

MODULE 5

Youth Leadership Services

Learning Outcomes:

President Elects will gain a better understanding of the youth programs supported by District 7305.

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Rotary District 7305

PETS Training Manual

Preface

Tomorrow's leaders are currently in our school classrooms today. RI places an emphasis on providing learning opportunities for our young leaders. RI addresses this concern through such programs as the Interact Clubs, the Rotary Youth Leadership Award, and the Youth Exchange Program. District 7305 in partnership with local organizations provides additional opportunities through the World Affairs Institute and the Leadership and Ethics Symposium.

Accessing the Rotary's Learning Center, the District's Website and DACdb

During your review of the training material you will be asked to access training materials, videos and power point presentations from RI's learning Center, the District's Website and DACdb (District and Club database). It is important that you have access to a computer, laptop or tablet so that you can review the online training materials when required. These three online resources require registration. If you are not registered then access each resource and register. Make sure you remember your User ID and Password. The web address for each site is:

District 7305 Website:

- Type in [Rotary District 7305](https://rotarydistrict7305.org) <<https://rotarydistrict7305.org>>
- At the top right corner click on Member login.
- You are already registered with your email address serving as your UserID. If this is the first time accessing the website you should create a new Password.
- Look for District Library along the right side of the window and identify learning resources listed in the training manual.

DACdb:

- Type in DACdb < <https://www.dacdb.com/> >
- If new register for your account. If already registered sign in with User Id and Password.
- When learning resources become available the participants will be instructed on how to access the information.

Note: Clubs need to integrate DACdb with the RI data base. The instructions are located in the District Library (District 7305 Website) as well as the Application to Integrate the data bases. See Dan Dougherty or Dennis Piper (IT@rotarydistrict7305.org if you need assistance.

MyRotary.org

- Type in MyRotary.org < [My Rotary | My Rotary](#)>
- If new, register for your account. If already registered sign in with User Id and Password
- Scroll to bottom of page until you see the Online Tool Box.
- Look for Learning Center and click.
- Type training program name in search box.

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Youth Leadership Services recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange, as well as, District supported programs such as the Leadership and Ethics Symposium and the World Affairs Institute.

5.1 Interact Clubs

Interact is a service organization sponsored by Rotary for students between the ages of twelve and eighteen. Founded on November 5, 1962 in Melbourne, Florida, Interact



has grown into an international organization. The name “Interact” comes from the combining of two words, “international” and “action”. As a service organization, every Interact Club is encouraged to do at least two service projects each year. One project is to benefit their local school or community and the second is to promote peace and goodwill globally.

Interact Clubs can be either school based or community based. In District 7305 all of our Interact Clubs are school based. Each Club is sponsored by a Rotary Club but is overseen by either a teacher or school administrator. The key to success of any Interact is very much dependent on their Club Advisor. These Club Advisors are strictly volunteers but many know the importance of service and help to develop and find service projects for their respective Interact Clubs. Many Interactors can be found helping their sponsoring Rotary Club at their projects and fund-raisers.

In District 7305 there are sixty Interact Clubs. Some Clubs are very strong, active and large while others struggle to exist. As a District, we try to assist and nurture ALL Interact Clubs by providing a monthly newsletter that is emailed to all Interact Advisors the first day of the month (September through June) and is also published on the District 7305 website under the Interact tab.

Annually there is a District 7305 Interact District Conference, usually held in October at a local meeting venue but in 2020 was held virtually. The District Interact is run by a Board of Directors who are elected annually at the Interact District Conference. The Board of Directors annually elects an Interact District Governor-Elect to serve in the succeeding Rotary year.

One of the highlights of the Interact District Conference is the naming of the District Interact Club of the Year. Another benefit of the Interact District Conference is the opportunity to exchange ideas on various projects. This past year, the Interactors did not have much of a chance to do this due to the pandemic and virtual Conference.

In the past, Interactors have supported various District projects, supported The Rotary Foundation and End Polio Now. More recently District Interact Clubs have collected and distributed Holiday cards to veterans and front-line essential workers and have organized an Interact Trivia Challenge for District Interact Clubs.



