

# Lt. Governor



Caddie from the Hole-in-One family.

I have been a part of Interact since my freshman year and fell in love with it. It's been a wonderful experience that fills me with passion. Last year, I was my club's Co-President, but this year, I have decided to step up while remaining as my club's Vice President.

The goals of my Governor, Janet Chau, and the District Council, consist of strengthening the district as a whole with emphasis on the community. We

definitely want to continue the strong unity that our district enjoys. We encourage everyone to get know the District Council because we would love to meet each and every one of you!

Welcome back, Interactors of the LARGEST and BEST district in the world! Interact 5170 raised \$50,000 last year for various organizations such as PumpAid. This year, we are going to raise even MORE money and make this year really worth remembering while having lots of fun!

My name is Jennifer Yee and I'll be serving as your District Council Lieutenant Governor from Area 4. I'm a senior at American High and just got back from this year's Camp RYLA; I was a Cool

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Aug. 18:  
DC Meeting

Oct. 29:  
Fall Leadership Conference

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Presidents' Retreat

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# Governor

## *Charmed I'm sure, guv'nor*



Hello Interact District 5170! Let me be the first to welcome you all to a brand new year! I am truly honored to be your Governor and I am definitely looking forward to what our district can do in the following months.

Interact has always been one of my greatest passions. But sometimes people ask me why I love Interact so much. Well, I'll tell you. I love Interact because I love the *feeling* you get when you see the smiles on the peoples' faces. I love the *feeling* that you have when you know you've made a

difference. There is nothing in this world that I would trade for the things I *feel* but cannot describe for you all today.

I can only hope that the work I do will give all of you the chance to experience what Interact truly is: the opportunity to make a difference in this big world, to meet great people who share your passions, and to forge an experience that you, nor anyone you meet, will ever forget.

But enough talk; let's get started on a new year, a blank canvas upon which we may paint our futures. Be dedicated to our motto, "Service Above Self," and we will make this year awesome and successful!

This year, our goal focus is on raising \$45,000 for our inter-

national project, Action Against Hunger, as well as helping the community through incalculable hours of service, publicizing the wonderful world of Interact, and increasing unity within our district. With your determination, we hope to accomplish our goals and so much more.

Oh. I forgot to talk about myself. Hi, I'm Janet Chau, an upcoming senior at Milpitas High School. I love basketball and staying up all night chatting with District Council, Interactors, and friends. I'm an easily confused girl who doesn't know what's going on in my own life half of the time, but maybe you can help me out with that.

# The Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

# Area Representatives

## Connecting Interactors from local to district



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Hi! My name is Rhian Morgan, and I'm this year's Area 1 Rep. So if you go to Alameda or Skyline, I'm your girl! I'm Co-President of Alameda's Interact club, along with the fabulous Kathryn Fong. I love cooking and having dinner parties with my friends. I was born in England, but I've lived in California since I was five. I also love traveling—London is my favorite. I look forward to another great year with Interact!



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Hey, this is Elliot from Castro Valley High School and I will be serving as the Area 2 Representative. This is my fourth year as a die-hard Interactor as well as being my second year as CVHS's Secretary. I am definitely looking forward to this year of Interact in DC. And as an Area Rep, I look forward to a lot more interaction between clubs. My only request from you as an Interactor is to follow our motto, "Service above self."



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Hey! My name is Terri Wang and I'm a junior at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton. I'm this year's Area 3 Representative. So far, DC has been a blast! I've met a ton of caring, incredible people and it's definitely something I'm proud to be a part of! Outside of Interact, I love volleyball and swimming, as well as playing flute/piccolo for the San Jose Youth Philharmonic Orchestra. Also, I enjoy hanging out with my friends, reading, shopping, volunteering, gaming, skiing/boarding, and just having a great time!



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Hello Interactors! This is your Area 4 Rep, Justin Shih. I'm going to be a senior at American High School, and I'm VERY excited about working with you all. I know this Interact year is going to be great, and we're really going to make a difference. That's all of us: American, Washington, Logan, Newark, and Fremont Christian. We'll definitely be seeing each other a lot! Go blue duckies, and keep on quackin'!



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Hello hello! Asha [f'sha!] at your service, reppin' the Area 5 NINJAAA turtles zomg. Allow me to forewarn you: I am slightly crazy, but I do have a high pain threshold, so it all works out beautifully in the end. But I digress. I have been recently spotted at RYLA'06 [Thunder From Down Under, oy oy oy!] and will be a JUNIOR'08! at Mission San Jose High, where you can find me as Co-President of the Interact Club as well as Girls Tennis Captain and Vice President of the MUN Club. District 5170, I expect greatness from you all; Area 5, mucho [Interact] LOVE!

