



## Rotary District 6400 2008 Interact Symposium

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Description</u>
Adopt a Family	Grosse Pt. South	Gift Baskets during the Holidays
Animal Shelter	Romulus	Help & donate to animal shelter
Bed Race	Monroe	For children who don't have beds
Bell Ringing	Monroe	Salvation Army Bell Ringing
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Blankets	Carleton	Supply blankets to troops
Cafeteria Clean-up	Romulus	
Card Day	VilinoVa Windsor	Thank-you cards for everything
Care Packages	Belleville	For Soldiers in Iraq
Christmas Gifts	Romulus	Christmas presents & Santa to children
Culture Night	VilinoVa Windsor	Dress & Food of cultures
Diabetes Walk	VilinoVa Windsor	Pass out water etc.
Difference	Grosse Pt. South	Make a Difference Day
Earthworks	Grosse Pt. South	Help with crops in Detroit
Easter Project Trip	Monroe	Easter Baskets to Special Needs Children
Elementary Schools	Allen Park	Help with elementary schools
Fasting	VilinoVa Windsor	Fasting for those who are starving
Food Bank	Livonia – Franklin	Help at food bank
Gleaners	Livonia – Franklin	Packing food
Marathon	Livonia – Franklin	Hand out water & Gatorade to runners
Nat'l Charity Day	Plymouth	Helps senior citizens, helps & collaborate with YMCA
No uniform fee	Harper Woods	Donate funds to less fortunate families
Peace Summit	Plymouth	Water Filters Project
Picnic	Belleville	End of year picnic celebration
Pumpkin Patch	Allen Park	Trick or Treating in safe neighborhoods
Rake Leaves	Grosse Pt. South	Rake leaves – for senior citizens
Rake n' Run	Belleville	Rake lawns for senior citizens
Read to Children	Romulus	Read stories at Children's Hospital
Relay for Life	Belleville	Participated
Relay for Life	Livonia – Franklin	Running for Breast Cancer Research
Santa Breakfast	Monroe	Gifts for kids w/ Special Needs
Secret Santa	Allen Park	Gifts to needy families
Senior Visit	Belleville	Holiday visits with cookies & decorations
Shelter Box	Plymouth	Boxed food & water purifiers for Africa

Social Day Awareness	Vilinova Windsor	Vow for Children Silence w/o Voice
Soup Kitchen	Carleton	Soup Kitchen Volunteers
Supplies for Honduras	Monroe	School supplies
Supplies to India	Romulus	School Supplies donation
Tanger School	Plymouth	Christmas parties for special needs tots
Toy for Tots	Belleville	Collect toys for needy children.
United Way	Plymouth	Rake leaves
X-Mas Party	Plymouth	Special Need X-Mas Party
Rockin' Roll Car Show	Ford Field	
Relay For Life	Dearborn	
Can Food Drive	Amherst	
Local Shelter Support	Amherst	
Coats for Kids	Amherst	
Rake n run project	Belleville	
Salvation Army bell ringing	Belleville	
Senior visit	Belleville	
Donated to Bridges for Prosperity with fundraiser proceeds		
Assisted Belleville Rotary with Italian dinner fundraiser		

### **Fund Raisers**

### **Club**

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Adopt a Family	Grosse Pt. South	Canned goods fund raiser
Bake Sales	Belleville	Sell at Lunch
Cancer Walk	Vilinova Windsor	Buy feet – write who walking for
Candygrams	Belleville	Sold candygrams at Valentine's Day
Car Wash	Grosse Pt. South	Proceeds to 3 <sup>rd</sup> world country – buy cattle
Concessions	Romulus	Selling food at football games
Dress Down	Harper Woods	Dress Down Day for \$
Face painting	Belleville	Booth at Homecoming Tailgate Party
Flamingo-a-go-go	Allen Park	Put Flamingos in yard to remove
For polio	Allen Park	Raise money – purple paint on fingers
Krispy Crème	Allen Park	School Students Fund Raisers
No Uniform Fee	Harper Woods	\$ for less fortunate families
Relay for Life	Plymouth	Pictures w/ super heroes
Relay for Life	Allen Park	School students donations
Yard Sale	Romulus	Spring Festival Yard Sale
Popcorn sales,	Dearborn	
ILminary sales,	Dearborn	
Pink ribbon sales	Dearborn	
AAUW Book Sale		
Cherry Hill Presbyterian Rummage Sale		
Santa Snaps		
Fleece Blanket Drive - DMCC Hospital		
Bake Sales	Amherst	
Santa Photo / kids	Amherst	
School/Concession Stand	Amherst	
Numerous bake sale fundraisers	Belleville	

## **List of Activities**

### Christmas party at Tanger School

Interact club hosted a Christmas party with the special needs children at Tanger school and we took their pictures with Santa and served food.

