



The INTERACTER

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Edison Interactors at the Stockton All City Rotary Luncheon

African Crafts



Davis High School Interact and our friends from Africa are working to bring crafts from Kisumu, Kenya to our district where they will sell them on an on-going basis.

ADVISORS CORNER:

Did you know...?

Interact MUST have 1 Board Meeting monthly and a Rotarian MUST be in attendance?

Interact MUST meet a minimum of twice per calendar month?

Each club must complete a minimum of 1 International & I Community Service Project Annually?

Information for The INTERACTER is due the last Saturday of each month?

Clubs must be financially self-sufficient? Interact Clubs cannot solicit donations without and exchange of good or services?

Institute for Global Commerce and Government Interact Club

IGCC Interact had a series of events this year but a main one is their Old Folks home volunteering where there we read, talk, and play games like bingo and 21 with the residents.



Volunteer Services

They have also been doing things such as pumpkin carving contests where kids buy a pumpkin and carve it and the winner gets a prize; this was to raise money for Project Hope (Kenya).

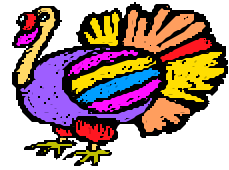


IGCC Interact has also been doing things such as organizing a park clean up group to go out in the community and clean our city parks.

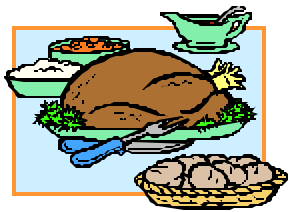


At the moment IGCC is looking for other Interact Clubs to get together with to hope fully plan a fun day and to learn from each other.

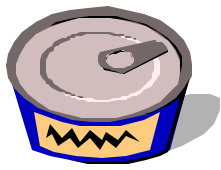
YOSEMITE HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT



Yosemite members served 115 seniors an early Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. Members assisted Oakhurst Sierra Rotary with this annual event. Interactors arrived with the dozen turkeys that were baked at Yosemite High School for this special meal. The van smelled yummy!



Yosemite High School Interact members will be holding their annual scavenger hunt for food for needy families on December 8th. Driving will be Rotarians from both local clubs. Members will also be bringing toys to donate to Manna House



LODI INTERACT



Lodi Adopt a Child- Supporting this organization which; provides gifts and food to families at Christmas has become an important event for Lodi High School Interact. Interactors help by donating to families and gift-wrapping presents. They also participate in the Lodi Light Parade by building a float for Adopt a Child.



Kids Can: Lodi Interact Sponsors the school-wide food drive currently underway. Last year 10,000 cans were collected and donated to the Lodi Salvation Army.



Lodi House: A women & children's shelter in Lodi. Interact volunteers twice weekly to sort and house their donation center. Interact donated 15 plastic tubs and had a workday to sort and organize an entire garage full of clothes, shoes and household items so that house occupants could find what they needed easily. This is an ongoing project this year.

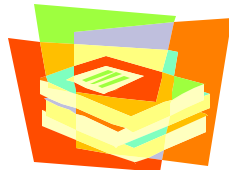
EDISON HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT



Edison Interact is pleased to report that 20 students worked on playground equipment last weekend in preparation for their trip to Mexicali in April. The students worked so hard that they finished most of the scrapping and painting.



On the 25th we will complete a warm clothes drive for the Gospel Rescue Mission.



We are collecting children's book for a December project.



Students continue to work on their eyeglass cleaning and grading process weekly after school.

MADERA INTERACT



Madera Interact members will be serving at Trees For Charity as well as handling the coat check for the evening. Trees for Charity is sponsored by Madera Sunrise Rotary and is the major Christmas season kickoff in Madera.



Madera Interact will be decorating a tree for Trees for Charity. They have collected ornaments from Interact clubs from throughout the world. Someone will be proud to own the tree and all the ornaments as they are auctioned off on December 6th.



Madera Interact prepares to start work on the Ensenada Mexico 21st annual World Community Service project. The first workday will be January 3 at the Bitter Ranch. Traveler signups will be collected in January. Madera Advisors made their annual November trip to Ensenada to review the work sites. They announce that they are excited and pleased about the sites chosen for them by their friends from Ensenada Rotary.

