



JANUARY 2024

FROM THIS.....



TO THIS.....



TO UKRAINE.



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL  
YEAR FOR CARDS FOR  
VETERANS

The cards have been signed, counted, packed and are now on their way to the VA Medical Centers in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Here is a rundown of the card count for 2023:

Connellsville Interact.....	725 cards
Derry Area Interact.....	284 cards
Our Lady of Sacred Heart Interact.....	262 cards
North Allegheny Interact.....	250 cards
Homer Center Interact.....	162 cards
Jeannette Interact.....	162 cards
Greensburg Central Interact.....	148 cards
Ligonier Valley Interact.....	107 cards
Thomas Jefferson Interact.....	87 cards
Greensburg Salem Interact.....	85 cards
Brentwood Interact.....	76 cards
Franklin Regional Interact.....	74 cards
Greensburg Rotary.....	58 cards
South Fayette Interact.....	37 cards
Norwin Interact.....	19 cards
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>2,536 cards</b>

Thanks to all of you who participated in this District-wide Interact Project.





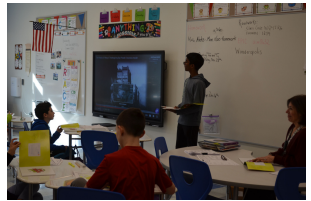


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14 Student's from the Franklin Regional Interact Club read a book to each 3rd grade class at the Franklin Regional Intermediate school. The Rotary Club of Murrysville-Export purchased Andy & Elmers Apple Dumpling Adventure book for each student in 3rd grade. The book demonstrates the Rotary Four-Way Test. The FR student's received these two weeks after receiving their dictionary, so it was a nice refresher to them as they learned more about the Four-Way Test. Next month our 3rd grade student's at Mother of Sorrows School will receive the same.



Mount Pleasant Interact Club members worked with the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant to spread some holiday cheer. They wrapped gifts for residents of the Harmon House. More than 130 care package gifts were put together in this collaborative project between the clubs.



INTERACT DISTRICT GOVERNOR ANGEL QU  
AND THE DISTRICT INTERACT BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS WISH YOU AND YOURS A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR.





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## The Bob Williams Rotary Memorial Scholarship

While a good percentage of you are ineligible for this scholarship, some of you are. It all depends on your school's location. Be sure to read the eligibility rules closely. I have posted a link to the application under the Interact tabs on the District's website ([www.rotarydistrict7305.org](http://www.rotarydistrict7305.org)).

The Bob Williams Rotary Memorial Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications from current high school seniors and G.E.D students. This year 8 scholarships will be awarded at \$5000 each. Many high school counselors have the materials as well. Please note that this is a need-based scholarship. The deadline for the receipt of applications is February 29, 2024. Please contact Bob Arbuckle, Committee Chair, at [rarbuckle66@gmail.com](mailto:rarbuckle66@gmail.com) for further information.



District 7305 Interact lost a true friend on November 30, 2023. Pat Shaffer, a member of the Murrysville-Export Rotary Club died very unexpectedly. While most of you probably did not know Pat personally, she was a “fixture” at all Rotary functions in the District and was always in attendance at the Interact District Conference. She was always asking in what ways could she help with the Interact program in the District. She was always the first to write a check for Interact either for an ad or for prize money for the Trivia Challenge. Pat, you will be missed and THANKS for all you have done to make Interact stronger in District 7305.

Patricia Shaffer



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What a novel way to raise money, have fun and provide a service to the community!!



DO YOU HAVE LAST MINUTE SHOPPING, WRAPPING, OR BAKING TO DO?  MAYBE YOU NEED A MORNING TOGET ORGANIZED OR JUST DECOMPRESS?

LET INTERACT WATCH YOUR KIDS!

**MOM'S MORNING OUT**

DECEMBER 16  
10 AM - 2 PM

- WHO? ANY STUDENTS IN KINDER GARTEN - 4TH GRADE
- WHERE? BETHEL PARK HIGH SCHOOL GYM & CAFETERIA
- COST? \$20 PER CHILD

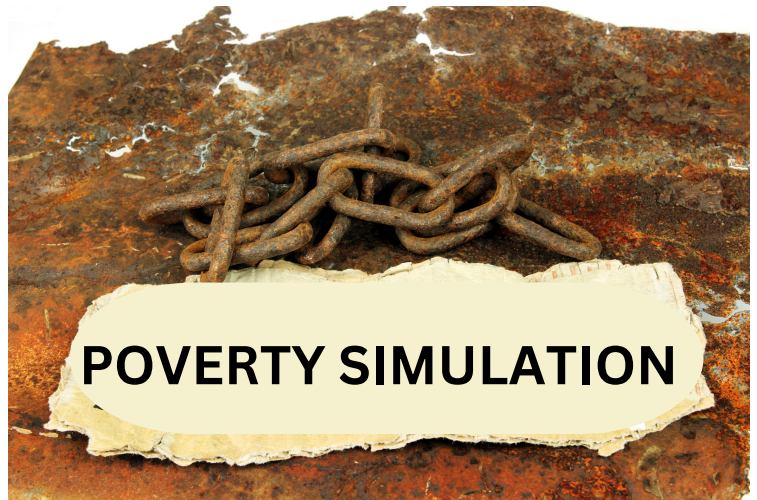
CHILDREN WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITIES TO PLAY GAMES, MAKE CRAFTS, WATCH A HOLIDAY MOVIE, AND MAKE FRIENDS. THEY WILL BE SUPERVISED BY TEACHERS AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

- REGISTER BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH
- ANY QUESTIONS? EMAIL [CHAPIN.KELSEY@BPHAWKS.ORG](mailto:CHAPIN.KELSEY@BPHAWKS.ORG)

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/3P1V2KXWFZRYUZ19](https://forms.gle/3P1V2KXWFZRYUZ19)



As most of you probably did, Johnstown Interactors joined members of their sponsoring Rotary Club ringing bells at the Salvation Army Kettle.



