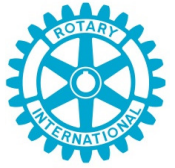


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TRIVIA C H A L L E N G E

We started with a total of eleven teams in the Trivia Challenge! The eleven teams were from North Allegheny High School, Jeannette Area High School, Ambridge High School, Greensburg Salem High School, Homer Center High School, Peters Township High School, Westmont-Hilltop Jr. High School, Franklin Regional High School, South Fayette High School, Chartiers Valley High School and Conemaugh Township High School. During this single elimination tournament, Franklin Regional, North Allegheny, Homer Center and Westmont-Hilltop all made it to the semi-finals. Moving on to the finals were North Allegheny and Homer Center, in the end North Allegheny prevailed and won the first place prize of \$500 to be used for a new or existing service project in either their school or community. Homer Center and Franklin Regional did not go home empty handed. Homer Center took home \$250 for second place and Franklin Regional held on to third place and took home \$100. We can't wait to hear what projects benefited from your "winnings".

Your District Interact Board of Directors really enjoyed holding the Trivia Challenge and from your response, it should make a return appearance next year at the end of December.

Watch for an encore performance as the team from North Allegheny goes against the District Rotary Leadership.

*Thank
you*

The prize money for the District Interact Trivia Challenge (\$850) was made possible by the generous donations of the following Rotary Clubs and individuals from District 7305:

The Rotary Club of Conemaugh Township

The Rotary Club of Greensburg

The Rotary Club of White Oak

Mark Barnhart

Al DeLucia, D.G.

Lori Ann Miller

Pat Shaffer, A.G.

George Wood, P.D.G. for gift cards for winners

UPCOMING EVENTS



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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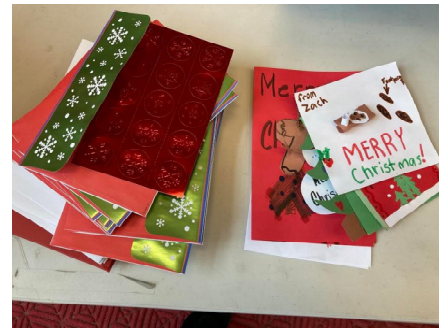
The Peters **PETERS TOWNSHIP** Township High School



Interact Club's Helping Hands Gift Drive was a success! People from throughout our larger PT community really stepped up to make the lives of local children a little brighter this holiday season. Not only were we able to gather gifts in response to a wish list for 75 children ranging in age from infant to age 18, all of whom are served by the Washington County Youth and Family Services, but we exceeded this goal gathering gifts for approximately 20 additional children in need. We especially want to thank Seraly Eye Care Associates and McMurray Rotary Club who helped us to collect and deliver donations. With the challenges that stem from operating remotely, we never could have done this without their support!



Additionally, we are still working on wrapping up two more holiday initiatives. In collaboration with Seraly Eye Care, students and Seraly staff families prepared more than 300 cards to be delivered to Meals on Wheels recipients and to the residents at McMurray Manor. Students are also on delivering sugar-free cookies to go out to Meals on Wheels recipients at the end of this week.



With the pandemic, and a majority of Interact Clubs not meeting face-to-face, it was difficult this year to do our annual card project but three Clubs did sign a total of 2,177 cards that were distributed to various locations throughout the District. See page 4 of this issue of the newsletter to see where the cards ended up.

Greensburg Salem—1,697
Peters Township—300 cards
North Allegheny—180 cards
Total 2,177 cards

GREAT JOB!

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THOMAS N. GRANT

1936—2020

You probably didn't know him by name but you certainly recognize his face as the ShelterBox representative in our area. Tom was also a polio survivor.

Tom and his wife, Marie, always looked forward to taking part in our Interact District Conference each Fall. When we had to go "virtual" in October I had to contact Tom and let him know of the change. He said that he was expecting that but he and Marie were looking forward to being with us in 2021.

Tom died on December 1 as a result of Covid complications. Tom and Marie did everything together and as fate would have it, Marie died on Sunday, December 20. They are together again.

The deadline for submitting photos and articles for the February issue of the District 7305 Interact Newsletter is Thursday, January 28. Articles and photos can be emailed to Mark Barnhart at mbarnhar@verizon.net.



Like the rest of you, the Greensburg Salem Interact Club had a very challenging December. In early December, before the most recent "shut down" we were able to man the kettles for the Salvation Army at our local Walmart.

Our local newspaper has a program called "Operation Santa Claus" that collects funds from the community to purchase food which is then distributed to those in need through the local Salvation Army Citadels in the County. An urgent call was put out by those in charge looking for volunteers to help pack the bags of food. Greensburg Salem Interact answered the call and was ready to volunteer for a day BUT with the shut-down, there were no extra-curricular activities permitted in our school district.

A new holiday activity for us was "Adopt a Senior". Members our Club adopted a senior citizen in our local senior high rise apartment building by purchasing a simple gift for them costing between \$10 and \$15. The gifts were wrapped and each senior in the building received a special delivery from our Interact Club. A total of 150 Seniors were adopted.



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This is where the 2,177 cards for
our heroes were distributed:



McMurray Manor
Meals on Wheels Recipients
Franklin Park Fire Department
Little Sisters of the Poor
Passavant Hospital
Vincentian Home
McCandless Police Department
McCandless/Franklin Park Ambulance
Giant Eagle
Aldi's
Chick Fil A
North Hills Family Dental
Kane Community Hospital
LIFE Butler County Senior Care
Target
UPMC Forbes Medical Center
Westmoreland Manor
Gene Cook Supports
Mon Valley Supports
The Grove

FROM THE DISTRICT 7305 INTERACT DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Interact, along with just about everything else in our lives, has changed drastically this year. The whole goal of interacting, among ourselves and with others, became insurmountable due to the circumstances that COVID-19 forced upon us.



The inability to host an in-person District Conference disheartened the Board of Directors. For many, the Conference provides the opportunity to meet with others, build relationships, and gain inspiration for future projects.

The Trivia Challenge was an idea that board member Abbie Ramsell came up with to allow Interactors to meet each other while earning the opportunity to win money for their club's projects. As the Interact District Governor, I believe the challenge succeeded far past our initial hopes. Seeing the teams compete, laugh with one another, and hear about each other's projects is heartwarming, to say the least. Though it isn't the format we would hope for, I think the connections that formed throughout the Trivia Challenge was worth the time and effort the Board put into it. The Board of Directors and I would like to thank all of the clubs that chose to participate in this challenge. We hope you had as much fun as we did!