

Happy New Year!

Rotary DISTRICT 7330



INTERACT NEWSLETTER—JANUARY 2019

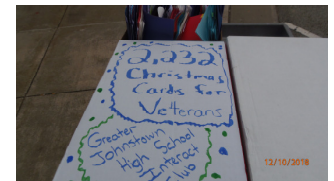
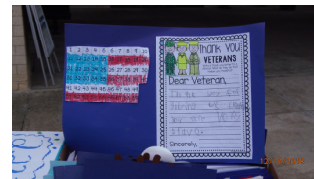


Boy did you guys “up your game” this year!!! Last year you collected a total of 5,637 Christmas Cards for Veterans. This year you collected 9,748 cards. Not only were 12 Interact Clubs involved but also three Rotary Clubs and one business. The cards made their way to the several VA Medical Centers in Southwestern Pennsylvania, courtesy of VFW Post No. 33 in Greensburg. Here is the breakdown of where the cards came from:

- Greensburg Salem Interact Club—2,806 cards
- Greater Johnstown Interact Club—2,232 cards
- Somerset Area Interact Club—1,605 cards
- Hempfield Area Interact Club—1,230 cards
- Connellsville Middle School Interact—845 cards
- Norwin Area Interact Club—254 cards
- Derry Area Interact Club—157 cards
- Brownsville Interact Club—104 cards
- Franklin Regional Interact Club —92 cards
- The PT Group—74 cards
- Frazier Interact Club—68 cards
- Murrysville-Export Rotary Club—64 cards
- Ligonier Valley Interact Club—60 cards
- Rotary Club of Shepherds Town—58 cards
- Rotary Club of Greensburg—52 cards
- Greensburg Central Catholic Interact Club—47

Another look at this District-wide project over the past five years, you have collected and sent a total of 25,624 cards to veterans at the various VA Medical Centers.

Below are pictures of the cards at one of the VA Medical Centers in Pittsburgh where they were received and distributed throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania.



LOOKING AHEAD



Interact Club of the Year Nominations Forms are due March 31, 2019.

District-wide Emergency Food Pantry Collection must be completed by April 30, see page 2 for more details.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) will be held from June 23 to June 28, 2019 at Outdoor Odyssey, see page 4 of this Newsletter for more details.

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STOCK THE PANTRIES



I haven't heard any comments against our 2018-2019 proposed District 7330 Interact Project so we will be collecting food items for local emergency food pantries. These are the pantries that you find in your community, in churches, Salvation Army or possibly at thrift stores.

Unlike the county food banks, these pantries are used by individuals that are facing a food emergency, individuals who have nothing to eat and people who could even be homeless. While most people think that pasta and spaghetti sauce are good items, what about the people who only have a hot plate to prepare food? That is why some pantries would prefer canned chicken or canned tuna, cereal and energy bars.

What you collect depends on what your emergency food pantries need the most. A good starting point is to canvass your community and identify these pantries and then contact them to see what they need. You may even find that paper products are needed.

As an Interact Club you have great ideas on how to tackle a project and thus you should be able to figure this one out easily. You can do a homeroom challenge at your school, you could hold an event of some sort and instead of charging admission you can ask for non-perishable food items, you could challenge your spon-

soring Rotary Club to help collect items, you could challenge other clubs or organizations in your school to also collect items, just to mention a few.

All that we need you to do is to keep track of how many items you collect and then contribute to your local emergency food pantries. By doing this, we will be able to come up with a number for how many individual items were contributed by the Interact Clubs in District 7330 and we can announce that figure at the Youth Luncheon at the District Conference on May 4.

You can start on this District-wide Project at anytime but we will need to have it wrapped up by April 30, 2019.



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Family Reading Night at Eagle View

Interactors helped run some of the events at the Family Reading Night that was held at one of the elementary school buildings in December. At the event, students listened to a Christmas story and then rotated to different areas where various activities were planned. The Interactors helped run the bean bag toss center.



Christmas Cards for Veterans- We collected 1,605 Christmas cards this year; our best year yet! Students and faculty from the elementary schools and secondary schools participated by purchasing and making cards.



Like so many of you, Hempfield Area High School Interactors and their Advisor manned the Salvation Army Kettles for a day to help raise funds and awareness of the programs of the Salvation Army.



As the holiday season approached, the Ligonier Valley Interact Club participated in several activities that helped spread the holiday cheer throughout our community. Many of our members visited RK Mellon and Laurel Valley Elementary



Schools to play games and watch a movie for Polar Express Day.

Students in our club also raised money to buy Christmas presents for a needy child within our district.

In addition, a couple of the Interactors volunteered to assist the Ligonier Valley Rotary Club with ringing a bell for the Salvation Army at Giant Eagle. The Ligonier Rotary invited the officers and adviser of our Interact Club to attend one of their weekly meetings. At the meeting, our president shared some of our completed projects and also our upcoming events and activities. The Rotary Club then presented our club

with a generous donation to help us improve and expand our club and our participation in community events.



Articles and pictures for the February 2019 District 7330 Interact Newsletter are due no later than January 30, 2019. Items can be sent electronically to Mark Barnhart at mbarnhar@verizon.net.

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T'is the season to be an Interactor at Greensburg Salem!

Students showed off their holiday spirit this month by collecting over 2,800 cards for veterans, decorating a Christmas tree at Redstone Highlands senior Living Community, and volunteering at Overly's Country Christmas.



Ice pelts and wind couldn't keep over 20 Interact students from distributing food for the Westmoreland County Food Bank in December. Over 200 families were served with the help of Interact and the employees of ABB.

Two Interactor Seniors represented Interact at the Zachary's Mission Gala as volunteers speaking about the Baby's Firsts program. The club donated \$1,000.00 to Zachary's Mission to support the families of medically fragile children.



Interactors were warmly welcomed by the Rotary Club of Greensburg at their weekly luncheon to discuss their participation in the World Affairs Institute, which focused on space exploration. They each took away something different from the experience, and were grateful to the Rotary for the opportunity!



The Greater Johnstown Interact Club “piggy backed” one of their projects with another. They used their Read Return Repeat kiosks as a means to help distribute clothing items to those less fortunate in their area. Of course items of clothing could be found in other locations too.



RYLA

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Owen P. Standley, District 7330 Chairman for RYLA, has announced that the dates for RYLA this summer will be Sunday, June 23 through Friday, June 28, 2019. Again, Outdoor Odyssey will be the venue. Additional details and registration information will be forthcoming (watch the District 7330 Interact Newsletter or go to the District's website: www.rotary7330.org).

As in the past, most Rotary Clubs will sponsor at least one student to attend on a “scholarship”. Check with your sponsoring Rotary Club and see what their plans are for this event.