ESCALON INTERACT



Final results from Trick or Treat for Halloween showed \$320 collected by 15 participating students in a little over an hour.

Blood Drive at Escalon High on November 17 netted 47 pints of blood, mostly from first-time donors. Interactors coordinated all of the sign-ups, reminders, and monitoring during the day.

A second drive is planned for March 29.

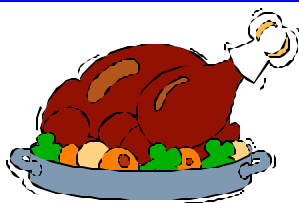


Interactors are participating in the Escalon Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner by helping to set up tables and chairs today and serving on Thanksgiving Day. There will be about 8 students participating in each activity.

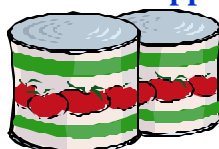


Upcoming planned Christmas activities include working with the Escalon Sunrise Rotary Club in Christmas Caroling for senior citizens and helping with Christmas baskets for needy families, Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army, and a possible community food drive.

ATWATER INTERACT



-Gathering and giving 50 Thanksgiving dinners to needy families (dinner included 1 big box of main food, 1 bag of goodies, and 1 bag of toiletries and kitchen supplies)



-Trick or treating for canned goods (canned food went towards the Thanksgiving dinners).



-Earning \$2,000+ through estate sales and generous donations from County Bank.

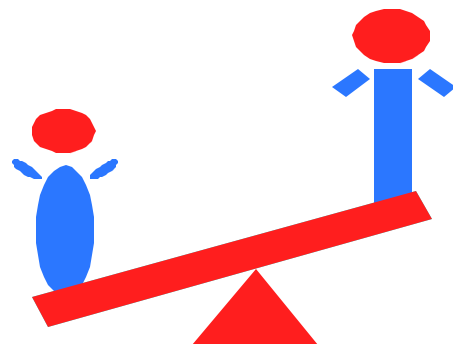
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-Quadrupling the number of active members!!! YEAH!!!



Atwater Interact would like to thank Atwater Rotary, County Bank, Save Mart, and Foster Farms for all their generosity and support!!

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS



If you know of playground equipment that is available for removal & eventual refurbishment and installation in Mexico... please contact

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OR

Susan Drake

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Thanks to EVERYONE who has helped us continue this fabulous 21-year-old tradition of sharing with our neighbors and teaching our youth.

Project HOPE

District 5220 Interactors will be completing a minimum of 150 shoeboxes filled with school supplies for the children of Agape Orphanage in Kenya.

There is a friendly competition going on between clubs to see who finishes the most boxes. Final count will be taken at District Conference 2004.

Supplies needed:

Empty shoeboxes

Paper (lined & unlined)

Pencils

Crayons

Scissors

Pens – Red/Blue/Red

Markers

Glue Sticks

Flash Cards (addition & multiplication)

Pencil Sharpeners

Paper Clips

Construction Paper

Calculator

Ruler

Protractor

Erasers

Stapler & staples

If you can help provide supplies contact your local Interact club or:

John Bliss

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GO INTERACT!!!



Lend a Hand

RI President Jonathan B. Majiyagbe has slated 15 Presidential Celebrations for the 2003-04 Rotary year to spotlight outstanding Rotary projects and initiatives in various parts of the world. During each one-day mini-conference, participants will have the opportunity to share their experiences and insights. Of special interest to all of us involved with INTERACT is the Interact/Youth Exchange Celebration in Tennessee, USA, on 13 March 2004.



For more information and contacts please visit the RI web site at <http://www.rotary.org/president/celebrations.html>



Hi! I'm Hallie Dyer. Interact District Representative of Rotary District 6780 in Tennessee, USA. I would like to personally extend to you an invitation to our 37th Annual Interact District Conference being held Friday, March 12 through Sunday, March 14, 2004 in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, USA. My fellow district officers and I are working hard to make this our best conference ever in special honor of Rotary International President Jonathan Maiiyagbe who will be our keynote speaker during Saturday night's banquet. We are also proud to be holding our Interact Conference in conjunction with Rotary's 2004 Presidential Celebration on Interact and Youth Exchange. I hope that you will plan to attend these events, and I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Thank you,
Hallie Dyer
District Representative,
District 6780

P.S. I have attached a PDF file containing more information about next year's Interact District Conference or you can visit our website at www.Rotary6780.net/Interact



2004 Conference
Flyer.pdf

AVAG By: Susan Drake

EDISON INTERACT had a speaker from the Auroville Village Action Group from India show a video on the very poor conditions in several villages and we are investigating the idea of adopting a village. Other clubs might be interested in this project.