# Our project: Action Against Hunger

## Janet Chau

Did you know that hunger and hunger-related conditions such as malnutrition are the number one contribution to the global death toll, which is more deaths than AIDS, Malaria, and Tuberculosis combined?

Did you know that hunger and poverty claim 25,000 lives everyday? Every five seconds a child dies of starvation; this means 6 million children will die every year, yet there is enough food

in the world to feed everyone.

Action Against Hunger is a global, private, and secular organization dedicated to saving lives by combating hunger, malnutrition, physical suffering, and the associated distress that endangers the lives of people in emergency situations such as war and natural disaster.

Our District will focus on the food security program, which requires that food be 1) available, 2) sufficient, 3)

stable, and 4) accessible in vulnerable populations. Their objective is to train communities in methods to protect food supplies over the long term, but in dire emergencies, they will distribute food outright.

They hope to improve the economy in households by distributing the tools necessary for food production—seeds, farm implements, fishing equipment, breeding animals—and by educating

beneficiaries in optimal methods of livestock breeding, farming, fishing, food storage, gardening, irrigation, and soil conservation.

You can easily make a difference and save lives! Be a part of something big and take part in raising money for Action Against Hunger! It just takes a little heart and some dedication!

Information was taken from [actionagainsthunger.org](http://actionagainsthunger.org)

## Taylor Foundation experience unique

### Sabrina Wong

When asked to volunteer for the Taylor Foundation, I was only told that it would only be four hours of work in Livermore. They also told me to bring rakes, shovels, and, especially, gloves, if possible. Like lambs to the slaughter, we were clueless of the work to come!

The Taylor Foundation was a combined activity between District 5160 and 5170 at Camp

Arroyo. With an estimate of thirty volunteers from toddlers to adults, we worked together to prepare the camp for its upcoming *Day in the Park* Auction. Splitting up into groups, we dispersed piles of tanbark within an hour. By this point, we thought we were done with three hours to go.

Much to our dismay, we found that we were also responsible for spreading multiple mounds of "gorilla hair" along the

pathways. We had to rake, shovel, and even push wheel barrels of the stuff for three hours!

But after all that work, we found out more about the camp, as the coordinator gave us a brief tour. During the summer months, Camp Arroyo hosts groups of children with severe sicknesses such as AIDS and skin or heart disease. During the school year, the camp is open to local school children as an environmental

science camp. The mission of the Taylor Family Foundation is to enhance the quality of life for children suffering from either life-threatening illnesses or disabilities in Northern California.

It was a great experience for me as I met and bonded with my fellow Interactors and met many of the District 5160 Councilors. This project of sweat and toil truly showed me what "Service above self" really meant!



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Hello friends! I'm Stephanie Cai from Lynbrook High in San Jose and Area 12 Rep is my calling! I went to RYLA 2006, and it was awesome. I was Youthact Coordinator last year, but this year, I'll be the International Night Coordinator. I joined Youthact in middle school and from then on Interact has been super-important to me. I love to play varsity softball and basketball. I can't wait for this coming year! I want to plan area dances, stage international night projects, and meet all those uber cool Interactors out there!



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Hey Interactors! Amanda Merriweather here, your Area 13 Rep for the 2006-2007 school year. This is my fourth year as an Interactor and my second year on District Council. I have enjoyed every minute of it and have learned so much, but I'm ready to make this year the best yet! In the past, every month a different school in Area 13 took on a project, such as "caroling for cans" and "bingo night," and it's something I'm looking forward to. I hope I'll get to know many of you this year and good luck with all your Interacting!

## Secretary



Hello Interactors! My name is Chelsea Xu and I'm the Secretary for D.C. 2006-2007! Presently, I am a junior at Amador Valley High School

and the Historian for its Interact Club. Some things about me: I enjoy writing historical fiction, playing piano, experimenting with various forms of art, and collecting stamps and other random artifacts.

As Secretary, I hope Interact will allow me to give back to the community that has done so much for me.

