### Interact Rotary District 7305



#### **FEBRUARY 2025**



Our fifth Annual Trivia Challenge is now in the books! We were quite apprehensive about this year's competition because we needed to accommodate both in-person and virtual teams.

The success of this year's event is due to the hard work and planning by the Jeannette High School Interact Club and several members of the District Interact Board who showed up to help run the Challenge.



THANKS to the Jeannette Interact Club for providing beverages and snacks throughout the event and to the Rotary Club of Westmoreland for purchasing sixteen pizzas for lunch.

A very special THANKS to Interact Board Member Ron Stout for taking care of the brackets for the Challenge and for



managing at times, two virtual appearances on two different networks at the same time.

Teams participating in this year's competition were from Jeannette High School Interact, Bethel Park Interact, Thomas Jefferson Interact, Southmoreland Interact, Laurel Highlands Interact, Greensburg Salem Interact, Franklin Regional Interact and North Allegheny Interact. Several schools entered two teams and so we had a total of twelve teams from eight different schools compete.

Once the dust had settled, Laurel Highlands "B" walked away as the winning team and won \$500 to be used for any school, community or international project that they choose.



Claiming second place in this year's Challenge was Jeannette "A", walking away with \$300 to be used for any school, community or international project that they choose.



Taking third place, based on the total number of points scored during the competition was Franklin Regional "A", walking away with \$200 in prize money. All of the brackets can be found on the District's website following the

Interact tabs.



THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED. We hope to see all of you and more next year!!

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#### **ROTARY DISTRICT 7305'S**



rotary youth leadership awards

The week of June 15, 2025 at



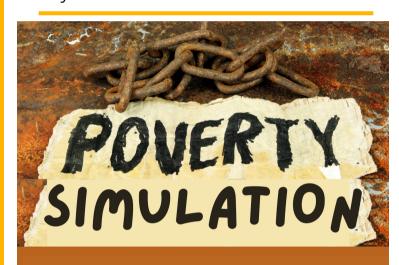
Yes, it is official, District 7305's RYLA will be held at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg during the week of June 15, 2025! The District Rotary Leadership is very excited to offer a new venue and a new curriculum for 2025.

Registration forms will be available in late February or early March. You will be able to register on-line. Most Rotary Clubs in the District will "sponsor" a student for RYLA, so please contact your sponsoring Rotary Club and ask if they are willing to sponsor someone. If they are unable to sponsor a student, please let us know and we will find a Club willing to provide a sponsorship.

Start making plans now to attend RYLA in June!



Our newest Interact Club in Rotary District 7305 is the Mothers of Sorrows School in Murrysville which is sponsored by the Murrysville-Export Rotary Club.



Just a reminder that registration for the Poverty Simulation on Thursday, April 10 at the Lamplighter in Delmont from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. is now open! You can find the registration link on the District's website: rotarydistrict7305.org and follow the Interact tabs.

Our presenter has set the maximum number of participants at 80 Interactors. I have already received our first registration!





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A link for registering can be found on the Rotary District 7305 website under the Interact tabs. www.rotarydistrict7305.org

In the past, some local Rotary Clubs have offered "scholarships" for students to attend. Be sure to check with your sponsoring Rotary Club!!



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### Common Sense



This should be common sense but I feel that it needs to be emphasized as Interactors or anyone who is looking for financial help from Rotary Clubs to attend the World Affairs Institute in February or the District's RYLA program in June.

If you solicit funding from a Rotary Club or if a Rotary Club agrees to sponsor you to an event, you need to send a thank you note to that Rotary Club.

You need to offer to attend a meeting of the Rotary Club that funded your experience and present a program (20 minutes) about the event. Not just "thanks for the sponsorship, I had a great time"!

By following these two simple steps you are showing how much their sponsorship means to you and you are helping to insure that the Rotarians will continue to support Interact in the future!

The deadline so submit articles and pictures for the March Interact District Newsletter is Monday, February 24. Items can be emailed to:
mbarnhar@verizon.net