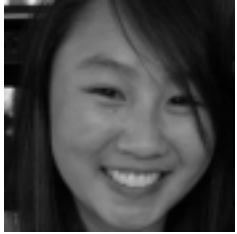


Lt. Governor



Milpitas High. I hope that you're putting together events and getting your first meeting up and going.

And start keeping track of your hours because we're going to be counting all of the hours our district is volunteering for. Also, in addition to Action Against Hunger, I hope that each club will be able to donate \$216 for the Sister Family Program to put one child into a home.

Presidents, stay or, if you haven't already, get in touch with your Area Representatives because they'll be the ones keeping you in touch with all of our events. If you have any questions, email or call me. Well, warm wishes and GOOD LUCK, District 5170!

Hey wassssup!!! Welcome back to another exciting school year! Yippee!

So I hope that all of you had a WONDERFUL summer and settling back into school mood as summer is unfortunately winding down. So far, we just had our annual President's meeting and it went really well and hopefully that was very helpful.

Now, District Council is busy working on the upcoming event: Fall Leadership Conference scheduled for October 29th at

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Important Dates

- Oct. 29:
Fall Leadership Conference
- Feb. 10-11:
Presidents' Retreat

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Let's kick off a new year



Thanks to all you who attended the Presidents' Meeting last month. I hope that the meeting allowed you to start the Interact year on the right footing!

So, I'm going to have to break the bad news. School has started. Most of us are caught up in the hectic high school life. We wake up bright and early and trudge to our classes. We do homework. We do classwork. Sometimes we do homework as classwork. We squeeze in some TV or internet time here and there, but in the end, we'll spend most of our time doing school work. Besides

sleeping...but then again, I know some people who seem to not sleep at all.

But like I said, school just started. This is traumatic to many of you, but not to me. A new school year also means a brand new INTERACT year! This Interact year is underway and we, as Interactors, need to "lead the way." If you haven't already started planning for this year, get those brain juices flowing. Get pumped up! In order to raise \$45,000 for Action Against Hunger, we need to get the ball rolling as soon as possible.

By the way, have you talked to your club officers? Have you met your Area Representative? If you haven't, then what are you waiting for? They're here to work with you to make your life easier! Talk to them; give them your

ideas and feedback. Also, talk to other local schools to steal (and share) ideas about service events and projects. Encourage your members to be active and keep them that way! We won't be as successful if we don't have every person taking part in our district.

District Council is also planning the Fall Leadership Conference which will be on Sunday, October, 29th at Milpitas High School. Everyone is invited. Come and learn about various things, such as Action Against Hunger, local projects, and ways to improve yourself as officers and members of your club; you can also meet with hundreds of other Interactors from our district! Contact your Area Rep for more information.

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 A Word From the Editor

Connecting Interactors from local to district



Rhian Morgan

01

Hey Interactors! I'm Rhian Morgan, proudly representing the Area One Magenta Monkeys! I attend Alameda High School (located on a small speck of island). Well, it's really not that small, but it seems like it. Anyways, I'm Co-President of the Alameda HS Interact, along with Kathryn Fong, my partner in crime. I love swimming, eating Skinny Cow peanut butter-chocolate ice cream sandwiches, wearing pretty dresses, procrastinating, organizing everything, Post-It Notes in every color, and learning random words in Hungarian, such as *vasarolni*, which means shopping, another favorite. I also love to travel, and my dream is to attend a university in London.



