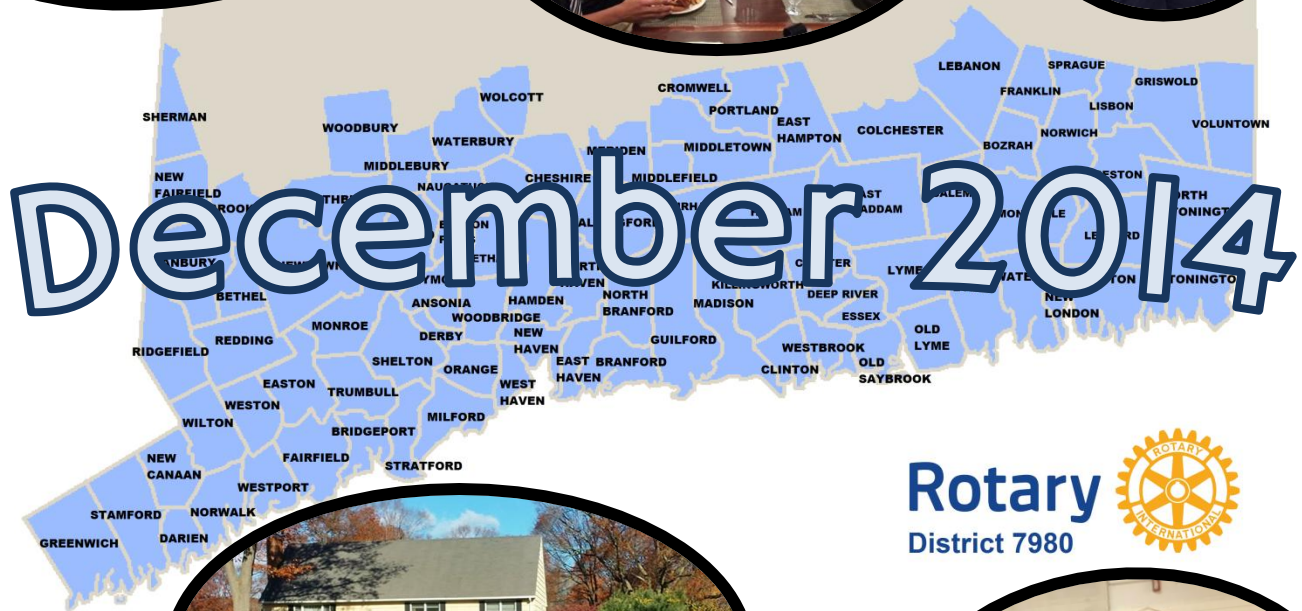


# ICOP's



# December 2014

Rotary  
District 7980





# IC P's **AGENDA:**

- 11:00 am Introductions / What is ICoP's?
- 11:10 am *FEATURED PRESENTATION:* Interact Club of Pomperaug High School (ICoP's Host Club)
- 11:25 am Breakout Exercise
- 12:00 pm *FEATURED PRESENTATION:* Interaction (Winning RYLA Challenge Project Fall 2014)
- 12:15 pm Next Generations Conference
- 12:30 pm District Interact Announcements
  - Club Information Update
  - District Citations
  - Rotary International Presidential Citation
  - Present World Interact Week Award

## What is ICoP's?

The Interact Council of Presidents (ICoP's) is a committee of Interact club officers and advisers that convenes bimonthly to strengthen the Interact program in Rotary District 7980. ICoP's meetings are great venues to test project ideas, consult other club leaders, and launch multi-club initiatives. ICoP's meetings are co-hosted by an Interact club and the Interact Executive Committee. Featured presenters share information, ideas, and projects, which representatives can then bring back to their respective Interact club. Every Interact club officer and adviser is a member of ICoP's. They are encouraged to attend the bimonthly meetings, which will rotate venues throughout the district.



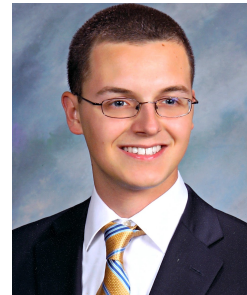
ROTARY DISTRICT 7980  
**INTERACT COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS**  
DECEMBER 7, 2014  
POMPERAUG HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTHBURY, CONN.

