



Rotary DISTRICT 7330



INTERACT NEWSLETTER—APRIL 2019



We are coming down the “home stretch”. Please be sure to complete collecting non-perishable goods for this District-wide Interact Project by April 30. You can decide when and which emergency food pantry will receive your collected goods but please let your District Interact Chair know how many items your Interact Club was able to collect and which emergency food pantry will receive the items for distribution. A complete list will be included in the May 2019 District 7330 Interact Newsletter. The information can be sent to mbarnhar@verizon.net.



Don't miss out on this extraordinary event! The District 7330 RYLA will be held June 23 to June 28 at Outdoor Odyssey in Boswell, Pennsylvania. An application is posted on the District's website at www.rotary7330.org under the “Interact Site”.

Completed applications are due back to your sponsoring Rotary Club no later than May 1. Remember that there are scholarships for RYLA available. If your sponsoring Rotary Club is unable to provide a scholarship, perhaps another Rotary Club in the District is. If you have any questions about this event, contact Owen P. Standley at owenpstandley@gmail.com.

LOOKING AHEAD



“Stock the Pantries” District-wide Project must be completed by April 30.

RYLA Applications are due back to your sponsoring Rotary Club no later than May 1, 2019.

District 7305 Interact Conference in Pittsburgh will be on Wednesday, October 16.

District 7305 Interact Symposium will be held on Saturday, October 19 in Derry Area High School.



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JHS Interact students celebrated Read Across America Week by reading to students at Greater Johnstown Elementary School! From the pictures, it is hard to tell who enjoyed it the most!



Members of the Greensburg Salem Interact Club joined with members of the Rotary Club of Greensburg to assemble new beds at the Welcome Home Shelter in Greensburg. The beds were purchased with funds from a District Community Grant and from the Rotary Club of Greensburg.



Members of the Greensburg Salem Interact Club recently helped the Westmoreland County Food Bank at a "Fresh Express" distribution.



Greensburg Salem's Interact Club would like to invite ALL interested Interact Clubs to the Service Above Self Memorial Day 5K Walk/Run on May 27, 2019. Club members and their teammates can register for only \$10 (includes a race t-shirt!)

and can win awards for most team members, best twinning team, most patriotic, and furthest traveled! See flyer included with this email or see it under "Interact" at www.rotary7330.org or contact Melissa at melissa.obrien@gslions.net for more information.



To promote understanding of the international solar suitcase project, students sold sunshine cutouts and created a display in their high school cafeteria.

The Interact Club presented a Paul Harris Fellow to Patricia Vince, founder of Zachary's Mission, an organization that supports families of medically fragile children.





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Home of the Panthers

Franklin Regional's Rotary Interact Club is still going strong! We have improved in numbers and currently have 31 official members. There are a lot of current underclassmen who look promising to keep the club alive in the future. We utilize the mobile app and desktop website TeamSnap in order to communicate to members. We find it useful to send out information quickly, track service hours completed, and act as a calendar for events that involve our club.

In the fall we worked with the local dry cleaners and collected coats within the community to donate to the second annual Great Coat Giveaway. Decorated boxes were set up within the schools in the district and we were able to donate over 60 articles of clothing.



Also, we were able to participate in Franklin Regional's homecoming bonfire to raise money for our club. We sold walking tacos and hot cider at our booth and they were a hit! We look forward to selling them again next year.



Towards the holidays we took time and decorated cards to give to Veterans to get everyone into the Christmas spirit. In addition, we had over 20 volunteers across 3 weekends work with the Salvation Army to collect donations outside of Dick's Diner in Murrysville. A tradition that we always do right before Christmas is to visit the students at Clelian Heights and join them for an amazing Christ-

mas party! Members ate dinner with them enjoyed talking for hours with them. Finally to end off the holiday season, our members braced the cold weather and helped recycle Christmas trees with the Murrysville-Export Rotarians. Mother Nature couldn't stop us!



Other annual projects we have continued have been to label dictionaries and distribute them to elementary school students within Franklin Regional. While doing so, many Interact members recalled when they got their first dictionaries when they were in elementary school and enjoyed the experience even more.

Our two foreign exchange students, Thea from Denmark and Valentin from France, volunteered for the local food pantry as well. It has been a pleasure to host these two and they have been extremely active in the club!

Currently, we are planning our annual Pancake Breakfast to be Sunday May 5th at Laird Hall in Murrysville. Last year we donated our funds to the local Meals on Wheels, and we hope to do so again this year. We hope you can join us! Follow us on twitter @FRInteract to stay updated.