Elliot Hung

02

Hey all you Interactors! This year I have made it a goal to bring my Area to working more efficiently on the district level; I'm sure that we'll reach our goal for Action Against Hunger. I encourage you all to meet Interactors from other schools, except Newsletter Coordinator Michael Lee...because he will make your head explode from thinking too hard. I'd like to also warn the club Presidents reading this that if and when Michael comes to you for your newsletter blurbs, be prepared to curl up into a ball and cry in the corner because he will smite you with his mighty prodding stick of desolation (Editor's note: he's kidding, it's actually more like a whip). Until next time! "Beam me up Captain!" *Teleports away*



Terri Wang

03

Hey Area 3! Here's an interesting story with a moral that is applicable to daily life!
Once upon a time, there lived a tiger. One day, the tiger spied a bull which had strayed from his corral. Being the fierce predator that he was, the tiger pounced upon the bull and ate him.
Feeling proud of his achievement, the tiger began to roar, loud enough for the entire jungle to hear him.
A nearby hunter heard the call. He snuck up behind the tiger and shot him for his pelt.
So remember, if you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut. ^^



Justin Shih

04

Hey Blue Duckies! This year is looking to be awesome! I've only been hearing good news about our first meetings, and I've met a bunch of cool Interactors at the Celebrate Fremont festival and our area meeting. Let's keep up this positive energy! We totally have to pass our international project's fundraising goals; go all out this year! The sky's the limit, guys! All we gotta do is work hard, have fun, and I know we'll make it. So yayy. Area 4! Area 4! Area 4!

Michael Lee

Salutations, my not-quite-so fuzzy friends (The only time I've ever heard the word "salutations" used was in Charlotte's Web).

This is the test-run issue of the one and only (I hope) District 5170 Newsletter. If you are reading this, then that means your Area Rep has done a great job and has somehow gotten you a copy of this newsletter, be it electronic or material. You should thank him/her for his/her hard work (Gender neutrality is a pain).

However, if you are not reading this right now, then too bad! Eventually it'll get to you, and I hope that when you do get this, months late, you will be as outraged as I will be when I read your complaint letter (Hint hint).

So, like everyone else on District Council, I am finding myself utterly lost in the chaos that is Fall Leadership Conference

(Actually, the situation is well in hand, I just like to always think we're lost). Apparently I have to teach the Presidents something this year. Well, all Presidents should look forward to that.

I can tell you a story: There was once a student who had a rock for his teacher. The boy learned one lesson: to not ask questions.

Now I would like to talk to you all about how much work is put into this newsletter and why it is the second hardest job on District Council (The hardest being Area 10 Rep, I'm afraid we lost all contact with those poor souls). This newsletter is the result of three weeks of notices, blurb-chasing, placing, and editing by yours truly, the ineffable Michael. I essentially must contact every Area Rep, set up a due date for their blurbs, put up with their grumbling, wait a few weeks, and then deal with their horrific dismay



and frantic interrogation on the night of the due date. Yet some don't turn their blurbs in on time. And thus, the hunt begins. There is a reason why I am the ineffable.

But anyways, I personally recommend you all provide some form of applause for our new Special Events Coordinator, Victoria Dzuong (Don't worry, if you suddenly start clapping for seemingly no reason, the worst that can happen are onlookers thinking you're crazy). She has been tailing District Council and attending every meeting for the past few months, so she, being competent, informed, and determined, was provided with the before defunct

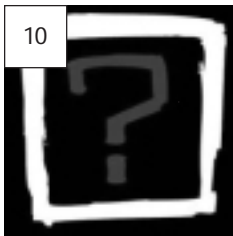
position (Remember kids, relentless persistence either pays off or gets you killed!).

I also recommend that you visit our updated website, built by our computer-gnome Yuanyu! Be sure to read my blurb, it may be the most memorable event of your life; or it may be the greatest waste of five minutes you've ever had.

Creative highlights in this issue include an insightful story from Area 3 Rep Terri Wang, a message from Area 2 Rep Elliott Hung, and the Interactordex on page five.

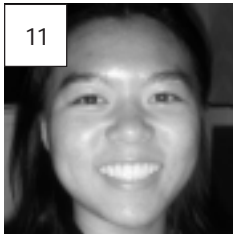
Valedictions, I hope my esoteric jargon isn't too ambagious for you.

Yay for filler!



Missing No.

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 Governor Janet Chau <janet.b.chau@gmail.com> (408-726-5835) or Lt. Governor Jennifer Yee <jenlifa@yahoo.com> (510-393-1989).