## Interact District 7980 Executive Committee



**RON WEBB**

Interact District Chairperson  
Rotary Club of  
Woodbury-Southbury-Middlebury



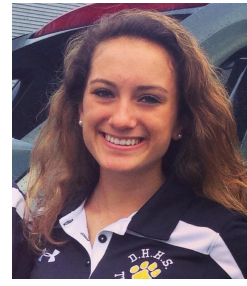
**ANTHONY MASI**

Interact District Representative  
Interact Club of Trumbull



**DANNY LEE**

New Clubs Chairperson  
Interact Club of East Hampton High  
School



**CAYMAN BROWN**

Social Media Chairperson  
Interact Club of Daniel Hand High  
School



**MOLLY BENTLEY**

Administrative Assistant  
Interact Club of East Hampton High  
School

### **What is the Interact Executive Committee?**

The Interact Executive Committee is responsible for overseeing the Interact program in Rotary District 7980. This includes creating new Interact clubs, planning district-wide events, and improving inter-club communication. The Interact Executive Committee hosts Interact Assemblies, the District 7980 Interact Video Contest, and award Interact Club Citations to deserving clubs. The executive committee also oversees the Interact Council of Presidents.



# Stay Connected!

## District 7980 Youth Service Website:

<http://www.rotaryyouthservices7980.com/>

- There are dedicated pages for Interact, RYLA, Next Generations, Youth Exchange, and other programs of interest.
- There is a page for Interact club officers and advisers, where information is posted frequently.
- There is a club directory and interactive map to identify contacts at neighboring Interact clubs.
- The RSVP and registration forms for all Youth Service events are found on this website.

## Interact District Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/interact7980/>

- All Interactors are encouraged to join this group!
- Clubs are encouraged to share photos and events with other Interact clubs. Publicize your events, and others will support you.
- If you are short-handed for a volunteer project, don't be afraid to ask for some help from a nearby club!
- The district officers frequently post Interact District 7980 information and announcements in the group.

## Monthly Newsletters

email [InteractClubsD7980@gmail.com](mailto:InteractClubsD7980@gmail.com) to subscribe

- On the 15th of every month, the Interact District will send an e-newsletter to keep all 50+ clubs informed. We feature several clubs in our newsletter each month. Email [InteractClubsD7980@gmail.com](mailto:InteractClubsD7980@gmail.com) if you would like to be featured in the newsletter.
- There is also a monthly Youth Service e-newsletter sent at the beginning of each month. It contains announcements and information for all Rotary Youth Service programs and upcoming events.
- Cloud 7980, our replacement for the Chalkboard, will be published seasonally to recap progress in all Youth Service programs over the preceding months.






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## Ewald

- Volunteers sell tickets
- Ball throwing contest
- Jimmy Fund

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## Holiday Bear

- Sponsored by CT Education Foundation
- Groups collect presents (4 students/staff)
- Profile of students to sponsor
- Given to underprivileged kids at Hopeville Elementary School in Waterbury
- Success: Donated to 15 Children

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## Duck Race

- Volunteers sell tickets
- Funds go to Interact and Naugatuck Chamber of Commerce
- Interact Funds donated to Special Olympics (2013)
  - Thank a Soldier & Special Olympics (2014)




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## Special Olympics



**Special Olympics**

- Car Show
- Bowling Tournament
- Freshmen Orientation Dance Donations




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## Homecoming Food Drive



- Hunger Awareness Month: Wear Orange
- Publicized to student body, sports teams, and public
- Interact volunteers placed at entrances to game
- Reward donors
- Food Bucket Challenge

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## Veteran's Flags

- Students lined driveway of our school with flags before school on Veteran's Day.
- Reminded everyone to take a minute and thank those who served.



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## Veteran's Wall

- Students construct the wall to honor those who have served our country
- Spreads awareness of the veteran's service within our school community
- Expresses our gratitude for the service done by current and previous soldiers



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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7980  
INTERACT COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS  
DECEMBER 7, 2014

## BREAKOUT GROUP ACTIVITY:

### Scenario:

It is mid December and your Interact club continues to experience declining membership. Last year, many of your club's dedicated members were high school seniors, and have since graduated. This year, your club's membership consists of 2 sophomores, 4 juniors, and 2 seniors. Due to a miscommunication, your Interact club missed the deadline to reserve a table at your school's club fair. No freshmen have expressed interest in joining your club. The school administration, who pays a stipend to your faculty adviser, has taken notice of your Interact club's declining membership. In a meeting with the faculty adviser and the club president, the administration has threatened to shut down the club unless it attracts 10 new members in the next two months and differentiates itself from the Key Club at your school.

