



# The INTERACTOR

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**WELCOME**  
**DOS PALOS INTERACT**  
Our newest club has been officially chartered!!! We excitedly welcome them into our Rotary Family.  
  
Sponsor: Rotary Club of Dos Palos  
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## ADVISORS CORNER:

It's that time again...  
Advisors Dinner is  
Wednesday  
January 21<sup>st</sup>  
Latif's  
Turlock  
Golden State Blvd.  
6:30 P.M.



Be there or be square.

## EDISON HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT



Edison Interact is busy preparing equipment destined for Mexicali.

Interact celebrated the season with a pizza holiday party. An Edison student showed a video he had made on a homeless teen living at the Rescue Mission. Students were interested in how long it took to make the video (2 weeks), how hard it was to do the interview (not hard he stated as he himself had once been homeless and lived at the Rescue Mission). Students had collected warm clothes to donate to the Rescue Mission and for some new needy students at Edison, held a book drive and continued to work on playground equipment.

Deputy City manager and Stockton Rotarian Johnny Ford joined in the celebrations and will return to talk to the students about his vocation and what's happening in Stockton.



The All-Stockton Rotary Thanksgiving lunch where the Edison Interact students joined the Rotarians.

## LINCOLN INTERACT

Check out their website:

[www.geocities.com/lincolninteract](http://www.geocities.com/lincolninteract)



You can find a list of their activities there as well as pictures. Some of our recent highlight activities:



- ❖ The Kids Can! Food Drive
- ❖ Adopt-A-Family for Thanksgiving and Christmas
- ❖ Caroling at Meadowood nursing home
- ❖ Serving food at St. Mary's Dinning Hall.

Good Job  
Lincoln.

**DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL  
INTERACT CLUB**

Davis was busy during the holidays adopting families and working with Modesto Sunrise Rotary with their Christmas Elves program.



Park Clean-Ups have continued to be a regular activity with Davis.

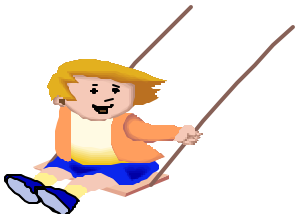
Selecting a new City Park each month has kept the activity new and fun.

Davis continues their monthly Convalescent Visits often playing games, bringing small gifts, or just chatting.

They are looking forward to joining Madera in Mexico this spring to build playgrounds in Ensenada. They will be busy putting a few workdays at Bitter Ranch.

**JOHANSEN HIGH SCHOOL  
INTERACT CLUB**

Canned Food Drives: collected over 2,000 cans and non-perishable food items and donated them to the Gospel Mission and the Redwood Family Center (which is a women's shelter in Modesto).



Recently, they built a swing set for the children staying at the Redwood Family Center. They also read to the young children and played games with them.

Christmas Caroling at the English Oaks Retirement Center brought tears of joy and good cheer to the residents as Interactors sang many of the resident's favorite Christmas songs.

Johansen has plans to help out more at the Redwood Family Center, planting a garden and they will prepare for the seedlings in the spring.

They are working on developing an eyeglass drive and may take on the school supply box drive for Project Hope in Kenya, Africa.



When the Weather gets warmer Johansen is planning a Beach Clean up Trip at Sunset Beach. Call Tim Herman for details: 209-499-4536

Mountain Mike's Pizza Fundraiser was a success; they made \$213 dollars in one night.

For Thanksgiving Johansen donated a turkey dinner to a needy family in the community. They had traditional pies, turkey, potatoes, and all the works for a great Thanksgiving Dinner.

For the holiday season they also went down to the Gospel Mission, a homeless shelter in Modesto, and served up a nice holiday meal.

Johansen also participated in these events: The Great American Clean Up, Trick or Treat for Cans, and for the vocational month of November the club had paramedics from the EMT Ambulance speak at our meeting about their career and how they help people everyday at their job.

**ESCALON INTERACT**

Escalon continues their efforts of eyeglass cleaning project at Riverbank Rotarian Brian Elliott's office

They had a Rake-and-Run cleaning up leaves on lawns at houses near the high school.



Escalon held a community canned food drive to help stock the Escalon Food Bank for the holidays.

They started visits to Country Manor, an assisted care facility in Escalon, in which Interactors visited the residents and provided a Christmas gift of candies

Escalon Interactors went Christmas caroling for senior citizens with the Escalon Sunrise Rotary Club



They have also been found helping with Christmas baskets with Escalon Sunrise Rotary Club, including supplying gifts for children in the families getting baskets

*Special Note:*

In two of the activities (food drive and baskets), Escalon had participants from Community Bridge Builders, a new organization in the Escalon-Riverbank-Oakdale area designed to help young adults with disabilities and we are hoping to expand these connections into a partnership in which young adults connected with the program participate in community service activities with our club.

## MADERA INTERACT

Madera Interact is getting ready to elect their club President for 2004-2005... Have you held your elections yet???



Madera Interact has very busy weekends planned for the next several months. They will be working on their 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Playgrounds for Mexico project. Every Saturday & Sunday (except Super Bowl) now thru March, Interactors and Rotarians will be out in force refurbishing the old playground equipment bound for our neighbors in the south. The actual trip to Mexico will be April 5-8, 2004. All interested in helping to refurbish are welcome to the Bitter Ranch for workdays.



## DISTRICT 5220 INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS



District 5220 Interactors have been providing wonderful refurbished playgrounds to various communities of Mexico for over 20 years. It is a tradition worth keeping. Please offer your support.

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

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## 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:

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**GO INTERACT!!!**

**YOU'RE INVITED**



Lend a Hand

**SO PACK YOUR BAGS!!!**

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>

**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

**District Interact**

**Officers**

District Governor

Oscar Cantu

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Duncan Mantooth

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Carli Stark

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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.

**If your club shows a CHARTER PENDING, be sure to complete the proper paperwork ASAP.**

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