## Webmaster



Hey Interactors! I'm Yuanyu, your 2006-2007 Webmaster Coordinator! I'm from Homestead in Area 12, and I'm absolutely ecstatic to be on

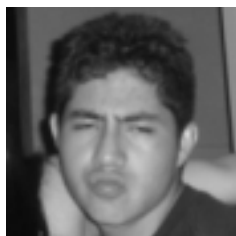
District Council this year!! As Webmaster Coordinator, I hope to help start websites for clubs that don't have them, since it's a great way to communicate. I'm a total dorky geek, and if you get me started on Robotics, it'll be hours before I stop. Anyways, I hope to meet all of you *awesome* Interactors at District events!

### Did you know?

The original motto of Rotary was approved on August, 1911, and it was:

"He profits most who serves the best."

The motto we know today was later approved in 1989.



Hey Interactors, my name is Eric Mendez and I am excited to be your 2006-2007 New Clubs South Coordinator.

## New Clubs South

To tell you a bit about myself, I'm a senior at Milpitas High School and a die-hard advocate of the Interact movement, serving as the Co-President of our school's club.

This year I hope to assist Interact in its plan to conquer the

world by increasing membership across the district.

However, none of this will be possible without your ideas, input, and involvement. So, let's all get pumped up and make this a "Service above self"-ly year for District 5170.

## New Clubs North



I'm Kat, New Clubs Coordinator North and one of the Magenta Monkeys of Area 1. I take pride in the fact that District 5170 is the largest Interact district in the

world, and I want to ensure that the district stays strong. Thus it is my goal to help establish clubs in the East Bay, including those at Encinal High, Piedmont High, and Emeryville. I love new faces, so if you know

anyone else in the northern part of District 5170 who wants to contribute to our awesome family of 6000, please let me know! There can never be too many people involved in "Service above self."

## Rotaract



Hey everyone! My name is Thanh Nguyen, and this year I will be your Rotaract Coordinator.

I attend Newark Memorial High School

as an incoming senior and hold the position of Co-President in NMHS's Interact club. I'm apart of the GREAT Area 4 (Yay, go blue duckies! You guys rock my socks).

This year I'm looking forward to meeting new people (like you!) and definitely attending all of the incredible events we'll be having.

## Youthact



HeIIIIlo! My name is Betty Su and I'm your Youth Act coordinator this year! I plan on starting Youth Act clubs around thriving Interact clubs to

increase membership. I'm going to be a senior at Arroyo High located in the small village of San Lorenzo. In my spare time I'm either playing tennis or Googling. I can spend hours Googling stuff from weird songs to making ice cream. When I am not being a computer freak, I do community service! Life = INTERACT!

## Publicist



Jason Owyang here. Senior at Piedmont Hills HS, Area 6, and your DC Publicist.

I hope to do commercials for our DC projects and send them to all areas to

increase awareness. I want to get involved with the areas and to hold a project for all publicists from District 5170.

I do Cross Country, tennis, and eBay-ing. I'm the "TIGER WOODS" of eBay. I'm a bad driver, don't get in the car with me. I practiced with a golf cart and ended up crashing into a tree. I was asked never to return.

## Variety



Hey everyone! My name is Sing Mok, San Leandro High, and I'm this year's Variety Coordinator.

I've been in Interact since I was a

wee little freshman, and now I'm also SLHS's Interact President. I look forward to a great year with all the clubs from around the area, and hope to be able to work with all sorts of great Interactors. Interact is a big part of my life, and I trust that this final high school year will be one of District 5170's best.

# Historian



AND I RAP! (Drop a beat) I know that I am handsome, I am not a Muslim, I like things that blossom, things that come out random, I've seen someone have a spasm, most of the time I am lonesome, I read a lot of Maxim, I like playing the drum while I hum and chew gum, and I LIKE TO GO DUMB!

Aren't you glad I'm your Historian? I'm normal more than half the time, and like most of you, I have a Myspace, YEEEE!

I advise to get all your friends to join Interact because all the cool kids do it. And remember, chicks are for kids! Go blue duckies!

And whenever you can TAKE PICTURES, THANKS!

My name is Minh Nguyen. I am smart and I like to fart. I currently go to American High School (Area 4 fo sho!) in Fremont.

By day, I take photos, play tennis, go boy scouting, and cruise around in my silver Bug.

At night, I go stupid, dumb, and hyphy (while shaking my dreads).

# International



Hey Interactors, my name is Brandon Li and I attend Milpitas High School.

In my extra time I like to poke at people for fun (I compete in the sport of fencing), fight the Darfur Genocide, participate in A.S.B., and hang out with friends.