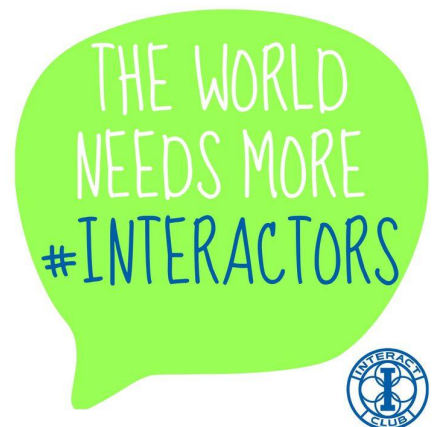
### Task:

You will organize evenly into breakout groups and form your own Interact club for this activity. You will have 25 minutes to develop:

1. A detailed strategy to increase club membership,
2. A two minute presentation with the purpose of convincing school administrators to keep the Interact club.

Be sure to:

- outline specific goals and timeframes
- establish benchmarks to evaluate the completion of these goals
- address the specific concerns of school administrators
- identify resources your Interact club will utilize to increase membership
- identify methods of retaining members and promoting sustainable club growth



Your Interact club will construct a poster and give a 2 minute presentation to the group outlining your plan. Be creative, and use your past experiences to guide your thinking.



# NEXT GENERATIONS



*Engage in collaboration*

*Build a support network*

*We will investigate  
the following topics:*

Sex  
Self  
Drugs & Alcohol  
Communications & Technology  
Sexuality

**Who:** Grades 9 to 12

**When:** February 28, 2015

**Where:** Choate Rosemary  
Wallingford, CT

**From:** 9 AM to 5 PM

**How:** Apply at:

[http://rotaryyouthservices7980.com/next-generations/  
registration/](http://rotaryyouthservices7980.com/next-generations/registration/)

**Cost:** \$35 (please refer to our *About* page to learn more about the process)

Parent, Advisor & Rotarian Session begins  
at approximately 3:30 PM

Questions? Please email T.J. McMahon at [tj\\_mcmahon@yahoo.com](mailto:tj_mcmahon@yahoo.com)

Sponsorship concerns? Please email Dave Ullman at [dju430@aol.com](mailto:dju430@aol.com)

*"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."*

– John F. Kennedy

CHANGE THE NORM







## QUICK TIPS FOR MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

\* Your ability to hold on to current club members and bring in new ones is essential to your club's success. To keep members coming back, involve them in club activities and encourage them to take on club leadership roles. To help your club grow, bring in members with special interests and abilities who are enthusiastic about the social and service aspects of Interact. \*

Consider these suggestions for maintaining a strong, committed membership:

**Set goals.** Set membership goals and encourage all club members to work to meet them. For example, challenge members to bring in one new Interactor each year, and offer an award or prize to the member who recruits the most new members.

**Keep current members.** Keeping active club members is just as important as gaining new ones. With a large number of enthusiastic, dedicated members, your club will be better able to carry out successful service projects and attract new members.



## MEMBERSHIP

### STRATEGIES FOR INVOLVING NEW MEMBERS

- Hold a special meeting or event to welcome and celebrate new club members.
- Explain the opportunities and benefits that come with Interact membership. Members who understand Interact and its purpose are more likely to remain active in the club.
- Ask experienced Interactors to "adopt" new members and make them feel welcome.

### STRATEGIES FOR INVOLVING ESTABLISHED MEMBERS

- Assign committee responsibilities to veteran member to let them know they're important to the club.
- Recognize club members who dedicate extra time to service projects.
- Maintain a good age and gender balance. Different points of view contribute to a richer Interact experience.
- Get feedback from members on the types of meetings, activities, and projects ***they enjoy***.



- Plan social events to bring members closer together.
- Monitor attendance to ensure everyone comes to at least 60 percent of the club's meetings. Members with high attendance are the most likely to stay involved.
- Keep members informed through a club newsletter, distributed either in print or electronically. Mention service projects and fundraising efforts, news from Rotary International, Interact club leadership reports, a brief summary of club meetings, and sponsor Rotary club activities that may interest Interactors. Include the name and address of the Interact club, its meeting time and place, the name of the sponsor Rotary club, and the Rotary district number in your newsletter.

