

SPACE CENTER ROTARY -
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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HE SAID HE'D DO IT AND HE DID

Rotary International has had a "Rotary for high school students" program for years. It's called Interact. In the past our club has made some attempts to set up an Interact program in a local high school but for some reason it didn't stick. Our Dr. Kyle Sprecher took it up as a serious challenge and in a little over a year has produced results perhaps even beyond his own wildest dreams. The Interact club we sponsored at Clear Lake High School now has some 250 members. That's more than we have in our own club.

Kyle apparently knows how to find, recruit and instill the principles of Rotary in outstanding student leadership. The engine is now running under a full head of steam. You heard a pair of those young leaders outlining the work and plans at a recent Space Center Rotary meeting. Their ambitious projects are a wonderful example for us. For instance:

---Serving the community through a chemical-free "Project Graduation", assisting at our Shrimporee, developing participation in International Youth Exchange, and being active in assisting our district to promote Interact clubs elsewhere. They are working on setting up a Sister Interact Club, probably in India.

---They have raised money by organizing a mammoth Houston area "Battle of the Bands", a Marathon Softball Game, a scavenger hunt and an annual Christmas Card Sale. Not piddling amounts either. We're talking serious money.

This year the CLHS Interact has 20 projects in the works and 20 Space Center Rotarians-- one for each project -- are being sought to provide counsel and guidance. Al Brady has agreed to sponsor one of the projects. Who's next? You? (We doff our fedora to you, Dr. Kyle Sprecher.)

Once again we learn the difference a Rotarian can make by exercising leadership in a Rotary program. If you are inspired by that idea, then actively look for a role that rings your bell --- and get to ringing it!