

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION OF WASHINGTON, D.C. AWARDED \$186,000 TO 41 GRANT RECIPIENTS SERVING THE D.C. COMMUNITY

by Marilyn Nevy Cruz, DC Rotary Club Community Engagement Chair

We are very pleased to announce the winners of the Rotary Foundation of Washington, D.C. grant awards for 2019-2020! As each year, we received many excellent applications from non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations that do great and amazing work serving our community in D.C. This year the Club will support 3 major grant recipients and 38 small grant recipients, and expect to continue to be actively engaged with all of these organizations and more, irrespective of award amounts or whether we were able to support a specific application project this year or not. Club members are especially invited to stay in touch with news on organization events and volunteer activities.

Special Projects Grants (\$20,000):

Central Union Mission; MCIP – CHEC; Northwest Center Community Center

Community Service Grants (\$500 – \$5,000):

A Wider Circle; Access Youth; Anacostia Watershed Society; Arts for the Aging; Christ House; City Blossoms; Dance Institute of Washington; DC Jail and Prison Advocacy Project; DC Youth Orchestra; Everyone Wins DC; First Tee of Greater Washington; FLOC – For the Love of Children; Free Minds; The Friendship Place; Girls on the Run; Hope and a Home; Iona Senior Center; La Clinica del Pueblo; Latino Student Fund; Liberty's Promise; Many Languages One Voice; Mary House (Casa de Mary); New Futures; Next Level Tennis; One Common Unity; Open Book Foundation; Richard Wright Public Charter School; Salvation Army; Shakespeare Theatre Company; Suited for Change; Teatro de la Luna; Teens Run; Family

Place; The Theatre Lab; UNA-NCA; Washington Bach Consort; Wesley Housing Development Corporation; Woodley House.

BROADNECK H. S. INTERACT CLUB

by Vernon Penner, Annapolis Parole RC Adviser

After a very successful 2019 fall term of activities with membership of over 50 Interactors, the Broadneck High School Interact Club abruptly entered the pandemic quarantine period when schools closed in mid-March. This forced the cancellation of the club's signature spring term project, a 5K race to benefit Doctors Without Borders. However, according to the club's teacher adviser, the IC continued in operation using Google Classroom. Its first order of business was to elect a new slate of leadership officers for the 2020-21 school year. The election was held using a poll on Google Classroom and was based on a paragraph written by all prospective candidates as reported by incoming IC President Rowan Pilarski. She

also noted that it was a struggle getting members actively involved in club activities, but one project carried out was a food and supply drive for the local Lighthouse Shelter. Earlier, club members organized a grocery delivery service in the local community. In addition to a new slate of officers, the incoming First Vice President Madeline Stern was selected to represent the club on the Anne Arundel County Public Schools Service Leadership Team. Finally, the incoming Club Treasurer Jacob Spitzer competed in the District's 4-Way Virtual Speech Contest basing his remarks on his experiences as a short-term youth exchange program participant during the summer of 2019.

Brunswick Interact Club Puerto Rico Relief Effort Fundraiser Kickoff Event Bus Excursion to Luray Caverns, VA Saturday, August 22, 2020



The Island of Puerto Rico (a territory of the U.S.) has been ravaged by several earthquakes and Hurricane Maria over the past two years. Brunswick Interact Club members (sponsored by Smoketown Rotary) are organizing a fundraising effort to purchase and deliver much-needed supplies and aid to Puerto Ricans in need.

The Interact Club will raise the initial funds for this effort by hosting a fun, bus excursion to Luray Caverns, Virginia on Saturday, August 22nd, 2020. All members of the club, plus family and friends are welcome to secure a spot on the air-conditioned bus transport. Learn more about this awesome venue at LurayCaverns.com

Smoketown Rotarians have stepped up to ensure that proceeds from this excursion will be donated to the Interact Club to launch this effort. The plan is for these funds to be matched by Rotary District 7620, and then again by Rotary International as we build toward a winter 2020/21 Relief Aid Effort to the island. People who support the fundraiser will be constantly updated on all progress toward materials secured for the people in need. Club Members will have the opportunity to deliver the aid directly to the island.

The Brunswick Interact Club is a collective of 14-19 year old students & citizens of the Brunswick, MD area and is supported by all Rotary Clubs in Frederick County. Each member of the club will be reaching out to family and friends to sponsor their seat on the bus. Learn more at SmoketownRotary.org

Support one of these ways:

- Write a check (payable to Smoketown Rotary Club). Mail it to Smoketown Rotary Club, PO Box 84, Brunswick 21716. Reference the Inter act Club Fundraiser. Any amount is fine.
- Log on to www.SmoketownRotary.org, click the headline that says 'Support the Brunswick Interact Club Fundraiser' and use the paypal widget to buy a seat on the bus at \$99.
- Log on to your personal paypal account and send any amount you like to SmoketownRotaryClub@gmail.com - Reference the Inter act Club member you would like to sponsor, in the notes section.

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