

Interact Club To Begin Work On Historical Newspapers by Rian Farley



Interact – “Interact is Rotary International’s 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. Club membership varies greatly. Clubs can be single gender or mixed, large or small. Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of:

- Developing leadership skills and personal integrity
- Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others
- Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work
- Advancing international understanding and goodwill

“As one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service, with more than 10,700 clubs in 109 countries and geographical areas, Interact has become a worldwide phenomenon.”

In Durham, Interact was started during the Rotary presidency of Walt Bender (1988-1989), and advised then by DHS history teacher Brian Harvey. Upon his retirement Michelle Eaton was named the Interact advisor. Both she and the 2015-2016 Interact President Walt Askea have been very supportive and interested in the project. Members of the club will meet to help move the many boxes of stored FORUM newspapers (at the Durham Branch of the BC Library and in storage at the editor’s house) on Saturday, October 3rd to the chapel at the Durham Community United Methodist (Adobe) Church. The week of October 5th will see the start of the 31-years of The FORUM newspapers being put into date order, and readied for the scanning. The scanning and PDF searchable files will be made available for research via the Preservation and Digitization Committee, a sub-group of the Durham Friends of the Library.