Make a difference in 2011! **Join the ANSHS Interact Club!**

Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 12 to 18. The ANSHS Interact Club is sponsored and guided by the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos, but it is self-governing and self-supporting.

Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of:

- >> Developing leadership skills and personal integrity
- >> Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others
- >> Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work
- >> Advancing international understanding and goodwill

For more info, please see Jesson Gadiano or Jenny Latoja

## BRINGING IN NEW MEMBERS

*-Let them know we are here!-*

- Emphasize the club's service efforts and successes, the internationality of Interact, and the opportunity for members to take on leadership roles while having fun and making new friends.
- Publicize your club's activities in the school newspaper and local media.
- Invite potential members to participate in a service project or attend a club meeting so that they see Interact in action.
- Develop a club web site (facebook) where potential members can learn about Interact club projects and find out how to join. Ask you school to include a link to your club's site on its web site.
- Arrange for Interact displays at local libraries, coffee shops, community centers, or anywhere else youth gather.

**GET IN  
TOUCH  
WITH YOUR  
ROTARY  
CLUB!!!**



## REPORT CLUB CONTACTS

### REPORTING CLUB INFORMATION

- By **February 1, 2015**, every Interact club should report the **2015-2016** contact information for their:
  - Officers
  - Faculty / Community Advisers
  - Rotarian Advisers
- Information can be submitted online at:  
<http://rotaryyouthservices7980.com/interact-club-info-update-form/>



REPORTING CLUB INFORMATION

Interact Club Information Update Form

rotaryyouthservices7980.com/interact-club-info-update-form/

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Interact Club

Interact Club Information Update Form

Please use this form to update your Interact club's information for both District 7980 and Rotary International. This is required for your club to remain in good standing. Be mindful of selecting the appropriate term for the information you input.

Title \*

Interact Club President

Interact Club Officer

Rotary Club Adviser/ Liaison

School or Community Adviser

Search

Upcoming Events

1. Youth Exchange Short Term Application window opens

December 1, 2014 @ 1:00 am - March 16, 2015 @ 11:00 pm

2. ICoP's (Interact Council of Presidents) Meeting

December 7 @ 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

3. Youth Exchange Outbound Orientation

REPORTING CLUB INFORMATION

Select the appropriate term:

Term \*

2014 - 2015

2014 - 2015

2015 - 2016

2016 - 2017

Below is invalid. If your club information changes before the selected term concludes, please submit this form again with the updated information.

Modify the pre-filled template to accurately report club leadership:

Club Leadership Update: \*

FACULTY ADVISER

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

ROTARIAN ADVISER

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

Club Leadership Update: \*

FACULTY ADVISER #1

First Name: Jane

Last Name: Smith

Email: janesmith@example.com

FACULTY ADVISER #2

First Name: Mary

Last Name: Wilcox

Email: marywilcox@example.com

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INTERACT COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

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# 2014-15 ROTARY DISTRICT 7980 CITATIONS FOR INTERACT CLUBS

Every year, Rotary International District 7980 issues citations to deserving Interact clubs to recognize their achievements and efforts over the past year. Achieving a district citation reflects an Interact club's ability to represent the local and international communities of Rotary, work together with their sponsoring Rotary club(s), and engage their members at the district level. The three district citations offered by Rotary International District 7980 are summarized below. The specific criteria for each citation is outlined on the back of the sheet.

1. **The Interact Citation (level 1, 5 criteria):** is awarded to Interact clubs that meet the minimum requirements set forth by the Interact District 7980 Executive Committee.
2. **The Youth Service Citation (level 2, 8 criteria):** is awarded to Interact clubs that complete the minimum requirements, as well as involve themselves in other programs listed under Rotary's fifth Avenue of Service (Youth Service).
3. **The District Governor's Citation (level 3, 12 criteria):** is awarded to Interact clubs that not only complete the minimum requirements and involve themselves in Youth Service programs, but also go above and beyond in representing the local and international communities of Rotary.

Use the back of this sheet to plan and report Interact accomplishments for the 2014-15 Rotary year. An Interact club is eligible for a district citation if they have fulfilled every requirement for that citation. All activities must be completed between July 1, 2014, and March 31, 2015.

To apply for a district citation, the qualifying Interact club should have the bottom of this sheet signed by their Interact club president, Interact club adviser, and sponsoring Rotary club president(s). The signed form should then be scanned and emailed to [InteractClubsD7980@gmail.com](mailto:InteractClubsD7980@gmail.com) no later than **Tuesday, March 31, 2015**.

