



**Interact**  
Rotary Sponsored Clubs  
Rotary District 7305  
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## CONGRATULATIONS TO NORTH ALLEGHENY HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB



At the recent Rotary District 7305 Interact District Conference, the North Allegheny High School Interact Club was named the District's 2019-2020 Interact Club of the Year! This year a total of six District Interact Clubs

filed the necessary paperwork to enter the competition. Those Clubs receiving recognition as Outstanding Interact Clubs in District 7305 for the 2019-2020 Rotary Year were: Derry Area High School, Franklin Regional High School, Greater Johnstown High School, Greensburg Salem High School and Somerset Area High School.

Nominate your Club next Spring for this recognition for the 2020-2021 Rotary Year. Information will be contained in this newsletter early next year.



As mentioned in last month's newsletter and again at the Interact District Conference we are putting a new spin on our highly successful Cards for Veterans.



This year, we want each Interact Club to distribute their cards to Heroes in their hometowns. You know, the people who have gone above and beyond during the pandemic. It is suggested that you simply sign the cards saying "Thank You" and sign just your first name. Be sure to get your sponsoring Rotary Club involved too.

A suggestion would be to put some cards in a large envelope and on the outside of the envelope note that the enclosed cards are from the Interact Club of \_\_\_\_\_, as a small token of our thanks to those in our community who have given so much to keep us safe during the pandemic.

Some suggestions of where cards can go, and this is by no means inclusive are: police departments, fire stations, ambulance services, grocery stores and pharmacies, post office, etc. You may want to get some others involved by having them to a holiday design on the outside of the big envelope.

Of course we don't want you to forget about our veterans but we have so many to recognize this year..

Be sure to let us know how many cards you distributed and where they went so we can make a list.

## 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.

## WORLD INTERACT WEEK

**November 2 through November 8**

Be sure to let us know what your Club is doing to observe this celebration.





We would like you to meet your new Rotary District 7303 Interact District Governor-Elect, Connor Herrington.

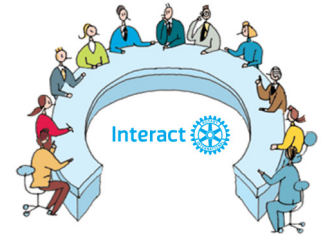
Connor is currently a junior at Greensburg Salem High School and is president of his Interact Club. Connor first joined Interact as a freshman and was attracted to Interact for all of the service projects they do in school and in the community. In 2019 he received a scholarship to attend RYLA at Outdoor Odyssey and has become a junior mentor there this summer for other camping programs. He has also successfully completed the Rotary Leadership Institute and one of the youngest to ever do so in the Main Line Division which encompasses Rotary Districts 7305, 7280 and 7360.

In school, Connor is at home on the stage taking part in musicals and theatre productions and also is a member of the Greensburg Salem Varsity Golf Team, the STEM Club, the Physics Club, the Select Ensemble and Academic Team. Connor is also the current Student Council Vice-President at Greensburg Salem High School.

In his spare time, Connor is employed by The Meadows in New Alexandria.

Articles and pictures for the December Interact District 7305 Newsletter are due no later than Wednesday, November 25. Information can be sent to Mark Barnhart at [mbarnhar@verizon.net](mailto:mbarnhar@verizon.net).

## **INTERACT DISTRICT CONFERENCE**



Interact District Governor rang the bell on Thursday, October 15 and began Interact's annual District Conference with the Pledge of Allegiance, an invocation and the reciting of the Four Way Test.

The Interact Board of Directors was introduced along with the two incoming Directors, Kenzi Rullo from the Derry Area High School Interact Club and Shreya Pant from the North Allegheny High School Interact Club.

Making remarks were Rotary District 7305 District Governor Al DeLucia, District Governor-Elect Vince Costa and District Governor Nominee Marie Fallon.

Colonel Charles W. Anderson, USMC (Retired) delivered the keynote address urging Interactors to follow their dreams and not listen to bureaucrats who say "you can't do that".

Presentations about RYLA by Rotarian Owen P. Standley, Youth Exchange by Past District Governor Tom Fallon and Brother's Brother Foundation by their President Ozzy Samad, Dante Cumarcho from LaPaz, Bolivia talked about the International Interact Project involving Interact Clubs from Bolivia, Argentina and Mexico and finally Owen Standley talked about "Owen's Odyssey". A lot of useful information was given.

Mark Barnhart, District Interact Chair reminded everyone about the Cards for Heroes program this Christmas and gave information regarding the

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Owen P. Standley, a Rotarian, from the Johnstown Sunset Rotary Club has always been one to roll up his sleeves and get involved to make a difference. This coming Spring, he will walk roughly 2,200 miles of the

Appalachian Trail, from Georgia to Maine, in 100 days in an effort to raise both funds and awareness of Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio. As Interactors, your Clubs can get involved by contributing to this worthy cause. Checks should be made payable to the Rotary Foundation and mailed to Mark Barnhart at 505 E. Pittsburgh Street; Greensburg 15601. He will make sure that your Club receives the proper credit with The Rotary Foundation.



Interact in District 7305 now has continuity. We have a District Governor (Lena Voss), a District Governor-Elect (Connor Herrington), two new members of the Board of Directors who will be serving for two years and three members who still have a year left to serve.



No longer will we be starting from "scratch" every year. Lena may start a project that Connor and the Board of Directors will see through to fruition. Watch this newsletter for updates about plans for Interact in District 7305.

## CONFERENCE

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Bob Williams Memorial Scholarship. Information regarding this scholarship was included in the October 2020 District Interact Newsletter and is available on the District's website at [www.rotarydistrict7305.org](http://www.rotarydistrict7305.org).

Interact District Governor Lena Voss then closed the Conference by announcing that the Board of Directors has met and elected Connor Herrington, President of the Greensburg Salem High School Interact Club as the new District 7305 Interact District Governor-Elect. Connor will become the Interact District Governor on July 1, 2021.

The Conference was all held virtually and we know that Franklin Regional, Jeannette, Johnstown, Derry and North Allegheny were watching. How many others participated virtually? Let us know.

Comments received from the Interact Advisors were positive BUT they all said that they missed the personal contact. Let's hope that the pandemic is behind us next year and that we can all meet in person again!

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