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mbarnhar@verizon.net

District 7305 Interact District Governor is Lena Voss who can be contacted at
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District 7305 Interact District Governor-Elect is Connor Herrington who can be contacted at 22herrconn@gslions.net

[INTERACT CLUBS OF ROTARY DISTRICT 7305](#)

Ambridge Area Sr. H.S.
Brentwood H.S.
Area H.S.
Brownsville Area H.S.
Burrell H.S.
Carlynton J.S.H.S.
Central Cambria H.S.
Charleroi H.S.
Chartiers Valley H.S.
Conemaugh Twp. H.S.
Connellsville H.S.
Connellsville M.S.
Elizabeth Forward H.S.

Hampton H.S.
Hempfield Area H.S. California
Homer Center H.S.
Jeannette Area H.S.
Latrobe Area H.S.
Ligonier Valley H.S.
Mapletown H.S.
McKeesport Area H.S.
Mt. Lebanon H.S.
Montour H.S.
Mount Pleasant H.S.
New Brighton H.S.

Forest Hills High School
Fox Chapel Area H.S.
Franklin Regional H.S.
Frazier H.S.
Gateway H.S.
Greater Johnstown M.S.
Greater Latrobe Area H.S.
Greensburg Central Catholic H.S.
Greensburg Salem H.S.

North Allegheny H.S.
Norwin Area H.S.
Norwin Area M.S.
Our Lady of Sacred Heart H.S.
Penn Hills H.S.
Penn Hills M.S.
Peters Township H.S.
Pittsburgh Science & Tech. Acad.

5.2 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

RYLA is an international youth leadership program developed by Rotary International in 1971. This program is designed to demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth; provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders; encourage leadership of youth by youth, and to recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities. Juniors in high schools are awarded scholarships from a local Rotary club to spend one week (5 – 6 days) to participate in a leadership develop training program. The program is held in the summer during the month of June. Typical scholarships are \$400 for the whole week including materials, housing and meals.



Activity 5.2 District 7305 has a unique opportunity for high school juniors to develop their leadership skills and prepare them for life beyond high school. Our District offers two programs that are distinct. Review the



Classroom-based Program: High school juniors experience an in-residence leadership immersion program at La Roche College. Working with instructors and coordinated by Rotary the program prepares them for their Senior year and beyond. Students are engaged in a variety of activities that will explore team-building, problem-solving, critical thinking and effective leadership.

Outward Bound Program: High school juniors experience a variety of physical activities that brings a group of students together for the first time. Experienced leaders at the Outdoor Odyssey help guide the participants to focus on team building, problem-solving, critical thinking and leadership skills.

For more information contact:

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Questions:

1. Does your club currently or in the past supported RYLA scholarships for juniors in a local school?
2. Discuss this program with your club members and explore sponsoring an Interactor or student from a local high school.

5.3 Youth Exchange Program Committee



The poster features the Rotary logo and 'Eastern States Student Exchange' at the top left. The main headline reads 'ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE. YOUR DOOR TO MEMORIES, FUN AND A WORLD OF ADVENTURE'. Below this, there are four sections: 'WHO' (15-18 years old), 'WHY' (lifelong friends, new food, etc.), 'WHAT' (designed for high school students, 8,000 teens participate), and 'WHERE' (45 countries). A 'WHEN' section states departure in August and return in June. A 'COST' section notes it's affordable with monthly allowances. A 'HOW' section says to apply a year in advance. The bottom left has the text 'WANT THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME? STUDY ABROAD.' and 'START YOUR JOURNEY TODAY @ EXCHANGESTUDENT.ORG'. The bottom right features a group photo and a sign that says 'READY TO PACK YOUR BAGS? VISIT EXCHANGESTUDENT.ORG TO START YOUR ADVENTURE TODAY!'.

The Youth Exchange Program provides high school students with an international experience while attending school in another country. The program also supports giving international students an opportunity to attend high school here in the US. There are also short-term programs available during the summer months.

Activity 5.3 The District 7305 Website has an interesting webpage that provides an explanation of the program and resources for sponsoring an outbound student or an inbound student. Click on [Youth Exchanges | Rotary International](#) for the review. There are additional links in the webpage on how to sponsor a

student. The following Rotarians serve as contacts for additional information for our District's Youth Exchange Program.

For more information contact:

Wayne Skelly Co-Chair Youth Exchange
412-401-6678

Ellen Cruse Co-Chair Youth exchange
ellencruse@comcast.net

5.4 World Affairs Institute

The World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh in partnership with Rotary International sponsors an annual World Affairs Institute to promote global learning and critical thinking among high school students. The Pittsburgh Rotary Club established this partnership and promotes the annual event among the District Rotary Clubs.

