

## Youth Development Program: Interact

Interact is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young people ages 14-18. The program gives young people an opportunity to participate in fun, meaningful service projects while developing leadership skills and meeting new friends.

### **Through service activities, Interactors learn the importance of:**

...Developing leadership skills and personal integrity;  
...Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others; and  
...Advancing international understanding and goodwill.

### **Program Guidelines**

- Each Interact club must perform at least two service projects a year — one that benefits the school or community and one that furthers international understanding.
- Each Interact club must have a Rotarian advisor who is a member of the sponsoring Rotary club. This resource person must attend Interact club and board meetings and provide advice on organizing service projects, fundraising, and club administration. The Rotarian advisor also acts as a liaison between the Interact club and the sponsoring Rotary club.
- An Interact club can be school-based or community-based. A community-based Interact club may draw members from several different schools within the territorial limits of the sponsoring Rotary club. The Rotarian advisor must attend every meeting of a community-based club. A school-based club is subject to the policies and regulations governing all other organizations of that particular school. In most instances, a faculty counselor — who may or may not be a Rotarian — is appointed to work with the Interactors. In the case of a school-based club, the Rotarian advisor is only required to attend the Interact club's board meetings.
- The Interact constitution requires clubs to meet at least twice a month. To remain eligible for membership, Interactors must attend 60 percent or more of regularly scheduled meetings.
- Interact clubs are self-supporting organizations that require little or no financial support from the sponsoring Rotary club.
- Dues, if any, should be minimal; money for projects and activities should be raised through club activities.
- Each Interact club must submit an Incoming Officer Data Form and an Interact Project Data Form to RI annually. Download forms.
- An Interact club is not allowed to merge with any other organization.

