

ANSONIA HIGH SCHOOL'S INTERACT CLUB



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ANSONIA, Conn. - Interact is an international service club for young people ages 14 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting. This makes it possible to choose and carry out service projects that individual Interact members care about!

During the 2008-2009 school year, the Ansonia High School Interact Club was re-activated and made a significant effort to increase its dedicated membership base and come up with fun and unique ways of improving our local and international community. With local Rotarian support, we have been successful in increasing the strength, size and involvement of our membership base. We are confident that our club will continue to complete service projects that will improve our community and further international understanding and goodwill.

We have a lot of underclassmen members and are already talking about projects for next term and next year, like a school-wide dodgeball tournament to fundraise for multiple causes and organizations. We'd like to thank our local Rotary members for their continued support and dedication.

The timeline below highlights our students' hard work and community service projects:

2008-2009 School Year

November: Stuffed Animal Drive – over 300 animals collected and donated to local and international

sites – Ansonia police department, beaniesforbaghdad organization

December 17: Interact members sang Christmas carols at Crosby Commons in Shelton with Valley United Way

February 6-8: Two students attended the RYLA conference in Stratford, Conn.: SARAH PHIPPS & TYLER POQUETTE

March: "Valley Has a Heart" Food Drive. All proceeds went to the Spooner House

April 25: Supply, Stock and Serve at Spooner House – 10 Interact and Rotary members volunteered

June 27: Alliance for Lupus Research Walk to Cure Lupus at Nolan Field: Interact Club raised over \$500

2009-2010 School Year

September: 12 Interact members participated in the 3rd annual Harvest House, sponsored by Valley United Way

November: Gift baskets created by Interact member donations – all proceeds went to Valley Food Bank

November 13-15: Two students attended the RYLA conference in Stratford, CHARLIN PEREIRA & DANIELLE TODD

December: Nothing but Nets Campaign- Help prevent the spread of malaria in Africa by raising awareness, and money to purchase bed nets

December: Adopt-a-Family- program through Valley United Way- \$220 raised to purchase gifts for a family of 5

For more information on how community members and local organizations can get involved, contact Amy Boccamazzo, Interact Club Advisor, Ansonia High School, (203) 736-5060
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