

# Interact

Rotary District 7305



**OCTOBER 2024**



## ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

**Thursday, October 17, 2024**

**Greensburg Country Club**

Just a reminder, the deadline to register for the Interact District Conference on October 17 is Monday, October 7. As of this writing the following have already registered: Jeannette High School, Homer-Center High School, Derry Area High School, Southmoreland High School, Mapletown High School and Greensburg Central Catholic High School.



Just one final reminder that the Christmas gifts for the Ukrainian orphans **MUST** be turned in at the Interact District Conference on October 17. We have volunteers who will sort all of the gifts, count the items and pack them for shipment to Ukraine.



**gotsneakers?**  
A Sneaker Recycling Organization

A lot goes on at the Interact District Conference. Don't forget to bring your old sneakers with you. They will be sent to "got sneakers?" and the District Interact will receive money for them that will be used for Interact programming in the District.

Why not get your school and other organizations involved in collecting the sneakers?



The Bethel Park Interact hit the ground running this school year. First with an ice-cream social to introduce “Interact” to potential members and to welcome their current members. Then they had a booth at their Community Day.



Well it's that time of year again! It's time to start to plan for our annual Cards for Veterans. Again this year, you are encouraged to collect and sign Christmas cards for our veterans. Cards should not be of religious nature (not all veterans are Christians), signed with your first name only and should not be in envelopes (some veterans are unable to open the envelope and the Veterans Administration needs to know what is in envelopes that arrive at their facilities).

All cards will need to be received no later than Saturday, December 7! The members of VFW Post No. 33 will then take and distribute the cards to various VA Medical Centers in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Last year we sent 2,536 Holiday cards to the VA Medical Centers. Can we do even better this year?







Spotted on the 14th hole at the recent Rotary Club of Greensburg's Annual Scholarship Golf Outing were two Jeannette High School Interactors and PDG Marie Fallon and current Rotary District Governor Dan Dougherty.



The Somerset Interact Club has been busy for the start of the school year. We volunteered at the Maple Ridge Elementary School's Bike Night and provided Face Painting for the Junior High Tailgate Party. We will be volunteering at the Mobile Food Bank and helping to decorate for Homecoming.



During the week of 9/11, the Mount Pleasant Interact Club sponsored a food drive with the Westmoreland County Food Bank during their Week of Service campaign. The homeroom competition was a success. The goal was to collect food items specifically for local first responders and veterans in need.







### **Do you wonder which Interact Clubs took tags for the Ukrainian Orphans Project....here is the breakdown:**

- Greensburg Salem Interact - 13 tags
- Jeannette Area Interact - 8 tags
- North Allegheny Interact - 8 tags
- Bethel Park Interact - 5 tags
- Somerset Area Interact - 5 tags
- Our Lady of Sacred Heart Interact - 4 tags
- Southmoreland Interact - 4 tags
- Brentwood Interact - 4 tags
- Woodland Hills Interact - 4 tags
- Derry Area Interact - 4 tags
- Franklin Regional Interact - 3 tags
- Rotarians - 3 tags
- Montour Interact - 2 tags
- Mount Pleasant Interact - 2 tags
- Ligonier Valley Interact - 1 tag
- Mapletown Interact - 1 tag



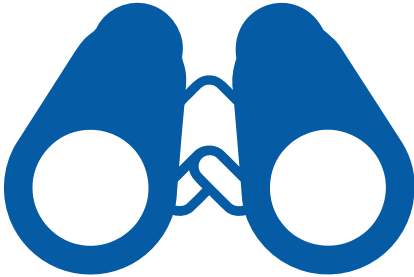
In a commendable effort to assist families facing food insecurity, the Montour Interact Club has been its very own food pantry for the last 6 years. This initiative aims to provide essential nourishment to students and their families, ensuring that no child goes hungry.