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Dressed in tuxedos and waiting for their bid, 19 junior and senior boys at Derry Area High School participated in the 2019 Bachelor Auction, raising almost \$18,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The annual event is hosted by the Derry Area High School Interact Club.

People in ninth grade through the age of 21 bid in the auction, which was held on March 16. This year senior was auctioned off for the highest amount: \$1,675.

Starting in January, students on the Bachelor Auction committee work to pick a theme, make decorations, nominate the bachelors and market the event.

This years theme, Star Boys, took about two months to bring together, said Debbie Bushey, Interact advisor. She noted that decorations can't be bought, and that they all must be made out of cardboard, paint, glue or tape.



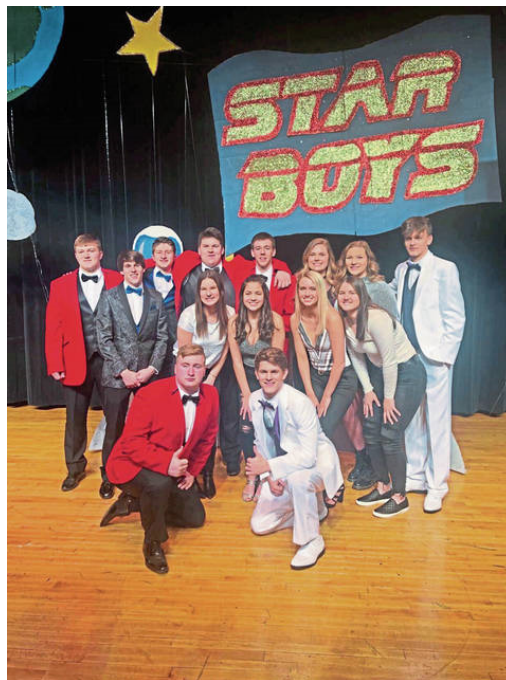
Bachelors are required to dance twice at the event, and a Make-A-Wish liaison gives a speech.

A senior on the Bachelor Auction committee, has spent four years working on the fundraiser. With her sister serving on the committee in the past and her brother a former bachelor, she knew the amount of work it would take to put on the event. But said it was something she always looked forward to doing when she got to high school. "I will miss it dearly because the Bachelor Auction is just so much fun," she said.

The President of the Interact Club said that being a part of the Bachelor Auction was something she's wanted to do since her friends attended the event in middle school. One of the bachelors said he's used to being in front of



people when he plays basketball, but he was anxious for the Bachelor Auction to get started. "Once we got out there, it was pretty fun dancing with all my friends," the junior said.



Make-A-Wish®

Articles and pictures for the May 2019 District 7330 Interact Newsletter can be sent to Mark Barnhart at mbarnhar@verizon.net before April 29, 2019.



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Spaghetti Dinner—The Interact Club of Somerset held their annual spaghetti dinner to raise money for District 7330's Solar Suitcase® and Polio Plus projects. Over 50 Interactors and at least 10 Rotarians helped make and serve over 325 meals. The total amount made was \$2,200, which was significantly more than what was expected. The Rotary Club of Somerset is going to contribute the additional money needed so that a donation can be made to Polio Plus and a Solar Suitcase® can be purchased.



Dressed—Interactors helped set-up and tear down the Dressed Prom Shop. Dressed is an organization that provides prom dresses and accessories at little or no cost to students unable to afford what is needed to attend the prom. The Interactors helped organize over 600 dresses and other items in preparation for the Prom Shop weekend and then helped return to storage any remaining items.



Host Rotarians—The Interact Club of Somerset hosted their sponsoring Rotary Club for their weekly meeting at the end of March. Twenty-three Interactors attended and the officers talked about the many projects the Interact Club has been involved in throughout the year as well as those that will be happening before the school year ends.



This month, the Ligonier Interact Club has been busy planning for the Reverse Basketball Game, which will be held May 3, 2019. This will be the second year the Latrobe Interact Club has asked our group to partner with them for this fun-filled event in which the girls play basketball and the boys are the cheerleaders.



Additionally, our club has started preparing to assist the emergency food pantries by putting boxes in each of the homerooms at our school to collect nonperishable items for those in need.

In preparation for next school year, we have made applications available for those in our club who are interested in an officer position.



The photo is the club officers presenting a donation check for \$1067 collected from the Lip Sync event to Officer Salley and Gunner (police dog). The money will help fund the training of Gunner who is a new police dog for our local police.

Here is the new Rotary Theme logo for 2019-2020