Activity 5.4 Insights into what the Institute has to offer can be seen from the most recent promotion of the 50th World Affairs Institute program ([World Affairs Institute - World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh \(worldpittsburgh.org\)](http://WorldAffairsInstitute-WorldAffairsCouncilofPittsburgh.worldpittsburgh.org)). The event was originally scheduled for Dec 2, 2020, but due to Covid 19 was converted to a zoom webinar with a different schedule.

World Affairs Institute

50th Annual World Affairs Institute for Student Leaders *Redefining Youth Education: Our Vision, Our Voice*

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

The virtual World Affairs Institute is FREE and open to all high school students.

This marks World Affairs

year the

Featured Speakers

MOLLY SONSTENG CAVEDAY
"The World's Most Focused Community"

XYZA CRUZ BACANI
FILIPINA STREET AND DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHER

ZIYAAN VIRJI
FOR THE MENSTRUATOR

ED GAANEY
PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Institute's 50th anniversary! On Wednesday, December 2, 2020, we are going to host the World Affairs Institute in partnership with [Rotary International](#) as part of the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh's end-of-year gathering.

The Institute engages high school students in a discussion of key issues in international affairs so that they can understand and think critically about their world. **This year's by youth, for youth World Affairs Institute will explore local and global issues with youth activists and change-makers from around the world!**

At the 50th annual World Affairs Institute for Student Leaders, we will work to empower and inspire you to meet your potential. At this event **designed by and created for youth**, we will explore local and global issues and find strategies to become part of the solution. The event will feature in-depth sessions on social justice issues, highlight youth making change locally and globally, and provide opportunities to gain skills and motivation for taking sustained and meaningful action. We hope that this day-long Institute will inspire you to tackle global issues and take your skills to change your community for the better!

Prizes will be awarded throughout the event based on engagement and participation! Additional Speakers Include: [Youth Activism Project](#), [1HOOD](#), [Benjamin Gutschow – Casa San Jose](#), [Samantha Podnar – The Polar Opposite Project](#), [Alliance for Climate Education Action Fellows](#), [GirlGov](#), [Green Building Alliance](#), [Repair The World](#), [Prichard Committee Student Voice Team](#), Destiny Perkins, [Open Field International](#), [Felicia Savage – Yoga Roots on Location](#), [Awaken Pittsburgh](#)

TENTATIVE Agenda

7:30 – 8:00 AM: Welcome + Introductory Remarks + Invitations to Participate

Exploring Social Justice Issues

8:00 – 8:50 AM: Session 1: Moderated panel discussion addressing social justice issues + Q&A

9:00 – 9:30 AM: Session 2: Deep dive on the issues + Q&A

(Students choose one Track.)

Tracks include: *BLM and Police Reform, Sustainability & The SDGs, Gender Equity, and Reimagining Education*

9:40 – 10:00 AM: Session 3: Short remarks from youth taking social justice action

10:00 – 10:20 AM: Break featuring local youth artist performance (optional)

Youth Locally and Globally Making Change

10:20 – 10:40 AM: Session 4: Short remarks from youth making change locally and globally

10:50 AM – 12:20 PM: Session 5: Workshops on taking action

(Students choose one A Workshop (10:50 – 11:30 AM) and one B Workshop (11:40 AM – 12:20 PM).)

Workshops include: *How to Take Political Action*, *How to Organize a Climate Action Movement*, *How to Take Grassroots Action*, and *How to Raise Awareness about a Cause*

12:20 – 12:30 PM: Session 6: Write a public action statement

12:30 – 1:00 PM: Break featuring a game (optional)

Methods to Use When Needing Motivation

1:00 – 1:20 PM: Session 7: Motivation to take action and advice on how stay engaged

1:30 – 2:10 PM: Session 8: How to Stay Focused with [CAVEDAY](#)

2:20 – 3:00 PM: Session 9: Self-care

(Students choose one Track.)

Tracks include: *Meditation and Mindfulness*, *Yoga and Meditation*, and *Journaling*

3:10 – 3:30 PM: Closing Remarks + Ways to Stay Engaged

Please make all inquiries to Kathleen Newell at: kathleen@worldpittsburgh.org
The World Affairs Institute is a collaboration between the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh and Rotary International.