Danielle Wang

It's the start of a brand new year for Interact! I'm very excited for this upcoming year and our international project. One goal that I have for myself this year, as I stated at the President's Meeting, is to keep all Presidents connected to DC's planning and other Interact clubs than last year. Some community projects that I'm focusing and encouraging Area 11 on this year are: starting YouthAct; adopting a child; and hosting a successful International Night. Hopefully Interact of Los Gatos, Santa Clara, Saratoga, Prospect, and Wilcox will be able to reach their fundraising goal for Congo's campaign. Go Red Starfish!



Stephanie Cai

Hey. Shout out to Area 12 schools, Monta Vista, Lynbrook, Cupertino, Fremont, and Homestead! We're in the process of planning a FUHSD district-wide dance. Tentatively, it's set for Nov. 4th at Lynbrook. If you're interested in going, contact me. Our International Night meetings are also underway. We meet every week, either Tuesday or Wednesday at our local Jakes. Dhruv, Anna, and Meenal are the International Night Chairs. Our International Night is set for some time in February. WOW. And we're super excited about FLC. So... go Black and White Area 12 Pandas.



Amanda Meriweather

Hey everyone! I hope everyone's Interact year is off to a great start! Although I am still getting in contact with some of the Presidents in Area 13, we are getting ready for an awesome year. Our members are more excited than ever and ready to have the best Interact year ever. I'm so confident in each and every one of you that I know we can reach our goal for our international project, Action Against Hunger. If you have any questions or concerns, remember that you are part of the biggest Interact network in the world, so feel free to contact anyone on DC. I'm so sad that this will be my last year of Interact. But looking back, one bit of advice for you all is to take advantage of every opportunity thrown your way...you never know where they'll take you!

...and that's all, folks.

See you all next month!



Interactorindex



Name: VIQUISHA (Victoria Dzuong)
Found at: Piedmont Hills High School (Area 6)
Last seen: as a supporter of DC
Special attack: nerd joke
Weak against: food, wrestling, art, tennis, rock climbing, badminton, running, cake, living
What's this? VIQUISHA IS EVOLVING!
VIQUISHA has evolved into Special Events Coordinator!

HOWLAHH! I don't bite...hard...so don't be shy to say hi.

Former Lt. Governor Wishes You Good Luck

Bjay Biscocho

Hello Interactors! My name is Bjay Biscocho and I was the Lt. Governor of 05-06 as well as the YouthAct Coordinator of 04-05.

I just wanted to say a very big CONGRATULATIONS to all the Interactors out there who helped us raise money for PumpAid this past Interact year. Together we raised over \$50,000 for

PumpAid and AAI as well as committed over 36k community service hours. You all should be very proud of yourselves for such an accomplishment. Keep an eye out for an article all about us, Interact 5170, in the Rotary International magazine "The Rotarian," that highlights our work last year.

To new Freshmen: Interact is a great way to make a difference in the world and to meet new people.

There are so many things to look forward to the next three years of your high school career with Interact. I hope you all stay involved, go to RYLA, and witness the wonders that Interact District 5170 can accomplish. I have stayed involved with Interact all four years of high school and those four years would not have been the same if it wasn't for Interact.

Congratulations to all the new District

Council members. I hope you all enjoy your time on District Council as much as I have these past two years. The best of luck to all of you and to all the you put your mind to. Remember to always keep Janet and Jennifer up to date, ALWAYS.

Again, good luck to all of District 5170 this year with your fight against hunger. With the Interactor's heart, I know you'll be able to climb mountains.



Joy Yoon

This year will be Evergreen Valley High School's fifth year as a club on campus and we are excited for another great year!

We plan to bring service above self once again with lots of activities, fundraising, and upcoming projects. Through our upcoming events and goals for the 2006-2007 school year, we hope to reach out into our community, taking part in opportunities for us to take greater action into the world around us.