## DISTRICT CITATION APPLICATION FORM

Name of Applicant Interact Club: **Interact Club of**

Please select the **highest level** citation your club has qualified for (select 1):

- ☐ **Interact Citation (level 1)**  
☐ **Youth Service Citation (level 2)**  
☐ **District Governor's Citation (level 3)**

**Signatures:** *By signing this form, I affirm that my Interact club has fulfilled every requirement for the citation denoted above:*

Interact Club President(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Interact Club Adviser(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Rotary Club President(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# 2015 INTERACT DISTRICT CITATIONS CRITERIA CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to track your Interact club's progress towards earning a citation. Once all requirements for a citation are fulfilled, please submit a signed District Citation Application Form to [InteractClubsD7980@gmail.com](mailto:InteractClubsD7980@gmail.com). Applications are due no later than March 31, 2015.

## CITATION CRITERIA

All activities must be completed between July 1, 2014 and March 31, 2015.

	INTERACT CITATION	YOUTH SERVICE CITATION	DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CITATION
<b>1</b> Hold regular, full-club meetings at least twice per month.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2</b> Identify and report Interact club officers for the 2015-2016 year to the Interact Executive Committee no later than February 1, 2015.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3</b> Carry out a school or community service project/ fundraiser to support one of Rotary's six areas of focus.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4</b> Engage your club at the district level of Interact by sending members to at least two Interact District functions (including Interact District Assemblies, and/or CoP's)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5</b> Collaborate with your sponsoring Rotary club(s) on at least one project and have your Interact club officers attend at least one Rotary club meeting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>6</b> Send club members to Rotary leadership conferences, such as Next Generations and/or RYLA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>7</b> Participate in the Rotary District 7980 Interact-Rotaract joint service project.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>8</b> Introduce your members to other Youth Service opportunities (like RYLA, Next Generations, and Rotaract) through a presentation by a past participant.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>9</b> Educate others about Interact by offering a presentation to a Rotary club, school, or other community organization currently without an Interact club.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>10</b> Participate in at least one activity that promotes international understanding.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>11</b> Organize a joint project with another Early Act, Interact, and/or Rotaract club.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>12</b> Organize a joint project with one of Rotary's partners, like the Boy Scouts of America.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



# 2014-15 PRESIDENTIAL CITATION FOR INTERACT CLUBS

How does your Interact club make a difference? Use this form to plan and report Interact accomplishments for the 2014-15 Rotary year. To qualify for the Presidential Citation, Interact clubs must carry out activities, listed below, in order to score at least **35 points**. All activities must be completed between 1 July 2014 and 31 March 2015.

In addition, the Interact club must have an active status with Rotary International. Before completing this form, the president of the sponsor Rotary club must confirm that status by checking the New Generations Clubs report in Rotary Club Central. The president then signs the form to certify the Interact club's achievements and sends it to the district governor, who must receive it by 31 March 2015. **This form should not be sent to Rotary International, as it will not be processed.**

District governors must report the names of the qualifying Interact clubs in their districts through [My Rotary](#) by 15 April 2015.

## ACTIVITIES

- ☐ Participate in a local or district Rotary Day event (consult the *Rotary Days* brochure for information) or other Rotary event. **(15 points)**
- ☐ Participate in at least one activity that promotes international understanding. **(15 points)**
- ☐ Introduce your members to other Rotary opportunities for young leaders, such as [RYLA](#), [Youth Exchange](#), or [Rotaract](#). **(10 points)**
- ☐ Participate in a fundraiser to support polio eradication. **(10 points)**
- ☐ Submit a video for the [Interact Video Contest](#). **(10 points)**
- ☐ Participate in a school or community service project or fundraiser to support one of [Rotary's areas of focus](#). **(10 points)**
- ☐ Collaborate with one of Rotary's service partners, such as [YSA](#). **(5 points)**
- ☐ Participate in a career day or mentoring activity. **(5 points)**
- ☐ Recommend an outbound Interactor who then joins a Rotaract club. **(10 points)**

Total number of points \_\_\_\_\_ (minimum of 35 points to qualify)

Interact club \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Rotary club \_\_\_\_\_

*I have confirmed that this Interact club has an active status with Rotary International. I understand that a club must have an active status in order to qualify for the Presidential Citation for Interact Clubs.*

Signature of sponsor Rotary club president \_\_\_\_\_