 

**YOUTH SERVICES 101 Club Advisors - Thank you for your leadership!**

**What do Young Rotarians in Interact look for in an Advisor? Someone who is:**

Friendly/Fun Supportive Timely Responsive Knowledgeable

**Start the year strong:**

Schedule the first meeting and get the word out at school of the time and location.

Connect with the past year’s Young Rotarians in Interact and ask them to come to the first meeting and bring a friend.

Use the first meeting to introduce the club, discuss possible service projects, and the process for electing officers.

Determine the dates for all club and leadership meetings.

Elect officers. Schedule your first service project to get members engaged.

Use Rotary International Presidential Citation as a guide for the year’s goals.

**Simple ABC’s for Interact Club Advisors:**

**A** Allow your students to be the leaders and active members of the Interact Club. Let them do the planning, organizing, and executing. They will feel ownership.

**B** Be an active supporter. Assist and guide your students with service events and fundraisers. They will need your guidance in handling school policy, staying connected with the Interact District and their sponsoring Rotary Club.

**C** Create opportunities for students to shine, to grow as a person and in leadership. Create an awareness for the benefits to serve in their local and global communities.

**Tips:**

A strong relationship between you and the club is key to a strong year. Get to know your officers and active members.

Show you care by a quick response to emails, calls, texts from your members & officers. 

Problems may happen. Be quick to act and talk it through with the club officers.

Be a shoulder for the club to lean on; be an adult with insight into the situation.

Know what your club is doing. Be there and on time for events or meetings you are supposed to attend.

Use your Rotary Sponsor for resources and questions.

Know you’re not alone. District Advisors zoom calls and District Young Rotary Conferences will give opportunities to meet others in our District Interact Community. Reach for fellowship and support.

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