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DISTRICT 7330



INTERACT NEWSLETTER—MAY 2018

**DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!**

Today, **May 1** is the deadline to submit your District 7330 Interact Club of the Year Nomination form for this year's competition. Forms should be sent to Mark Barnhart at 505 E. Pittsburgh Street; Greensburg, PA 15601 or can be sent electronically to mbarnhar@verizon.net.

ROTARY DISTRICT 7330'S
**INTERACT CLUB
OF THE YEAR**



Don't forget about the **May 1** deadline for submitting your RYLA applications to your sponsoring Rotary Club.



Don't forget about the **May 15** deadline for submitting your checks for the Water Filter Project in Northern Thailand in memory of Jo. Checks should be made payable to "The Rotary Foundation" and also sent to Mark Barnhart at 505 E. Pittsburgh Street; Greensburg, PA 15601.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND YOUTH LUNCHEON

Final plans for this year's Youth Luncheon at the District Conference for Rotary District 7330 when we name the Outstanding Interact Clubs and the Interact Club of the Year have been announced. The Youth Luncheon will begin at Noon on Saturday, June 2 at the Doubletree Pittsburgh-Meadowlands in Washington, PA just off Interstate 79. The keynote speaker will be Congressman Conor Lamb.

Attached to this email is a registration form that must be filled out by each Interact Club that is sending representatives to the Youth Luncheon. District Governor, Steve Arnowitz, is encouraging each Interact Club's sponsoring Rotary Club to pay for the Interactors' lunches. With this in mind, it is imperative that you realize that if reservations are made, an Interactor needs to show up at the event. It is not fair to expect your sponsoring Rotary Club to pay for a meal in advance and then have no one attend the Youth Luncheon. The absolute deadline to make reservations is Wednesday, May 23.



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Members of the Greensburg Central Catholic Interact Club had a busy April.

The first week of April they had a clothing and backpack drive to benefit the Westmoreland County Youth Services during National Child Abuse Prevention Month.



Also in the month of April they had a team for the "Walk A Mile in Her Shoes" event at Offut Field in Greensburg sponsored by The Blackburn Center. Unknown to these Interactors, they were with members of both the Rotary Club of Greensburg, the Rotary Club of Westmoreland and the Greensburg Salem Interact Club.



The Franklin Regional Interact Club is busy putting the finishing touches on their Annual Pancake Breakfast. This year's event will be held on Sunday, May 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Laird Hall in Murrysville.



Rotary District Governor Steve Arnowitz, the entire District Leadership and the Rotarians of District 7330 congratulate all of those Interact Seniors who are graduating this year.

2018-2019 ROTARY THEME



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The Ligonier Valley Interact Club has participated in and put on a plethora of exciting events recently and upcoming. Last week on April 20th, we partnered with Greater Latrobe Interact Club in their annual Reverse Basketball game, Fighting Cancer on the Court. We both created a team of girls to play and boys to cheerlead, all to support cancer research. It was an exciting night. The money collected will be donated on behalf of Mr. Jerry Ferraro, Greater Latrobe teacher and Jesse Reed, Ligonier High School senior, both of whom were diagnosed with cancer this past year. We are also holding a Color Run April 29th and have almost 100 people signed up to participate. All proceeds from the Color Run will go to the Rotary Foundation's water filtration projects in Northern Thailand in memory of Jo. In May, we are planning a Jeans for Troops day where we will collect money from staff to wear jeans in support of our military.



CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP

AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
A Great Place to Grow!



The Interact Club held a Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 28. Appealing to the generosity of the community, the Interactors offered a warm breakfast to all attendees, asking for only a donation in return. Due largely to the munificence of donors and other efforts of the Interact Club, over six hundred dollars was raised to purchase water filters for the Northern Thailand Project. The club plans to expand the Pancake Breakfast within the following years, in conjunction with the growth of the organization.



The Interact Club members have dedicated their Monday evenings to children within the district from grades three through five in a program known as "Tribe Time". Mimicking Big Brother and Big Sister initiatives, "Tribe Time" aims to offer a warm and accepting environment for children to thrive. These children are characterized by a distressing home life, thus volunteers act as mentors for one to two students. Volunteers have successfully served throughout twelve two-hour sessions as homework helpers, playmates, and friends, listening to the enlightening thoughts and imagination of the community's youth. "Tribe Time" officially concluded on April 23 with a meeting for the children's guardians to witness their talents and abilities. Due to the success of this program, the Interact Club is planning a summer continuance along with a fall and spring semester calendar for the next school year.



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Earth Day Clean-Up—

Interactors worked alongside members from other community organizations to spruce up Somerset by sweeping, raking, and mulching as part of an Earth day Clean-up event organized by Somerset, Inc. Rotary Club, Somerset Garden Club, and employees of Lowe's, and members from Somerset, Inc. participated in the clean-up activities.



Rotary Club Blood Drive Challenge—

Interactors helped the Rotarians from their sponsoring Rotary Club hold a blood drive. The blood drive was held to support a family whose toddler is battling cancer.

Host Rotarians for Lunch Meeting—

The Interactors hosted their sponsoring Rotary Club at the school for their weekly meeting.



Finger Casts and Assembling Gift Bags for Somerset Hospital Student Tours—

Interactors made finger casts and assembled gift bags which will be given to second grade students when they tour the Somerset Hospital on their annual field trip this spring.



It is hard to believe that another school year is coming to a close. While there may be some last minute flyers sent to you regarding District Conference and the Youth Luncheon, this will be the last District Interact Newsletter until September.

Thanks to all of the Clubs that have been so faithful in sending articles and pictures this school year. I personally enjoy seeing all of the great things you are doing to make a difference in your communities and in the world and I know that your fellow Interactors and Advisors also appreciate your sharing your activities as I regularly receive emails about how much it is appreciated.

Sooo, the deadline for the next newsletter is before August 31, 2018.

As the song so aptly puts it:

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

