selected their service project for this year's District Conference in April. Their project is named "Shoes for the Sole". They are collecting shoes for children and adults that will be sent to Africa for a non-profit group called YES! Incorporated. Founded in 2005 Yes! has collected over 150,000 pairs of shoes to be sent to Senegal, West Africa. Shoes are a rarity in Africa, as children use crushed plastic water bottles tied to their feet to protect them from parasitic diseases common in undeveloped countries like Hookworm and Strongyloidiasis that plague millions.

Each Interact club is going to collect new and gently used, but still serviceable tennis shoes, cleats, and recreation shoes. Collection boxes are available from Bob Oborn at boborn@kentelastomer.com. Once the box or boxes are filled, they can either be picked up or brought to the District Conference in Cuyahoga Falls April 21-23, 2017. The Interact and Rotaract clubs are asking their sponsoring clubs to donate \$1 per pair of shoes to help Yes! with the shipping costs from Atlanta to Senegal. Shipping costs for the shoes to be shipped to Atlanta have already been donated. - this line is confusing, when we have just asked them to donate \$1 per pair.

Would your Rotary Club like to help collect? We can use all the help we can get. Please contact Bob Oborn at boborn@kentelastomer.com or 330-689-0485 and he will get you donation boxes to us for the collection. Last year's service project was collecting books to be used at battered women's and homeless shelters with over 6,000 books collected. We need your help to make just as big of an impact this year as we did last year.