

# OLNEY ROTARY CLUB PARTNERED WITH LOCAL GROCERY STORE TO DONATE \$1600 IN GIFT CARDS TO OLNEY HELP

By Michael Weiner

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, and the affect it has had on many in our community, Roots Market and the Rotary Club of Olney have contributed Roots gift cards to Olney HELP, with a very generous 1:1 match, which have been donated to Olney HELP. Rotary Club President Gaspar Colon said, "With the incredible generosity of Roots, who matched funds from our Rotary Club's Trust and a Rotary District Grant, we were able to generate \$1,600 worth of Roots gift cards. We especially want to thank Katie Smallwood of Roots Market for her enthusiastic response working with us to make this possible." The Rotary Club of Olney members continue seeking involvement from the other local grocery stores to help provide this gift to those served by Olney HELP.

Olney HELP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides short-term emergency food and financial assistance to individuals and families in Olney, Sandy Spring, Ashton, Brinklow and Brookeville MD.

The Rotary Club of Olney was formed in June of 1951, and has been involved in local, national and international service projects for the betterment of humankind. Currently, due to the virus, the Club meets by Zoom every Thursday morning at 7:30 AM and invites anyone interested in learning more about Rotary and the impact it has had over the years. Please visit our website at [OLNEYROTARY.ORG](http://OLNEYROTARY.ORG).

## INTERACT NEWS

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As the 2019-20 Rotary year ended, we

want to thank you for championing Interact!

We know for many of you COVID-19 has impacted your work as an Interact club sponsor or adviser. Rotary International continues to monitor the situation closely and encourages you to follow the guidelines set by the World Health Organization and the national, regional, or local health authorities.

Below, we include actions you can take to end your year strong. Whether this is your first, third, or fifth year serving as Interact leader, let's work together to ensure the continued success of Interact.



### REPORT INTERACT ADVISERS

Sponsor clubs are required to report the name and contact information of an adult adviser to Rotary by 1 July every year to maintain the active status of their Interact clubs. Interact club sponsors can report a club adviser through the online reporting form. Remember, while Rotary International only collects information on one adviser, Interact clubs may benefit from having multiple advisers to mentor and support them.

### ARE YOU UP TO DATE ON ROTARY'S YOUTH PROTECTION POLICIES?

Ensuring the safety and well-being of Rotary's youth program participants is everyone's responsibility. Review the recently updated Protecting Youth Program Participants in Rotary's

Learning Center. This course helps advisers, and club and district leaders to understand, recognize, address, and prevent abuse and harassment.

### CELEBRATE YOUR HARD WORK

Do you know an Interact club that goes above and beyond? Recognize Interact clubs that are taking action to make a positive difference through the Rotary Citation for Interact Clubs. Nominate qualifying Interact clubs no later than 15 August. For any questions regarding the Rotary Citation for Interact Clubs process, please email [riawards@rotary.org](mailto:riawards@rotary.org).

### KEEP YOUR MOMENTUM

Inspire Interactors to continue their Rotary journey — introduce them to Rotaract, Youth Exchange, and RYLA. Connect them to people, clubs, and opportunities that will continue to enhance their future for a lifetime. Their success is your legacy!

### SHARE YOUR MEMORIES AND GET INSPIRED

Tell your community and the world about your amazing year in Interact — post stories, photos, and videos on our Interact Facebook page. Sponsors can also share successful Interact service projects on Rotary Showcase. Looking for inspiration? Check out the winners of the Interact Video Awards.

We know that these are unusual times, but by coming together, we can find new and innovative ways to support Interactors! Thank you for your service as an Interact leader. By supporting Interact and taking these important steps, you help leaders of all ages connect through Rotary's global community of service.