Auroville Village Action Group (AVAG) is a voluntary organization of Indian and Western social workers working with local village people who are committed to developing their community organization as they develop their village facilities. AVAG is working with about 75 villages around the International township of Auroville in South India.

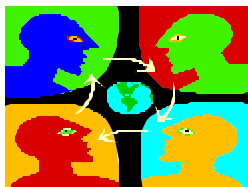
Over the years of colonization and urbanization, Indian villages have lost their traditional governance structure, as all the leading groups have left for the cities. AVAG has been helping the people of the villages to organize themselves into Women's Clubs, Men's Clubs, Parent-Teacher Associations, and eventually combined into Village Councils, which take up projects to improve their villages. In so doing, the villagers are also training themselves in the skills of civil society.

You can help in this process by adopting a village.

For \$500 you can "adopt a village". We will write you by email informing you about the village you've adopted, tell you more about the method, and how it is proceeding in your particular village. Your contribution will enable AVAG to train and deploy the local young people to motivate and guide the new groups, and will finance village self-help projects, such as fixing rutted streets, repairing and whitewashing the school, or deepening the village well.

By working on these projects, the groups not only improve the village material infrastructure, they also develop a sense of their own development as individuals and as a group. They learn to work together for their village, and make a better place for themselves and their children.

Don't forget & spread the word...



January 21 –
Advisors Dinner
March 13 –
Presidential Celebration
for Interact/Youth -
Tennessee
March 17 –
Advisors Dinner
May 1&2 or May 15&16 –
District Conference
June 16 –
Advisor Dinner

Interact Handbooks

It's a fabulous resource that every advisor
AND
Every club officer
(Rotary & Interact)
should keep on hand.
Need a copy?
Check it out:
www.Rotary.org
Programs/Interact/Handbook

District Interact Officers

District Governor
Oscar Cantu
Lt. Governor
Duncan Mantooth
Secretary
Carli Stark
Treasurer
Jason Ingham



Hello everyone,

I'm Callie from Bigfork, MT. I'm the president of the Interact Club here at Bigfork High School, which we started in the fall of 2002. We are currently the only running Interact Club in the state of Montana, and we're trying to spread our ideas through out the state.

I received a packet that listed every Interact Club in the world from one of the board members from the Rotary Club here in Bigfork. Looking through it, I selected around 15 high schools from surrounding states, such as Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and California, as well as a few in Arizona and Texas. It absolutely blew my mind at how many Interact clubs there are in the U.S.A, especially California!

Being a new club here, we are very interested in what other Interact clubs are doing around the U.S, as well as the world! Right now we have around 30 members, which is awesome considering our very small high school.

My main goal for getting in contact with some Interact groups was to get some new ideas for projects as well as fundraisers, and maybe even share some of our progress stories. I hope I hear from all of you soon. Thank you,

Sincerely,
Callie

E-mail Addresses Wanted

If you receive this by snail mail, hand or fax and have access to Microsoft Word please send us your e-mail address. We are attempting to distribute this as economically as possible, and appreciate everyone participating in the process.

Please note we have many clubs (marked in RED) with incomplete profiles on hand. Please review this list and see if you can help us complete the contact and sponsor profiles. In addition, if your club shows a CHARTER PENDING, be sure to complete the proper paperwork ASAP.

