

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



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To: 2008-09 Interact Club Presidents

Dear Club President:

Greetings from Rotary International. Congratulations on the success of Interact activities in your clubs during the first half of the 2008-09 Rotary year! Currently there are over 11,600 Interact clubs in 131 countries and geographic areas, with an estimated membership of more than 268,000 Interactors. You are members of a global family that makes a difference in communities throughout the world. Keep up the great work!

This mailing is designed to let you know about resources that can help you to organize successful activities and service projects. Much of this information is also included on the RI Web site at www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/YouthPrograms/Interact.

Help End Polio Now in 2009!

Help eradicate polio by supporting **Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge**, a three-year fundraising commitment to match a US\$100 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Enclosed please find an Interact Club Contribution Form. Interact clubs that contribute will receive a certificate from RI at the end of the year. Others who wish to make individual contributions should donate online at www.rotary.org/EndPolio. If you have a Facebook account you can also visit the official End Polio Now cause page on Facebook for more information at: http://apps.facebook.com/causes/126154?m=618c3fb4&recruiter_id=15265263.

Interact Materials

Several publications are available to assist you in your efforts. The *new Interact Handbook* (#654) an informative guide to the program, while the *new Interact Brochure* (#600) is helpful in promoting Interact to potential members. The *Interact Faculty Advisor Guide*, a Web-only publication, explains how Interact fits into Rotary as a whole, gives suggestions for filling the advisor role successfully, addresses risk management, and supplies additional resources for club sponsors. *Interact Identification Cards* (#659; in packs of 50) are also available. Download the handbook, brochure, Faculty Advisor Guide and many more resources from the RI Web site at www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/YouthPrograms/Interact. You can also purchase these publications, as well as the membership ID cards online at shop.rotary.org or by contacting the RI Order Services Department (☎ 847-866-4600; 📠 847.866.3276) or your local RI Office.

Interact Presidential Citation

RI President Lee encourages Interactors and Rotarians to conduct meaningful activities and service projects this year to reduce child mortality and help *Make Dreams Real*. By focusing on this cause, as well as other club, vocational, community, and international service activities, your club can

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achieve the 2008-09 Interact Presidential Citation. The *Rotaract/Interact Presidential Citation Certification Form* is available for download at www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/900c_en08.pdf. The *2008-09 Presidential Citation Brochure* will help you with activity ideas and can be downloaded at www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/900a_en08.pdf. Clubs must submit the citation form to their district governor by **31 March 2009** to receive this honor.



2008-09 Correspondence Exchange List

Have you considered exchanging ideas and planning joint projects with other Interact clubs? The Correspondence Exchange List facilitates communication between clubs and gives Interactors the opportunity to learn about other cultures through Interact. If you would like to receive a copy please send an e-mail to interact@rotary.org. (See instructions below on adding your club to the list.)

Update Your 2009-10 Interact Club Contact Information

Interact clubs **must update their contact information annually with RI**. Please update your club's 2009-10 contact information online at www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/YouthPrograms/Interact/Pages/Updatecontactinfo.aspx no later than **1 July 2009**. This will ensure that your club remains listed as active and receives helpful program updates and materials. If you update your club's information before 1 July, you can give RI permission to include your club in the 2009-10 Interact Correspondence Exchange List.

Subscribe to the New Generations E-Newsletter

The *New Generations* monthly e-newsletter (in English only) provides timely information regarding Rotary's youth and young adult programs: Interact, Rotaract, and RYLA. For more information and to sign-up, go to www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/Newsletters/MoreNewsletters/Pages/ridefault.aspx

Thank you for making Interact one of Rotary's most exceptional programs! May you continue to ***Make Dreams Real*** and help create a happier, healthier, and more peaceful world through Interact. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me (☎ 847.866.3296; 📠 847.866.6116; ✉ interact@rotary.org)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annahita Ghaboussi".

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Enclosure

cc: 2008-09 Presidents, sponsoring Rotary clubs
2008-09 RI Interact Committee
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