

President's Message
September 18, 2018

TIME TO CELEBRATE!!!!

I hope I got your attention with that caption. I am so pleased to inform everyone that our Manor New Tech High School Interact Club has received the Rotary Citation for Interact Clubs. This is a wonderful and amazing recognition for a club that is less than a year old. To earn the citation the club had to achieve one required goal and four other goals. Among the achievements for the club were participating in a mentoring program, 5 days of activities related to World Interact Week, fundraisers, tutoring middle school students, tree planting on Arbor Day and serving as the Color Guard for the District 5870 Foundation Gala. Much thanks has to be given to Linda for her leadership in working with Tayo (the school club advisor) in the formation and direction of the club. There was support from so many club members like Nancy, Bill, Martha, Brigitte, Kent, Joan and Ashley.

For those club members who are not as familiar with Interact here is some background:

- There are 20,372 Interact clubs across the globe.
- There are 468,556 Interact members in 159 countries.
- Interact Service Clubs bring together young people ages 12-18.
- Interact Clubs are self governing and self-supporting.
- The clubs are dedicated to service and international understanding.
- The clubs recognize and develop leadership skills, initiative and the concept of service above self.

This month's Rotary theme is Basic Education and Literacy. In looking at the work our club is doing from sponsoring an Interact club to our DAP grant that focuses on literacy to the work at Pecan Springs, it is clear that we understand how important our involvement in the community can be to supporting education and literacy. I am reminded of being at Pecan Springs to support the Book Springs initiative and seeing the look on the face of a young kindergarten student when he was told the book was his to keep. He thought like other books in the library it would be returned in two weeks. It is those times for all of us that sustain our work and commitment as Rotarians.

Club News

It has been a busy time for the club and our interaction with fellow Rotarians.

- A separate email was sent to everyone concerning our sponsorship of a new Rotary Club in District 5870. I hope you will have an opportunity to read the background about the club and your willingness to have us sponsor them.
- We will be participants in two global grants being sponsored by the Austin Rotary Club and the North by Northwest Rotary Club. While each of them is quite

different they do represent the commitment of Rotary to improving the lives of others.

- We have scheduled a club social for September 22. Please RSVP to me by tomorrow if you can be there.
- Just a reminder that our next fundraising event is October 5th at the HEB Center.

Upcoming Events

September 20th: Pints for Polio: Pflugerville Rotary.

September 22nd: Club Social: 2pm : Carol and Greg's Home

October 5th: Fundraiser: HEB Center: 6 pm.

Program

With the announcement of the Interact Citation, this week's program is a series of short videos that were created by Interact Clubs across the world. They were part of the competition for the 2017 Interact Video Awards whose theme was People of Action. It includes the winner and runner ups for the awards.

- Mark Isfeld Secondary
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kJsTnShqKNM&list=PL-Yb9SsYHwXlbkK4M-guCL4oVSPCihvFO&index=2>
- Interact Club of Plovdiv
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-n-eqIUSM28&list=PL-Yb9SsYHwXlbkK4M-guCL4oVSPCihvFO&index=3>
- Interact Club of Alexandra
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kJsTnShqKNM&list=PL-Yb9SsYHwXlbkK4M-guCL4oVSPCihvFO&index=2>