



Rotary DISTRICT 7330



INTERACT NEWSLETTER—SEPTEMBER

THE YOUTH LUNCHEON WAS A REAL CELEBRATION

Rotary District 7330 honored their Interact Clubs at the District Conference on June 2 in Washington, PA.

Past District Governor Jean Morrison spoke about the judging process to determine the District 7330 Club of the Year, noting that this year's competition was closer than ever. In the end, the judges selected the Greensburg Salem High School Interact Club as the District's Interact Club of the year. Pictured below are four of the happy Interactors.



The following Interact Clubs were recognized as "Outstanding Interact Clubs in District 7330" for the 2017-2018 Rotary Year: Greater Johnstown High School, Somerset Area High School, Ligonier Valley High School, Franklin Regional High School and Norwin High School.



Also at the Youth Luncheon, all of the Interact Clubs were recognized who participated in the Water Filters for Northern Thailand Project in memory of Jo. Those Clubs were: Somerset Area High School, Ligonier Valley High School, Greensburg Salem High School, Franklin Regional High School, Greater Johnstown High School, Conemaugh Township High School and Charleroi High School. California High School also made a contribution to the project in memory of Past Rotary International President Chuck Keller.



Two Interact Clubs also made contributions to End Polio Now: Greater Johnstown and Greensburg Salem High Schools.

All of the contributions totaled \$8,188 to the Rotary Foundation to make the world a better place.

LOOKING AHEAD



District Interact Symposium on Saturday, October 20—see Page 2

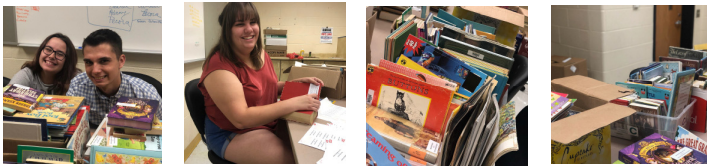
World Affairs Institute on Friday, November 30—see Page 3

Deadline for **Cards for Veterans** is Friday, December 7—see Page 3

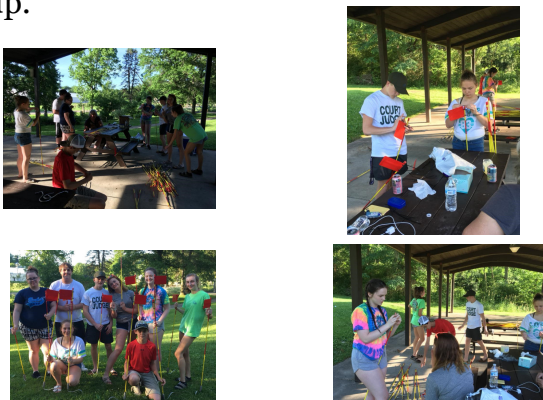


HOW DID YOU SPEND YOUR SUMMER?

Even though it was summer and no school, at least two of our District Interact Clubs were busy serving others in their respective communities. Toward the end of the last school year the Greater Johnstown High School Interact Club embarked on a new project promoting literacy in their community. The project was called “Reach, Read, Repeat”. Interactors have been busy sorting and labeling the books prior to placing them in Library Boxes that are located in several Johnstown neighborhoods. The first Library Box was installed at the Johnstown YMCA.



At the end of the last school year, the Greensburg Salem Interact Club received a grant from the Madeline Nichols Trust to purchase fire hydrant makers that will be placed throughout the City of Greensburg. Interactors gathered to put the markers together as a group.



This year’s Symposium for Interact Clubs in District 7330 will be held on Saturday, October 20 at the Derry Area High School in Derry, PA. The Symposium will begin at 10 a.m. and will conclude by 2 p.m. and lunch will be provided free of charge to those attending. Additional details and registration information will be sent via email before September 20. Be sure to mark it on your calendar.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

The Interact Club at Greensburg Salem High School joined members of the Rotary Club of Greensburg and their families to pack personal hygiene kits to be given out at the Back to School Bash in conjunction with the Greensburg Salvation Army. A total of 250 personal hygiene packs containing shampoo, deodorant, body wash and conditioner were packed in 20 minutes.





CARDS FOR VETERANS

The Holidays are just around the corner.

Again this year, the District Interact Clubs are asked to take part in the “Cards for Veterans” project. It is quite simple, just collect signed cards that will be distributed to the area’s VA Medical Centers. You can coordinate it with other groups within your schools and communities and get them involved too.

There are several rules: (1) the cards cannot be in envelopes, (2) signatures with first names only, (3) cards should not contain any glitter and (4) cards should not be religious in nature since not all veterans are Christians.

The cards must be delivered to Mark Barnhart, District Interact Chair prior to December 7 so that the VFW Post 33 members can take them and distribute them at the Medical Centers.

Over the past four years since we started this project YOU have sent 15,876 cards to our veterans. Last year was the biggest year ever with 5,637 cards.



The Interact Clubs in District 7330 welcome the newest Interact Club, the Portage Senior/Junior High School Interact Club. We hope to meet you at the Interact Symposium on Saturday, October 20 in Derry.



The Charleroi High School Interact Club finished the 2017-2018 school year with a Caps for Taps fundraiser. It was a District wide hat day where students and teachers donated \$1 and were able to wear a hat to school. This fund-raiser netted the Club \$500.

Another fund-raiser was for the Lend a Paw which raised money and supplies for no kill animal shelters in the area.

With the start of a new school year they are busy making plans for their Annual Mad for Giving to benefit needy families in the Charleroi School District.

World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh

The World Affairs Council in Pittsburgh has recently announced the date of its 2018 World Affairs Institute. The Institute will again be held at the John Heinz History Center and will be on Friday, November 30.

Be sure to check with your sponsoring Rotary Club as most Rotary Clubs in District 7330 offer scholarships to students to take part in this event. Registration deadline is November 1. Additional information can be found at: www.worldpittsburgh.org/wai2018. This event is usually held in October but has been moved to November in 2018!

Articles and photographs for the October 2018 District 7330 Interact Newsletter must be received prior to September 29. Please submit them to Mark Barnhart at mbarnhar@verizon.net.