



DISTRICT INTERACT COMMITTEE

“Let’s Talk Interact”

MEETING WITH SPONSOR CLUBS

September 5th, 2020



PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Presentation of the District Interact Plan 2020-21
- Engaging Interactors during Covid-19 and beyond
- Challenges (Current and expected)
- Support needed from the District Interact Committee
- Open Discussion

DID YOU KNOW?

342,953

Interactors

14,911

Interact clubs

145

countries with Interact
clubs

OUR VISION FOR INTERACT

Interact as a dynamic youth program has the potential to fuel a lifetime of service.

Interact is the future of Rotary and this year, our District Interact Committee wants to promote and give visibility to our Interact Clubs, showcase our Interactors and their projects, develop and train our future leaders, and cultivate productive relationships between Rotary, Rotaract and Interact.

THE DIC PLAN

- **Cultivating productive relationships between Rotary, Rotaract & Interact**
 - Encourage Sponsor Clubs to devise mechanisms to cultivate positive relationships with Interact Faculty Advisers and Interact Boards.
 - Devise mechanism to encourage close collaboration between Rotaract and Interact
 - Youth Service Director should visit interact meetings as much as possible.
 - Provide guidance on Interact projects
 - Let them know the club is interested in what they are doing. Invite Interactors to rotary meetings and have them report on their projects.
 - Implement at least one joint project for the year. For this year, the childhood obesity project as requested by DGE Lisle is recommended. Suggest including Rotaract also.
 - Include retention and nurturing strategies for interactors in your strategic plan.
 - Invite them to your fellowships.

THE DIC PLAN

- Needs Assessments
 - The strengths and weaknesses of each club will vary, making it difficult to design an appropriate training plan. A needs assessment in the form of a health check will be done using a standardized format to get a sense of the overall health of the club so that a training plan can be designed to address the shortcomings.
- Training
 - Collaborate with sponsor clubs to conduct board training for all incoming Interact Officers early in the new school year in areas such as project planning and execution, fundraising, Club administration etc.
 - Based on the results of the needs assessment, design a training programme in close collaboration with the sponsor clubs. DIC members can facilitate also.
 - Host a webinar as necessary to provide guidance and motivation to Interactors and discuss ideas for projects (if necessary). Topics to enhance the interact experience can be considered.

THE DIC PLAN

Cultivate future leadership

By facilitating training in Non-Rotary areas such as:

- Career guidance/Choosing a career
- Leadership development
- The importance of volunteerism

- Sponsorship of new Interact Clubs

- Promote sponsorship of new Interact Clubs particularly among clubs that have not yet sponsored an Interact Club.

- Public Relations

- Will be addressed by Rotarian Narda

ENGAGING INTERACTORS DURING COVID-19 AND BEYOND

New leaders are always emerging. Young members have the potential to go on to be great Rotary members. But to keep them, we first have to nurture them.

- Understanding younger generations means understanding how changes in society affect them.
- Younger generations motivated to change their communities and are likely to move quickly along their career paths. They want to build a solid network and learn from mentors, from people with clout and experience.

That's us. We can be their network, mentors, connections.

ENGAGING INTERACTORS DURING COVID-19 AND BEYOND

- Invite Interactors to your online meetings.
- Show them respect: allow them to participate in meetings by asking about their ideas, passions, and ideas for service projects.
- Discuss what they want to accomplish, then reinforce how Rotary can help them achieve it.
- Mentorship is important: Identify established members who would be great mentors.
- Make sure Rotary stays interesting to them.

ENGAGING INTERACTORS DURING COVID-19 AND BEYOND

- Set up challenges for clubs to engage in – a project, competition, an activity they can do in their own homes.
- Have online speakers come to your Zoom meeting who can connect with and motivate young people.
- Support vulnerable Interactors by appointing mentor buddies.
- Make use of RI's resources. Do some learning through the many learning modules in the Learning Center - <https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/catalog> .
- <https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/webinars/on-demand>

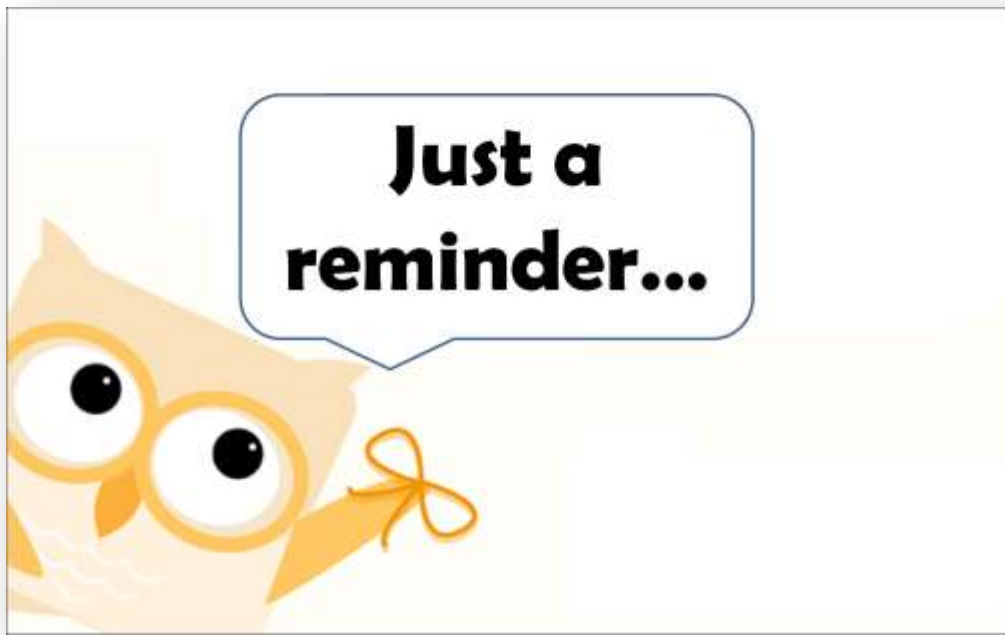
HOW THE DIC WILL ENGAGE INTERACT

Leadership Training

- A great way to keep your youth engaged is through leadership training. The DIC will facilitate training in both Rotary and Non-Rotary areas.
- Toastmasters Engagement: Rotary International is collaborating with Toastmasters International to create tailored speaking courses for Rotarians including Interactors, Rotaractors. Youth are always looking to improve their public speaking capability, so this is a great way to get youth engaged in Rotary. The collaboration with Toastmasters also provides youth with the opportunities to grow their personal networks, gain leadership experience and improve their communication skills, and impact their community via local service.
- Support attendance at RYLA.

HOW THE DIC WILL ENGAGE INTERACT

- Conduct District wide competitions
- Host District wide virtual “getting to know you” sessions so Interactors can expand their networks and share their experiences.
- Distribute a quarterly newsletter showcasing interactors and their projects



- Interact Elections can be held online too
- Complete the Interact Club Health Check
- Submit Contact information for Club and liaison officers



- What are some of the challenges being experienced by sponsor clubs?
- How can the DIC help?