We're organizing and volunteering in projects such as Sight Night (an organization which helps

underprivileged people in developing countries who couldn't otherwise afford glasses), the Area 8 Talent Show, ushering at the San Jose Repertory Theatre, creating decorations, as well as setting up a few displays at Christmas in the Park and local Halloween festivities, tutoring at local elementary schools and answering phone calls to the public at the KTEH station are just a few events that will help us reach our yearly goal as well as spread awareness of Interact's positive effects in the community.

Because serving does not come without a price, fundraising plays a

key role in keeping Interact alive. Through support from the people around us and the hard work within all of us, the money we raise from our school's food festival, candy bag/bracelet selling, and restaurant sponsors from Chevy's and Red Robin, we are able to take one step closer in reaching our goals.

As a club, we hope we will be able to make an impact as we serve, even if our community service is unrecognized and unrewarded. We do not merely do our acts and services, just to get done, but with love for our community. Therefore, we put a large amount of heart

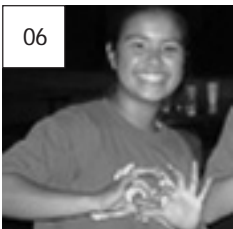
into everything we do.

Our Interact club finds joy in taking an active role in our community and takes pride in the changes we can create as a collaboration of youths who see a bigger and better picture for generation and society. All work and no play? Taking action requires a lot of hard work and planning, but we like to make it fun, unique and memorable! Instead of waiting for the world to change, we will be the change in the world. There is no limit in what we can do, and so the Evergreen Valley High School Interact Club is on the move!



Asha Choudhury

Hello hello, lovely ninjas and other creatures of District 5170. I'm so excited to embark upon this new Interact year and to meet all of you. Please say hi when you see me and be my friend because I don't have very many. However, that tragedy being so, I can devote all my love to Area 5! Come play with us (Milpitas, Irvington, Kennedy, Alston, and Mission San Jose!) when you have the chance; I promise we won't disappoint you. District 5170, I hope you're ready for a crazy fun year, because that's exactly what's in store for you! Warm fuzzies and mucho [Interact] love to you all!



Pauline Nuth

Hey! So school's just begun. That means lots of homework, studying, tests, and, perhaps, failing. Just Kidding. I mean we're up for another year of challenges, all-nighters, progress reports, and, of course, INTERACT! For you 'Double O' Seven' graduates, I wish for you the best. To my fellow juniors, class of 2008, represent! Let's just pray that we survive this year. To the Sophties, don't be afraid to try new things, the year's going to pass by fast. And finally, to all the Freshmeat, don't be afraid or lazy, get involved! Today's the start to another unforgettable year of memories!



Alexandra Daily

Hey everyone! So far, my only recommendations are to build up the unity amongst the Interacts in your school and to start getting out there to get some hands-on community work done. I know in previous years that the clubs that advertised, pre-ordered their shirts, and promoted a few fundraisers early got their schools' attention early, so don't let the fact that it's early in the year make you shy. Start promoting FLC now and make nice with your school administration because they are there to help support your club, despite any limitations they may doll out. Good luck! Go Area 7 Tigers! Rawr.



Zuodi Liao

Outside of Interact, Zuodi has been keeping busy by dancing at nighttime to house music all around the Evergreen area of San Jose. He's become an active member of the Traffic Cone Preservation Society, and dreams of freeing the giraffe population at the San Diego Zoo by next spring. Currently, Area 8 is hard at work on a unity night involving a talent show, a legion of rap artists, a martial arts demo team, and a church from the Evergreen hills. Also, in his spare time, Zuodi has been pouring way too much money into his studio, which is often frequented by equally starving artists who work for no pay. Laugh now, but there are big things to come.



Alan Guttirez

The year seems to be going quickly already, and I'm sure that it's the case for all of you too. I hope to meet many new Interactors this year and that means YOU, so don't be afraid to come meet me, I'll do my best to do the same. Last year we raised over \$40,000 for PumpAid and the only way we'll be able to do the same this year is by staying positive and active, remember who your fundraising for, and why; that should be enough motivation. We can do it, good luck and have fun! Go Area 9!