



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### September

- District Governor Club Visits continue
- 10 DAC Meeting-Slidell
- 10 DG Designee Interviews-Slidell
- 14 GSE Team Leader Apps due
- 30 GSE Team Member Apps due

### October

- District Governor Club Visits continue
- 1 GSE Team Leader Interviews-Slidell

## PROGRAM IDEAS

- Invite Interact members to report on plans for the year. Interact Week is Nov. 5.
- Contact Elvie Guthrie-Lewis to schedule a GSE Team presentation.

### Reminders for District Club Achievement Award

- ☐ Submit at least one GSE Team Leader and Member application
- ☐ Have a program by a former GSE Team member. Contact Elvie Guthrie-Lewis
- ☐ Club member serve on Incoming GSE Team Committee. Contact Elvie Guthrie-Lewis
- ☐ Review District Newsletter with club or distribute copies to club members
- ☐ Celebrate club anniversary
- ☐ Submit dates of three club projects to Editor of *The District Dispatch*

See PETS materials or contact DG Neil at [neil@alfordlegal.com](mailto:neil@alfordlegal.com) for a more comprehensive list of award criteria. **Criteria for District Assembly changed to require attendance by only one club member.**

### Reminders for RI Presidential Citation Award

Help the members of your club understand the internationality of Rotary by participating in an international exchange program such as Group Study Exchange, Rotary Friendship Exchange or Youth Exchange.

Complete list of criteria of the RI Presidential Citation was distributed at PETS and is available on the RI website ([rotary.org](http://rotary.org)).

## ROTARY MINUTE

### INTERACT: ROTARY'S NEXT GENERATION

September is New Generations Month, and it's a good time to learn more about Interact, Rotary's organization of service and social clubs for young people of secondary school age that fosters leadership and responsible citizenship and promotes international understanding and peace. The name was created by combining the words "international" and "action." Interact clubs are sponsored by Rotary clubs as a program of RI. Rotary clubs provide guidance and inspiration, but the Interact clubs are self-governing and self-supporting. Clubs take a variety of forms, both single-gender and mixed. The membership base of a club can be drawn from the student body of a single school or from two or more schools from the same community.

Each year, Interact clubs complete at least one community service project and at least one project that furthers international understanding and goodwill. Interactors develop a worldwide network of friendships through exchanges with local and overseas clubs. Along the way, Interactors develop their leadership skills and initiative while meeting new friends.

The first Interact club was initiated in 1962 by the Rotary Club of Melbourne, FL. Two months later, the first Interact club outside the United States was established in Tanjore, India. Today there are more than 7,500 Interact clubs in 103 countries and geographical areas, making Interact a truly worldwide phenomenon.

### **ABCs of Rotary**

**Reminder: presenting 12 Rotary minutes to your club is one of the optional requirements for the District Club Achievement Award.**