Interact District Governor, Angel and the District Interact Board of Directors are still working to bring this in-person and interactive program to Rotary District 7305 Interactors sometime in March of 2024!! WATCH FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

# TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Please remember that Wednesday, January 3 is the deadline to register your Club for the Trivia Challenge. A registration form can be found on the District website at [www.rotarydistrict7305.org](http://www.rotarydistrict7305.org) under the Interact tabs.





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### Registration is open for the 53rd Annual World Affairs Institute!

It's time to reserve your spot for one of our largest convenings of the year, in partnership with Rotary International and Sustainable Pittsburgh!

Join us on March 5, 2024, 8AM-3PM at the University of Pittsburgh as we navigate our new climate reality and chart a path to a more secure and sustainable future for all. Whether you're interested in topics like fast fashion and the circular economy, climate migration havens, clean transportation, or green space access, the Institute will allow you to dive deeper into local and global climate intersections.

**Youth Changemakers:** Designed by and created for youth, the World Affairs Institute for Youth Changemakers engages students in discussions of key issues in international affairs so that they can understand and think critically about their world. All high school students (grades 9-12) are eligible to attend.

Educators and Rotary chaperones should register for this track along with their student groups. However, during the day, educators and chaperones will attend the Changemakers Across Sectors track.

Note: Registration is now open for Rotary-sponsored and school-sponsored groups. Full scholarships are provided by local Rotary Clubs. Interested in having your school attend the Institute but unsure if scholarships are available? Contact your local Rotary Club, Interact Club, or school district: Rotary District 7305 (Southwestern PA), Rotary District 7280 (Northwestern PA), Rotary District 6650 (Eastern Ohio).

REGISTER We hope to see you there!

This fall, the North Allegheny Interact Club contributed to the Gifts for Ukraine project for



District 7305. With the help of several groups at our school--including the National Honors Society, FCCLA, the Knitting Club, an ESL classroom, local Ukrainian students, and staff members—we bought gifts to fill the wish lists of 8 children from Ukraine. Early Act Clubs from two of our middle schools (Marshall Middle School and Carson Middle School) collected over \$2,000 through Penny War competitions to help offset the shipping costs of the gifts. This project helped us to see the power of teamwork: we can accomplish so much more when we pull together as a school community!

In addition to this major international project, NA Interact did projects to support our school, community, and world. Our club members made sustainable Halloween costumes that promoted recycling and creativity; we posted over 130 decals on catch basins in our community to promote clean water and ecosystem health; we participated in the Rotary's "Get Stuffed with Love" meal-packing event for Thanksgiving. For the holidays, we contributed 250 cards for veterans to support District 7305's initiative; we wrote letters to senior citizens living in isolation; we made gingerbread houses to support the City of Pittsburgh's Annual Gingerbread House display; we participated in a school-wide decorating contest to bring cheer to our hallways!



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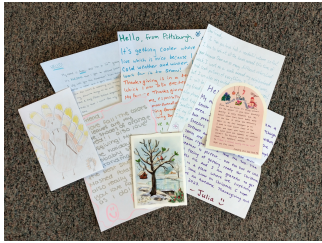
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We found a lot of joy in doing these projects, and we know the same is true for the clubs throughout District 7305. NA Interact wishes you all good health and happiness in 2024!



Somerset Interact students went to Eagle View Elementary School's Breakfast in Whoville where the interactors helped serve breakfast and pancakes!

Somerset interact club also rang the bell for the Salvation Army on December 2nd to raise money!



**Adult Prom**  
Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE:  
21+ Adult Prom. Come ready to eat, dance, play games, and party all night to fundraise for Montour Interact and Outdoor Club.

**Saturday, March 2nd, 2024 6-10 pm**

More info or to sign up email:  
callasm@montourschools.com  
buckholtl@montourschools.com

The deadline for articles and pictures for the February 2024 District Interact Newsletter is Thursday, January 25. Items for publication should be emailed to: Mark Barnhart at mbarnhar@verizon.net





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Greater Johnstown Middle School students and Interact Club members served lunch at St. Vincent de Paul Family Kitchen in Johnstown. A total of twelve students from the school's Interact Club were on hand to help serve lunch at the kitchen.



HAVE A SAFE  
AND HAPPY



This year we had a total of 24 students volunteer their time totaling 47.5 hours of volunteer hours.

For several years we have been coordinating Salvation Army bell ringing to Franklin Regional Students in FRHS Interact, National Honor Society and FRHS Girls Soccer. This started out just as a FRHS Interact opportunity. A few years later as manager of the girls soccer team I extended it to them too. The last three years we have been in touch with the NHS advisor and each year she has approved it for NHS volunteer hours.

