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NOVEMBER UPDATE

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To the Interact and Rotary clubs of District 7980:

November has been a busy month for Interact in our district! We kicked off the month with our Fall RYLA leadership conference at Camp Hazen YMCA in Chester! This was the largest Fall RYLA in our district's history, with Interactors hailing from Ridgefield to Colchester! Neighboring clubs have also made an effort this month to support each other's projects! Neighboring Interactors came out to support Guilford Interact's Pasta Night, New Haven Rotaract's 5k Road Race & Pancake Breakfast, and Trumbull Rotary's Fall Clean-Up! Inter-club communication is on the rise, and we hope to build upon this at ***next month's Interact Council of Presidents (ICoP's) meeting on December 7th*** in Southbury (details below).

See you there!

Ron, Anthony, Danny, and Cayman

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MEET THE TEAM:



Ron Webb, PAG

Interact District Chairperson
Tribury Rotary Club



Anthony Masi

Interact District Representative
Trumbull HS Interact Club

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1. **INTERACT COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS: 12/7/14**
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RYLA Fall 2014, Chester, CT

Danny Lee

New Clubs Chairperson
East Hampton HS Interact Club



Cayman Brown

Social Media Chairperson
Daniel Hand HS Interact Club

CALLING ALL INTERACT CLUBS:



INTERACT COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

WHEN:

Sunday, December 7, 2014
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

WHERE:

Pomperaug High School
234 Judd Rd., Southbury, CT
06488

RSVP:

[CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP for the meeting.



The **Interact Council of Presidents (ICoP's)** consists of every Interact club officer, faculty adviser, and Rotarian adviser in District 7980. This council meets bimonthly to collaborate at the district level and enhance the Interact program as a whole. Clubs are encouraged to send representatives to every meeting.

FEATURED PRESENTERS:

- Pomperaug Interact Club
- InterAction (winning RYLA)

The main objective of ICoP's is to learn from others and work together to run stronger Interact clubs. ICoP's meetings are a great

Challenge Project)



venue to test project ideas, consult other club leaders, and launch multi-club initiatives.

FAQ:

Do I need to be a president to attend ICoP's?

No! All officers, faculty advisers, and Rotarian liaisons are automatically members of ICoP's and encouraged to attend. All middle school, high school, and community Interact clubs should participate in ICoP's. Prospective officers and advisers of new clubs are also invited to attend.

How many people can my club send?

Your club may send as many representatives as it would like. The more the merrier!

Is there a cost to attend ICoP's?

Nope! ICoP's is a free conference. Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

For more information about ICoP's, please [visit our website](#).

CHANGES TO ICoP's for 2014-15:

The Interact D7980 Executive Committee has redesigned the Interact Council of Presidents in response to feedback from officers at the March 2014 meeting. ICoP's meetings will now be co-hosted by Interact clubs and the Interact Executive Committee. Host clubs are responsible for securing a venue in their community and giving a presentation at the meeting. This model not only allows for meeting venues to rotate (to vary driving distances), but also provides Interactors with increased leadership opportunity within the district. The Pomperaug High School Interact club will be the first club to host an ICoP's meeting on December 7, 2014. We can't wait to see you there!

If your club is interested in hosting a future ICoP's meeting, please [click here](#) (and scroll down on the page to ICoP's).

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL'S INTERACT VIDEO CONTEST

Last spring, your Interact club may have participated in our district's video contest. Well, this contest is the real deal, sponsored by Rotary International itself. Enter this contest to

win \$500 for your next project and international recognition.



Contest Deadline: December 1, 2014
For full contest details, please [click here](#).

Did you know Rotary International recommends finding 15 members before chartering an Interact club?

It's important that active clubs maintain a membership of at least 15 people.

More Interactors. More possibilities.

TIP: Market your next meeting as a "Bring a Friend Day." Center the meeting around a project and provide snacks. Service gets a bad rap for being boring - now's your chance to prove your friends wrong, and hopefully grow your club!



