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## DISTRICT INTERACT

Nomination forms were emailed to all District 7305 Interact Clubs in August. There have been some changes made to the elections procedures this year by the District's Interact Board of Directors.

This year, the terms of five Board Members will be expiring on June 30, 2021. Therefore we need to replace them with individuals who are willing to serve a two-year term that will begin on July 1, 2021 and end on June 30, 2023. Individuals will have to be current freshmen or sophomores at their local high schools and must be "nominated" by their Interact Club. Interact Clubs who currently have a Board Member on the incoming Board of Directors are ineligible to make a nomination this year. Those ineligible to nominate this year are: Greensburg Salem Interact Club, Homer Center Interact Club and Greensburg Central Catholic Interact Club.

Nominations from the Interact Clubs must be RECEIVED on or before September 16 to be eligible. Once all nominations have been received a ballot will be created and distributed to all Interact Clubs in District 7305. Each Interact Club is entitled to one (1) ballot.

Once the ballots has been counted the Directors-elect will be notified and will meet with the remaining Directors (3) whose terms did not expire this year and they will elect the new Interact District Governor who will serve from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This should all be accomplished by October 15, the date of the District's Interact Conference.



Disaster relief

During the summer two Interact Clubs mailed contributions to the Rotary Foundation for End Polio Now and to ShelterBox USA. The Greater Johnstown High School Interact Club contributed \$2,300 to ShelterBox and Greensburg Salem High School Interact contributed \$500. Greensburg Salem also contributed \$200 to End Polio Now. THANK YOU for generosity.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Wednesday, September 16** is the deadline for submitting nominations for the Rotary District 7305 Interact Board of Directors.

**Thursday, October 15** is the date for this year's Rotary District 7305's Interact District Conference. See page 2 for more details.



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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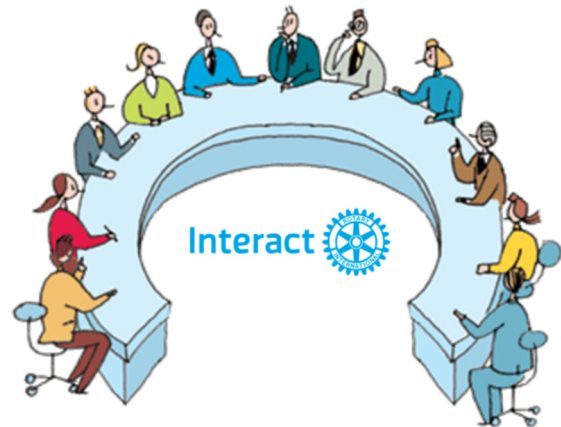
## UNCERTAINTY

We are all waiting for the day when our lives will become normal again! Who knows if and when that day will ever come? In the meantime we need to make the best of the current situation. As your District Interact Chair I am more aware of the challenges that our Advisors are facing within their respective school districts and also the challenges the Interactors are facing as a lot of their school's extracurricular activities have been cancelled. One Interact Advisor has informed me that the school district is not allowing that school's Interact Club meet face to face but can correspond with them electronically.

It will be interesting to see how all of you adapt to this ever changing scenario. I am certain that you will all survive and continue to help your individual communities and schools with a variety of service projects. I ask that you PLEASE keep me abreast as to your activities so that I can share them with others via this newsletter. I am very much afraid that incoming information may be a little sparse but I implore you to share what you are doing.

We will survive this and perhaps we will all come away a little stronger and more committed to Interact. Remember that Rotary is here to support you and assist you. Now more than ever we need each other. STAY SAFE.

Mark Barnhart, Interact Chair  
Rotary District 7305



This year's District 7305 Interact Conference will be done virtually! The Interact Board of Directors is currently finalizing all plans to not only live stream this year's Conference but also record it and download it so that it may be viewed at your convenience.

At this year's Conference which will be limited to a two hour window there will be a keynote speaker, three breakout sessions, awards and the introduction of the new Interact Board of Directors and the new Interact District Governor for 2021-2022.

Watch for updates as to times for the live streaming. Your Interact Board of Directors is currently getting District 7305 Interact Clubs on Facebook and Instagram. This has been a very busy working Board and not one with just titles!





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So nice to see GS students (happy to see smiling Interactors) supporting their beliefs at this BLM bake sale. Proceeds will go to Westmoreland Diversity Coalition. A vehicle pulled up to harass them about having a permit, that this is a terrorist group, and that if they passed out fliers, they were trespassing. How terrible are people to try to frighten, intimidate, and overpower students taking a stand for their beliefs. I hope these kids sell out and have a successful day selling their delicious treats!



(Editors note: *Rotary and hence Interact are non-political and non-religious. We applaud these students for standing up for their beliefs realizing that **all of us have that right** and it should not be diminished by others. They have done the right thing by taking a stand in their community while at the same time not connecting Interact to their cause.*)

Articles for the October 2020 District 7305 Interact Newsletter are due no later than Thursday, September 24. Photos and articles can be sent to [mbarnhar@verizon.net](mailto:mbarnhar@verizon.net).

Hi, District 7305! I'm Lena Voss, your Interact District Governor for this school year! The Board of Directors and I have been hard at work figuring out a plan and agenda for the upcoming 2020 Interact Conference, and I'm happy to say that we are getting it set for all of you to enjoy with us. COVID-19 has created many unprecedented challenges for us all, but I am still very excited to see what both this year and the conference have in store. We are expecting to live stream the conference this October, which is very different than normal, but this way we can all stay safe and anyone who wants to attend virtually may do so! The conference will still include elections for the next board of directors (it could be you!) and will still have a variety of speakers and organizations coming in to tell us about themselves and how we can be of service. The 2020 Interact Conference definitely is not going to be what we are used to, but we will make the best of the situation and try to keep "service above self" at the forefront of everything we are doing!



Don't forget that Wednesday, September 16 is the date that all nominations for the 2021-2022 District 7305 Interact Board of Directors must be received. If you are a Club Advisor and did not receive the forms via email, please let me know ASAP. (Via cell at 724-396-5078 or via email to: [mbarnhar@verizon.net](mailto:mbarnhar@verizon.net)).