### Senior Cards/blankets

Interact Club made Christmas cards and blankets for senior citizens.

### Senior Citizen Dinner

Interact hosted a dinner for seniors in Plymouth at the Plymouth cultural center. We waited on tables and sang Christmas carols.

### Saturdays at the pen

We helped out with the Plymouth-symphony, selling CD's and interacting with the children on their weekly event.

### Rotary spaghetti dinner

Interact club worked the spaghetti dinner at the fall festival and we made the salads and worked in the assembly line of creating the dinners.

### Relay for life

Interact had our own tent at the relay. Our theme was curing cancer through peace and we sold T-shirts and coffee.

### Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

RYLA was a 3-day seminar with Interact members from all over the state. We did multiple leadership activities and learned how hold an effective meeting, shake hands properly, and how to interact with people on a business level. Two senior members attended RYLA this year.

### Santa Snaps

We were "elves" and took pictures of children with Santa with the Dearborn Rotary.

### Art's Council Auction

The Plymouth Art's council hosted an auction to raise funds. We sold raffle tickets and served food for the event.

### Interact Conference

Held on October 16, 2008, the board members of Interact went to the Rotary District meeting and talked about each of our clubs and exchanged ideas on how to gain new members and thrive as a club.

### Art's Council Rummage Sale

On October 17, 2008, I helped get things ready for the Arts Council's rummage sale. We put prices on the items and arranged them around the room.

### United Way- Make a Difference Day

On November 1, 2008, Interact Club raked leaves for senior citizens in Plymouth.

### Interact Peace Summit

On November 8, 2008, Interact Club hosted the first annual Peace Summit at PCEP. We raised awareness about the promotion of clean water around the world. We then had a follow up event on May 9, 2009 to celebrate!

### Grand Traverse Pie Company

We hosted a fundraiser at the Pie Company on May 5, 2009 to raise funds for International Aid. We received 10% of all profit from people that came in with our fliers.

### Rotary bowling night

We attended the rotary's bowling fundraiser and bowled our hearts out.

What has been your strategy for membership growth?

- ◆ Club Appeal – has something that attracts people with different tastes/idea
- ◆ Community service looks good on applications for NHS/College
- ◆ Feels good to join/work with others on service projects
- ◆ Friends and family concept – bring in those you hang out with
- ◆ Recruitment at Middle School in June
- ◆ Flyers/ads/poster show the projects we do
- ◆ Full page ad in Yearbook
- ◆ Inclusive – everyone is welcome, and once you're in you can't get out!
- ◆ Meeting aren't required – attend when you can, participate when you can
- ◆ Fun atmosphere – enjoy when you work a project
- ◆ Have fun activities – lazer tag night
- ◆ Membership cards/shirts – membership privileges

What can you do to increase club membership?

- ◆ Present at orientation in the beginning of year
- ◆ Have a freshman tailgate party at the first football game of the year
- ◆ Entice current members (upper classmen) to bring a new person to the first meeting of the year for an incentive.
- ◆ Allow current members to bring a non-member from the school to Our Loc-in at the YMCA
- ◆ Peace Summit – interaction with different clubs
- ◆ Encourage different people to join
- ◆ Food, advertise, commercials, signs, people

How can you involve all or most of your interact Club membership in project?

Have a requirement of how many projects a member must do a year

What types of international service projects can be developed jointly with the sponsoring Rotary Club or an Interact Club in another country?

Kids Against Hunger, Packaging School Supplies, Peace Summit, Purple Pinky's for Polio, Farm Animals, Hearts and Hans for Honduras.

How does you Interact Club identify community and/or school needs?

Advisor gets projects, Through Rotary Meetings, Well Known People – contact them, gets ideas within club via suggestion box.

How can member participation in meetings and service projects be improved?

Come to community service projects and pay dues, 4 meetings 4 activities, raffles, text messaging, posters and flyers, visit middle schools, keeping track of member attendance, face book for club, awareness, flyers, announcements

How do clubs handle dues collection? What expenditures are typically covered by member dues?

Don't have any, \$5 one time, \$20 pay within 1<sup>st</sup> three months – dues cover t-shirts.