- **Atwater Community Interact Club**
 - Rotary of Atwater
 - Advisor: Dick Templeton
 - swamijoe@aol.com
- **Bear Creek High School Interact Club**
 - Rotary Club of Stockton East
 - Advisor: John Goudreau
 - jgoudreau@stocktonchamber.org
- **Beyer High School Interact Club**
 - Rotary Club of Modesto North
 - Advisor: Randy Siefkin
 - RSIEFKIN@aol.com
- **Bret Harte Union High School Interact Club**
 - Rotary Club of Angels-Murphy
 - Advisor: Catherine Stelling
 - cstelling@bhuhd.k12.ca.us
- **Brookside Christian High School Interact Club**
 - Rotary Club of Stockton Sunrise
 - Advisor: Richard Rogers
 - bchsinteractclub@hotmail.com
- **Calaveras Union High School Interact Club**
 - Rotary Club of Arnold
 - Advisors: Jim Chambers & Kristy Moore
 - kristy@goldrush.com
- **Central Catholic High School Interact**
 - Rotary Club of Modesto
 - Advisor: Matt Yonker
 - yonker@cchscsca.org
- **Ceres High School Interact Club**
 - If you have information about this club please contact Kelly
- **Edison High School Interact Club**
 - Rotary Club of Stockton

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- Advisor: Susan Drake
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- **Elliott Christian High School Interact Club**
 - Rotary Club of Lodi
 - Advisor: Candy Payne
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- **Escalon High School Interact Club**
 - Rotary Club of Escalon
 - Advisor: Sally Mantooth
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- **Golden valley High School**
 - If you have information about this club please contact Kelly
- **Grace Davis High School Interact Club**
 - Rotary Club of Modesto Sunrise
 - Advisor: Pam Moreno
○ Moreno.P@monet.k12.ca.us
- **Gustine High School Interact Club**
 - If you have information about this club please contact Kelly
- **International Commerce & Global Government Interact Club**
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- **Johansen High School Interact Club**
 - Rotary Club of Modesto East
 - Advisor: Tom Weimer
○ twaimer@howkssystem.com
- **Lincoln High School Interact Club**
 - Rotary Club of North Stockton
 - Advisor: Mel Hansen
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- **Livingston Interact Club**
 - If you have information about this club please contact Kelly
- **Lodi High School Interact Club**
 - Rotary Club of Lodi Sunrise
 - Advisor: Lori Bryant
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- **Los Banos Community Interact Club**
 - Rotary Club of Los Banos
 - Advisor: Tony Whitehurst
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- **Madera Community Interact Club**
 - Rotary Club of Madera Sunrise
 - Advisor: Don Warnock
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- **Manteca Interact Club**
 - Rotary Club of Manteca
 - Rotary Club of Manteca Morning
 - Advisor: Tom Wilson
○ tom@mantecahomes.com
- **Mariposa Interact Club**
 - If you have information about this club please contact Kelly
- **-Merced Community Interact Club**
 - Rotary Club of Merced
 - Rotary Club of Merced North
 - Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise
 - Advisor: Darrell Cherf
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- **Modesto Christian High School Interact Club**
 - Rotary Club of Modesto
 - Advisor: Kathy Alvernaz
○ kbalvernaz@inreach.com
- **Modesto High School Interact Club**
 - Rotary Club of Modesto Gateway
 - Advisors: Matt Friedrich
○ matt@pc-intouch.com
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 - Rotary Club of Oakhurst Sierra Sunrise AND
 - Rotary Club of Oakhurst Sierra
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- **Orestimba High School Interact Club**
 - Rotary Club of Newman
 - Advisor: Susan Mattos
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- **Riverbank High School Interact Club**
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 - Rotary Club of Riverbank
 - Advisor: Roz Taulbee
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- **Sonora High School Interact Club**
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 - Advisor: Don Smith
○ jessmith@sonnet.com
- **Stagg High School Interact Club**
 - Rotary Club of Stockton Seaport

- Advisor: Peter Weller
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- **St. Mary's High School Interact Club**
 - Rotary Club of Stockton Delta
 - Advisor: Jim Paroli
- **Summersville High School Interact Club**
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 - Rotary Club of Lodi-Tokay
 - Advisor: Marty Weybret
○ martw@lodinews.com
- **Tracy High School Interact Club**
 - Rotary Club of Tracy
 - Advisor: Mark Humphries
- **Turlock High School Interact Club**
 - Rotary Club of Turlock
 - Advisor: Tina Bates
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- **Valley Business High School Interact**
 - Rotary Club of Modesto
 - Advisor: Jeff Scott
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