FEATURED CLUBS:



3 CLUBS, 1 TEAM

FAIRFIELD WARDE HS, MASUK HS, & TRUMBULL HS

Three Interact clubs from Area 4 joined forces on Saturday, November 15th to partake in Trumbull Rotary's annual Fall Clean-Up. Despite the cold weather, these Interactors came together to rake leaves for an elderly community member. With more than 15 volunteers between the three clubs, this massive undertaking was completed in less than 2 hours! Trumbull Rotary took care of 16 properties in all, with the help of many other community members. Thank you to everyone who participated in this project and provided the rakes, tarps, and leaf blowers necessary to get the job done!

Written by Anthony Masi, Co-President of the Interact Club of Trumbull

BRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NATALIE HANNABURY

This year Branford High School's chapter of Interact made it their priority to be more active in the local community. We decided to hold a food drive benefiting our town's food bank. We reached out to them to see what they needed most and then reached out to our community for help in fulfilling these needs. Our local Rotary chapter helped spread the word and with the help of many generous individuals collected food and monetary donations outside a grocery store. We ended up filling two cars and raised over \$300, all of which went to the food bank. We are so thankful for everyone's donations and the help of our Rotarians.



PASTA NIGHT SUCCESS!

GUILFORD HS INTERACT CLUB

This was by far our most successful year for our 7th annual Interact Club Pasta Dinner. We would like to give a huge thank you to our catering crew at Bell Amici's for making all this possible. Also, to the Guilford Rotary Club for their full support throughout the process. The devotion of all our members in the Guilford High School Interact Club made the Pasta Night run as smoothly as ever. Every member had a role to play in making the night more enjoyable, and letting us focus on what it is all about, lending a helping hand. All proceeds went to the Guilford Food Bank; this year we received a new record of approximately \$1,500. Thank you to all of those who came out and supported our school and community.

Written by Chris Rogers, Vice President of the Interact Club of Guilford High School.

BACON ACADEMY

A MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT URMİ THAKER

Over the years, Bacon Academy Interact Club has fundraised for Haitian Health Foundation, Nothing But Nets, Omega House through school oriented movie nights and pancake breakfasts. Just on November 7th, we held a pancake breakfast to raise money for Kiva. This organization provides loans (minimum of \$25) to anyone who is looking to start their business around the World. Not only this but we had a class coin war last year for the Philippines, and we plan to do something similar for the food bank. We have learned that giving a little competition to classes gives high results. Some small activities that we have also done have gone a long way in creating smiles are, our annual thank-you cards for soldiers and tissue paper flowers for seniors. Around

Christmas, we also have a party where each member contributes about a dozen cookies. We divide some into individual platters to be sent to the food bank, and enjoy the rest. In the near future, we hope to fundraise for the Special Olympics and the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. If there is any event that BA Interact can help you with, please contact Urmi Thaker at uthak1525@gmail.com.

D7980 INTERACT CLUB BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Birthdays (Organized Officially by RI)

- **NOVEMBER 1, 1993:** Daniel Hand High School, MADISON
- **NOVEMBER 1, 1993:** New Canaan High School, NEW CANAAN
- **NOVEMBER 5, 2010:** Metropolitan Business Academy, NEW HAVEN
- **NOVEMBER 22, 2010:** Academy of Information Technology and Engineering, STAMFORD
- **NOVEMBER 30, 1994:** 20 YEARS! East Hampton High School, EAST HAMPTON

Anniversaries (of Club Charters)

- **NOVEMBER 1, 1993:** Daniel Hand High School, MADISON
- **NOVEMBER 1, 1993:** New Canaan High School, NEW CANAAN
- **NOVEMBER 1, 1997:** Old Saybrook High School, OLD SAYBROOK
- **NOVEMBER 1, 1999:** Derby High School, DERBY
- **NOVEMBER 1, 2012:** North Branford Intermediate School, NORTH BRANFORD
- **NOVEMBER 24, 2008:** Mercy High School, MIDDLETOWN
- **NOVEMBER 29, 2012:** Mark T. Sheehan High School, WALLINGFORD
- **NOVEMBER 30, 1994:** 20 YEARS! East Hampton High School, EAST HAMPTON

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