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Clubs of District 7305



TRIVIA

C H A L L E N G E

There is still time to get your Interact Club entered in the District 7305 Interact Trivia Challenge. The tournament will be held beginning on December 21 and the finals will be held on December 29. There is no entry fee. Your “team” may be as small as one individual or as large as five individuals (which includes two alternates).

Each team in each round will be asked 18 questions, three questions from each category. Each team will designate a “captain” and only captain may answer the question after consulting with his/her teammates within a fifteen second time limit. See the attached flyer to this email for additional details.

Don't forget to get your “team” registered ASAP but no later than December 10. Oh yes, there will be a substantial monetary award to the winning team that will enable their Interact Club to tackle or complete a project within their school or community.



Don't forget to let us know how many cards you were able to distribute in your community AND who they were distributed to. We will publish a list of totals and where they went in the January 2021 District 7305 Interact Newsletter.

Please email the requested information to Mark Barnhart at mbarnhar@verizon.net prior to the December 28 deadline for the January Newsletter.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, December 21 through Tuesday, December 29 is the Interact Clubs of District 7305 Trivia Challenge.

Sunday, February 28 is the deadline to submit applications for the Bob Williams Memorial Rotary Scholarship. Pay particular attention to the eligible school districts.



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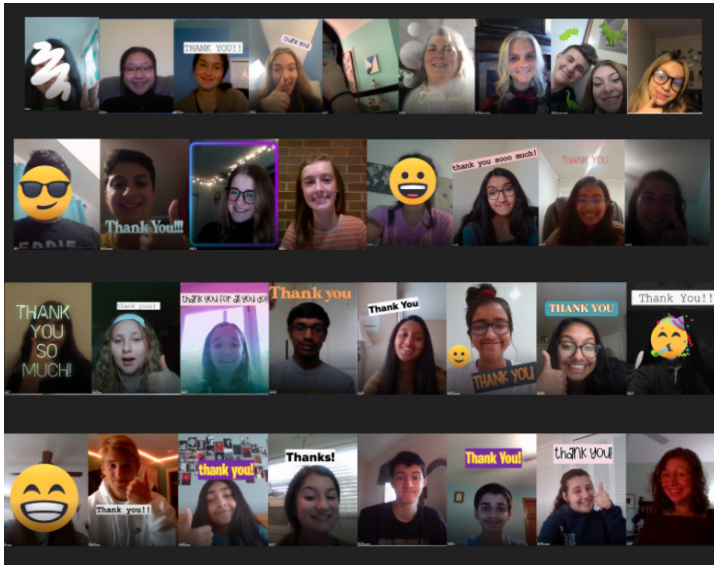
The North Allegheny Interact Club has been motivated during these challenging times to uphold the motto “service above self.” In Sep-

tember, our members made “Attitude of Gratitude Flipgrid videos” where students and teachers voiced appreciation to the North Allegheny administrators for their extra efforts at the start of the school year.

In November, we made Holiday Cards for Hometown Heroes to join in the effort with the other local Interact Clubs to thank our veterans and essential workers for their service during the pandemic.

Our club continues to support an elementary school in the Pittsburgh Public School District this year through our Grandview Remote Service Projects. Our Interact members exchanged pen pal letters with the children at Grandview, and they made videos where they read stories to children so the kids could watch these videos as they participate in remote learning.

Finally, North Allegheny Interact members participated in the City of Pittsburgh Virtual Gingerbread House Display which raises money for the Children’s Hospital Free Care Fund.



Here is a picture of the Flipgrid videos.




Here are a few pictures of the gingerbread houses that we submitted.

In October, we used old books to make fall decorations (pumpkins and turkeys) which we then gave to people in our lives whom we are thankful for. Each student chose a different person to receive their fall gift, and we distributed about 50 decorations to family, friends, neighbors, teachers, coaches, and community leaders.



Here are pictures of our fall decorations of pumpkins and turkeys.

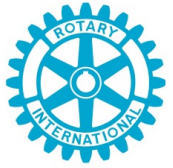


During this
Season of Joy,
Warm Thanks for Your
Valuable Contributions.