I look forward to working with all of you on this year's International Project, called Action Against Hunger. It's time to end the suffering of

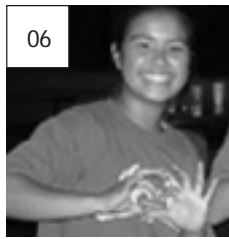
thousands across the world and we, District 5170, are going to help achieve this goal.

The world is looking to us now and with our will power and determination we will show them all what Interact really means!

So lets get the wheels moving and the juices pumping because this year is going to be awesome.

GO AREA 5 - TURTLE! TURTLE!

Editor's note: Brandon turned eighteen last week, on the 12th of August. Wish him a happy birthday when you see him, simply because it'll be awkward to do so a week after the actual event.



Hey Interactors! I'm Pauline Nuth, your new Area 6 Representative!!! I'm a very stressed-out junior from Independence High School. I've been apart of Interact since I was freshman. I am currently Co-President of my school's Interact Club. Motivation from RYLA '06 + inspiration from the area + passion from within + a lot of INTERACTIon = the perfect recipe for an unforgettable year! And just so I don't sound like a dork, aside from Interact, I also enjoy: tennis, martial arts, powderpuff football, and basketball.



Alexandra is fifteen and a junior at Lincoln High School in San Jose; she is going to be the Area 7 Representative. She loves theatre, dance, choir and leadership and is excited to be the Co-President of the Interact at Lincoln next year. She has a bird named Twix (after the candy), and her dream job would be to run off and join a circus, specifically Cirque du Soleil, but if that doesn't work out, music management sounds good too.



Hey, I'm Zuodi and I'm proud to be your new Area 8 Rep. I've been involved in Interact for the past three years, and was at RYLA '06 as one of the WICKED WALLABIES. I'm a senior at Evergreen Valley High School. Aside from Interact, I enjoy representing little-known countries in the Model UN and pretending to speak obscure languages like Tongan. I also produce records and lead a band of eardrum-destroyers. I happen to love long summer nights, like the one that caused me to not turn in this blurb on time!



My name is Alan Guttirez and this is my second year on District Council. Last year I had a lot of fun, made some great friends, and realized this was for me. I am the Area 9 Representative and my goal is to make my area a more active participant in the international project (Action Against Hunger). To occupy my spare time, I enjoy: tennis, running, playing videogames, and, of course, thinking about Interact. Go Area 9!

# Newsletter / Resident Cynic



upcoming senior from Milpitas High School. I possess no officer position, have virtually no prior experience in Interact, lack most common social skills, and probably won't remember half of your names, but hey, somehow I ended up as your Newsletter Coordinator.

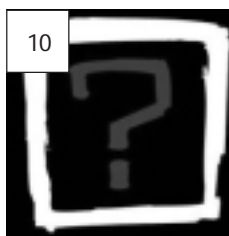
What I love to do... well, other than being original, I enjoy long

distance running; the word enjoy being a very misconstrued verb. I run varsity cross-country and am an editor-in-chief hopeful next year for my school's paper.

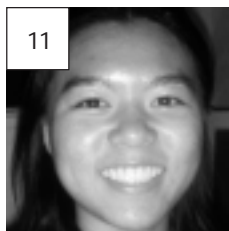
I hope you all enjoy this Presidents' Meeting edition of the District Newsletter (very aptly titled). I dread working with you all next year; if it were up to me, I'd

have an army of tireless robots slaving away for me. But oh well, you can't have everything, so I'll have to settle for enthusiastic young Interactors instead.

Just kidding. But I'll warn you: taking me seriously is a one-way ticket to cynicism. So forget what you've read and enjoy what's left of your ever-eroding summer vacation.



There is currently no Area 10 Representative. Area 10 encompasses the coastal area, including the following high schools: Aptos, Soquel, San Lorenzo Valley, Scotts Valley, Monte Vista Christian, and Santa Cruz. If you interested in applying for this position, please contact District Council 5170 Governor Janet Chau <janet.b.chau@gmail.com> (408-726-5835) or Lt. Governor Jennifer Yee <jenlifa@yahoo.com> (510-393-1989).



My name is Danielle Wang and I am going to be a senior next year at Los Gatos High School. My position for District Council is Area 11 Representative. I feel very fortunate that I will be able to represent Area 11 and hope that I will do a good job this upcoming year in relaying all the information from DC to the Presidents. I agree with Janet's goal of focusing more on the community and look forward to all the Interact clubs connecting.