[Letter to Rotary Club Presidents](#)

Rotarians can also [fill out this form](#) to make sure your Club receives information about topics, speakers, event schedule, and the World Affairs Institute as we approach the date!

Questions:

1. Has your club sponsored an Interactor or high school student for this program? If no, would your club be interested in sponsoring a student?
2. For clubs outside of Pittsburgh, would you support a live interactive program closer to your locale?

5.5 Leadership and Ethics Symposium

The Leadership and Ethics Symposium engages young people in thoughtful discussions about leadership and ethics that are important and challenging for high school students. The outcome is to inspire young people to take action in their schools and communities and to reach out to their local Rotary Club for assistance. The Symposium is a partnership between Junior Achievement and Rotary District 7305. It was established and supported the Pittsburgh Rotary Club.

Activity 5.5 The following statement provides a background for the Leadership and Ethics Symposium.

A collaboration between Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania and the Pittsburgh Rotary Club, the annual event offers Interact students an opportunity to explore leadership and ethical issues. Students are engaged in a variety of activities that include scenario assessment, leadership discussions and ethical discussions. A team of experienced facilitators conduct the program during a school day. Both Interactors and Junior Achievement participants are invited to the program. The cost for the one-day program is \$50. Rotary clubs are encouraged to sponsor Interactors or high school students to attend the program.

A sample agenda would be:

Rotary Leadership and Ethics Institute

LaRoche College

March 13th, 2019

8:00-8:45 a.m.	Registration & Breakfast
8:45-9:00 a.m.	Welcome & Introductions
9:00-9:40 a.m.	Workshops (Session 1)
9:45-10:25 a.m.	Workshops (Session 2)
10:30-11:10 a.m.	Workshops (Session 3)
11:15-12:00 p.m.	Workshops (Session 4)
12:15-12:45 p.m.	Roundtable Discussion/Lunch
1:00-1:15 p.m.	Student Group Discussion Feedback

1:15-1:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m.

Wrap-Up, Scholarship Presentation, Raffle Prizes
Adjournment (optional campus tour)

For more information, please contact Rotary Club of Pittsburgh at (412) 471-6210 or email at PittsburghRotary@gmail.com.

Questions:

1. For clubs near the venue in the North Hills area, has or would your club sponsor a student(s) for this program?
2. For clubs outside the Pittsburgh area, would you be interested in having this program available in your locale?

5.6 Youth Protection Officer

Each Rotary District appoints a Youth Protection Officer to provide guidance to Rotarians on maintaining the safety of youth who engage in Rotary Programs. Rotary sets a high standard for making sure that no harm comes to youth and has established protocol in the event that a Rotarian or non-Rotarian behaves inappropriately during a Rotary sponsored activity.

Activity 5.6 Review this excerpt from the *Rotary Youth Protection Guide* pdf. Click [Rotary Learning Center](#) for the complete pdf slide presentation.

Rotary has a long history of providing service to youth. Each year, more than 300,000 young people participate in Rotary programs like Interact, Rotary Youth Exchange, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). Many club and district mentoring programs, immunization efforts, job training programs, literacy projects, and other initiatives also help young people or other vulnerable populations.

Unfortunately, no organization or program is invulnerable to abuse or crises. They can and do occur in even the most seemingly positive settings. Predators often seek teaching, coaching or other positions that give them access to children and teenagers. Others who are committed to working with youth sometimes find it hard to believe that some adults will abuse the trust placed in them, so they may not notice the signs. Rotary takes youth protection seriously, and it relies on

Rotarians to foster safe environments that prevent abuse and to respond appropriately when it occurs.

Statement of Conduct for Working With Youth

The statement of conduct provides the basic principle for Rotarians to follow when working with young people in any capacity.

“Rotary International strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth who participate in Rotary activities. To the best of their ability, Rotarians, Rotarians’ spouses and partners, and other volunteers must safeguard the children and young people they come into contact with and protect them from physical, sexual, and emotional abuse.”

For more information please contact the Youth Protection Officer Co-Chairs Mary Shields golden55@peoplepc.com or Robin Robert Zoufalik robin@rz-tek.com.

Questions:

1. Does your club support any youth programs?
2. Would you want to know more about protecting youth? If yes, please contact the Youth Protection Officers or your AG