Rotarians and District Leadership
of Rotary District 7305



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Interact Club Service Ideas from your Interact Board of Directors

Holiday Related:

Volunteering at food banks

Donation drives

Food drives / fundraiser for food banks

Link to search for food banks:

<https://networks.whyhunger.org/>

Toy drives (Toys for Tots, Salvation Army, Ronald McDonald, and many more)

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Christmas Caroling (socially distanced and outdoors of course)

Socially distanced and outdoors

Video recordings compiled (could send to nursing homes or wherever you think would enjoy!)

Writing Christmas cards

Wreaths across America (I'm not sure about policies, especially in light of Coronavirus, but if interested, reach out! I'm sure the help would be appreciated.) <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/search?searchType=location>

Wreath making is also another option

Ask around for holiday related activities to volunteer!

Donation drives (general):

Book drives

Clothing/shoe drives

Places:

Goodwill

<https://www.goodwill.org/locator/>

AmVets

<https://amvets.org/post-department-locator/>

Crafting/writing:

Cards

Veterans, first-line workers, family, people you are thankful for, etc.

Pen-pals at local elementary/middle schools

Find a non-local school to be pen-pals with!! (Lena can try to help in whatever way possible)

Pen-pals with seniors // adopt a senior

Kindness messages/public messages

Public art

Kindness messages on rocks

Posters with encouraging messages

Recordings/calls:

Record books for younger kids

Virtual tutoring with local students

Schedule calls with seniors to brighten their days!

Activities for non-quarantine/non-online school:

Theme day fundraisers

Have students and teachers donate to dress along with a theme (jersey, era, school pride, vsc0 girl, white lies--white t-shirt with a "white lie", etc.) get creative with it!

Competitions

Sports teams competitions

Powderpuff football fundraiser

Reverse basketball game

Backyard brawl

Trash clean up (roadside, park, school property)



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For the holidays, this year, the Greensburg Salem High School Interact club is doing an "Adopt a Senior". They will be adopting seniors from Penn Towers who can't really go anywhere for the holidays in hopes of making their holidays a little better while spreading some holiday cheer. Interactors and students at Greensburg Salem are "adopting" a senior by purchasing a gift between \$10 and \$15 dollars. We are hoping to make someone's Christmas magical this year.



The District 7305 District Governor-Elect, Connor Herrington of the Greensburg Salem Interact Club was recently named a Paul Harris Fellow by an



anonymous donor at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Greensburg. Connor, in addition to being the Interact District Governor-Elect, is the current President of his Interact Club. Connor is active in many high school activities and recently successfully completed and graduated from the RLI. Pictured are Rotarians from District 7360 who were present to join in the celebration.

Help make the holidays a little brighter for a local senior this year!

GS Interact is proud to sponsor the Adopt a Senior project, in which we will be seeking a small gift (\$10-15) for each of the 100 senior citizens at Penn Towers in Greensburg. Suggestions for gifts include mags, socks, treats, hats, gloves, or anything you think will bring joy!

Interactors will arrange to pick up your generous gift the weekend before Christmas so we have time to deliver before the holiday.

Contact any Interactor or text 724.672.7329 to sign up to adopt!

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ADOPT A SENIOR

The deadline to submit photos and articles for the January 2021 Rotary District 7305 Interact Newsletter is Monday, December 28. Submissions can be sent Mark Barnhart at mbarnhar@verizon.net.

TRIVIA CHALLENGE

The committee taking charge of the Trivia Challenge is made up of Interact District Governor Lena Voss, Interact District Governor-Elect Connor Herrington and Director Abbie Ramsell. The deadline to get your "team" registered for the tournament is December 10. See the flyer attached to the email for further instructions. So far we have teams from *Chartiers Valley High School Interact*, *Homer Center High School Interact*, *North Allegheny High School Interact* and *Westmont Hilltop Jr. High Interact*. who are ready to compete. How about your Interact Club? The winning team will receive a "substantial" cash award to be used for a service project in their school or community.