The Montour Classroom Cupboard, located within the High School, is a response to the increasing need for support in the community. With many families struggling due to economic challenges, this program seeks to alleviate some of the burdens they face. The Montour Classroom Cupboard will offer a variety of non-perishable items as well as fresh produce, allowing families to access healthy food options conveniently.

The Crafton-Ingram and Great McKees Rocks Rotary Clubs are the sponsors of the Montour Interact Club, which plays a vital role in this Interact Clubs continual success. The collaboration between the Interact Club and these Rotary Clubs reinforces the commitment of community service and support.

All are encouraged to spread the word about the Montour Interact Food Pantry and to consider volunteering or donating to support its ongoing efforts. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of families in our area.





We are looking for four Interactors to serve on the District Interact Board of Directors for a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027. So if you are currently a sophomore and interested, contact District Governor Dharini at: [धारिनि.मरुथु.पण्डियन@gmail.com](mailto:धारिनि.मरुथु.पण्डियन@gmail.com) to submit your name. The elections will be held at the Interact District Conference on October 17. We are looking for a Director from four different areas of the District this year. If your Club is in any of these Districts and you don't graduate until 2027, you're eligible.

Area #2: Carlyton, Fox Chapel, Hampton, Penn Hills, South Fayette and South Park High Schools

Area #3: Bethel Park, Gateway, McKeesport, North Allegheny, Our Lady of Sacred Heart and Woodland Hills High Schools

Area #6: Belle Vernon, California, Charlerioi, Jefferson Morgan, Greene County CTC, Mapletown and Peters Township High Schools

Area #8: Connellsville, Frazier, Mount Pleasant, Laurel Highlands and Uniontown High Schools



## COMING SOON

**October 24** is World Polio Day. What is your Interact Club planning for this special day?

**November 4 though November 10** is World Interact Week. This year Interact is 52 years old. How are you going to celebrate?

## Check List!



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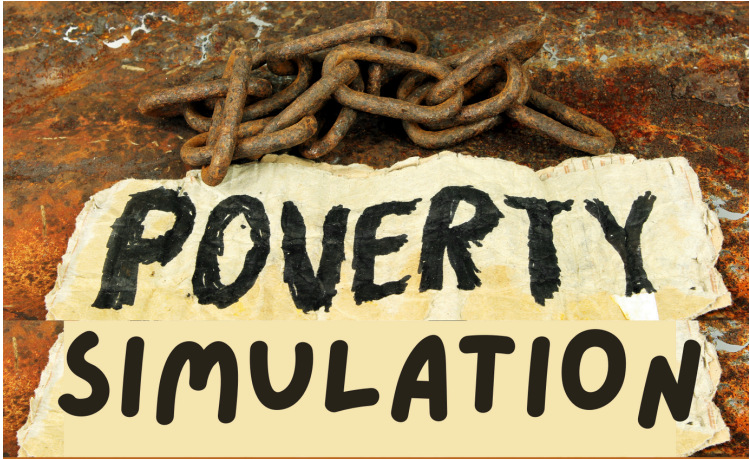
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Join us on Thursday, April 10, 2025  
The Lamplighter Restaurant in Delmont  
From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Watch for details in the Interact Newsletter  
Pre-registrations will be required and lunch  
will be provided



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At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Westmoreland their keynote speakers were members of the Jeannette High School Interact Club who they sponsored for RYLA at Outdoor Odyssey this past summer. They presented a PowerPoint entitled "Growth Through Adventure".



This year's Interact Awards invite Interact clubs to share your favorite service project! Make a video, take photos, or write an essay to show us and the world how to do your service project from start to finish. Make sure to include:

1. Your planning process
2. Your service in action
3. How your project makes a difference in the community

Submit your club's nomination by 2 December for a chance to have it named best video, best photo, or best essay and receive funds to support your Interact club's next project!

**Pictures and articles  
for the November  
newsletter  
are due on or before  
October 26.**

**Info can be emailed to  
[mbarnhar@verizon.net](mailto:mbarnhar@verizon.net)**