ROTARACT AND INTERACT

WHAT ARE THEY AND WHERE TO FROM HERE?
Q. WHAT ARE THEY???
A. EXACTLY THEY SAME AS ROTARY

**INTERACT**
- ROTARY IN SCHOOLS
- MEET DURING SCHOOL HOURS
- HAS A ROTARIAN PRESENT
- GIVES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF A LONG TERM VOLUNTEER ORGANISATION
- TEACHES THEM LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**ROTARACT**
- ALSO KNOWN AS THE STEPPING STONE TO ROTARY (NOW PREFERRED AS A PARTNER TO ROTARY)
- DEVELOPS PROFESSIONAL AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- EMPHASISES RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS, AND PROMOTES ETHICAL STANDARDS AND THE DIGNITY OF ALL USEFUL OCCUPATIONS
- PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS AND CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY AND OUR WORLD
- TO MOTIVATE YOUNG PEOPLE FOR EVENTUAL MEMBERSHIP IN ROTARY
Rotary International has a clear progression in place. As you can see, starting up clubs for the younger generation is in fact, planting a seed for the future of Rotary.
WHY AN INTERACT OR ROTARACT CLUB MIGHT BE A BETTER OPTION

- MONEY
- AGE
- DIFFERENT MOTIVATIONS
- FLEXIBILITY
WHY SHOULD YOU SPONSOR A ROTARACT CLUB?

- Mentor dynamic young men and women which exposes them to a broader idea of Rotary. Then in turn may address the issue we just talked about.
- Help shape the community’s future because you are influencing and working with the future leaders of your community.
- Next generation of Rotarians.
- Valuable partners in service.
- New ideas and alternative views.
- More help for your projects.
- Access to younger networks.
RESPONSIBILITIES OF A SPONSOR CLUB

• INVITE ROTARCT MEMBERS TO YOUR MEETINGS
• PROVIDE MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES
• DEVELOP JOINT ANNUAL EVENTS
• HELP THEM DEVELOP PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS
• ESTABLISH A RECOGNITION PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE ACHIEVEMENTS—DISTRICT AWARDS PERHAPS?
• INFORM THEM OF ANY UPCOMING EVENTS
• ENSURE THE DG VISIT INCLUDES THE ROTARACT AND INTERACT CLUB
• INVITE THEM TO DISTRICT CONFERENCES AND SHOWCASE THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS
• INVITE THEM TO OBSERVE YOUR BOARD MEETINGS
OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES, TIPS AND TRICKS

• OFFER ADVICE TO ROTARACTORS AS THEY PLAN CLUB ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE PROJECTS
• ACT AS A LIASON BETWEEN ROTARACT AND THE BROADER ROTARY COMMUNITY
• ENCOURAGE FORMER ROTARACTORS TO JOIN ROTARY
SO YOU WANT TO START A CLUB?

STAY TUNED
ORGANISING A CLUB IN 3 EASY STEPS

DECIDING TO SPONSOR A YOUNG CLUB IS THE BEGINNING OF A REWARDING JOURNEY FOR YOUR ROTARY CLUB.
STEP 1: DO YOUR RESEARCH

• FORM A ROTARACT COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE IF YOUR CLUB IS INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A CLUB (INTERACT OR ROTARACT) AND IF IT IS PREPARED FOR THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF BECOMING A SPONSOR CLUB. ALSO, REVIEW THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND ITS YOUNG ADULTS.
STEPH 2: IDENTIFY POTENTIAL MEMBERS

• POTENTIAL MEMBERS ARE ALL AROUND YOU! BRAINSTORM WITH YOUR CLUB TO DEVELOP AS WIDE A MEMBERSHIP POOL AS POSSIBLE – CONSIDER
  • CURRENT AND FORMER ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS, RYLA PARTICIPANTS, RYPEN PARTICIPANTS (FOR INTERACT), ROTARY FOUNDATION ALUMNI
  • SONS, DAUGHTERS AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS OF ROTARARIANS
  • EMPLOYEES AND INTERNS WHO WORK WITH ROTARIANS
  • PARTICIPANTS IN YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS AT COMMUNITY CENTERS, PLACES IF WORSHIP, HEALTH CLUBS AND OTHER PUBLIC VENUES
  • STUDENTS IN UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS
  • MEMBERS OF NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANISATIONS, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES
STEP 3: INVITE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS TO AN INFORMAL MEETING

• AFTER YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED AT LEAST 10 POTENTIAL MEMBERS, INVITE THEM TO A MEETING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ROTARACT OR INTERACT. IN ADDITION TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS YOU’LL WANT TO INVITE:
  • SOME ROTARACT COMMITTEE MEMBERS
  • SPONSOR CLUB PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS
  • MYSELF AS ROTARACT AND INTERACT CHAIR
  • FACULTY ADVISOR (IF UNIVERSITY BASED)
  • ANY ROTARACTORS OR INTERACTORS THAT WE MAY ALREADY HAVE, TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES.
AT THE MEETING:

• BRIEFLY DISCUSS ROTARY AND ITS HISTORY (INCLUSIVE OF INTERACT OR ROTARACT)
• EXPLAIN ROTARY’S COMMON POLICIES AND GOALS
• DESCRIBE SUCCESSFUL SERVICE PROJECTS TO SHOW HOW THEY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE (INCLUDE PICTURES)
• HIGHLIGHT HOW THEY CAN COLLABORATE WITH MEMBERS OVERSEAS
• GET THEM EXCITED BY ASKING THEM TO SUGGEST PROJECTS
• MAKE TIME FOR QUESTIONS
AT THE END OF THE MEETING

• TAKE A VOTE TO SEE IF YOU HAVE ENOUGH INTEREST AND COMMITMENT (IF YOU FEEL HESITATION, PERHAPS INVITE THEM FOR ANOTHER INFORMAL MEETING NEXT WEEK)

• SET A DATE FOR THE FIRST FORMAL MEETING
NOW WHAT?

- I WILL BE HELPING YOU THE WHOLE WAY IF YOU WANT ME TOO AND AT THIS POINT WE JUDGE HOW THEY'RE GOING. IT SHOULD BE LARGELY UP TO THE POTENTIAL MEMBERS NOW, WITH YOUR GUIDANCE AS NEEDED.
- CHARTERING WILL BE JUDGED BY COMMITMENT ON A CLUB BY CLUB BASIS
This is the form you fill out to Charter a Rotaract Club

IT REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING:

- 15 members
- Name of club
- How to contact the club (email)
- Location of the club
- Sponsoring Rotary club or clubs
- Community or university based?
- What language the club prefers to receive correspondence in
- Signatures from
  - Charter president
  - Sponsor club president
  - District Governor

PRETTY SIMPLE
ADVICE FOR ROTARACT FROM ROTARACTORS:

• Assess whether a community-based or school/university-based club is best

• Choose the right contact person in your Rotary Club

• Invite Rotaractors and Interactors to collaborate on projects with their sponsor club and surrounding clubs

• Keeping members engaged is how you reduce turnover

• Consider helping them with an annual project or theme
ADVICE FOR INTERACT FROM INTERACTORS

• COMMUNICATION IS VITAL

• EVERYONE SHOULD UNDERSTAND THEIR ROLE - THIS IS HOW PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BEGINS

• CELEBRATE SUCCESS AND HELP STUDENTS LEARN FROM THEIR FAILURES. INTERACT IS PERHAPS THE MOST VULNERABLE AGE, SO HELP THEM GROW, FURTHERMORE;

• EMPOWER THEM