

### **Charter Application Submitted by Grove Interact Club**

Hi Mr. Mitchell, I am the Grove Rotary committee chair for the Grove Interact program in Grove Schools. Attached is the application to charter the Grove Interact Club. Could I trouble you for your signature on the second page and if possible e-mail it back to me? If that isn't possible my fax number is 918-787-8414.

The Grove Interact Club is a school based organization within the Grove High School. I am very pleased with how the school's administration has embraced the program. Our school sponsor, Mrs. Terri Guthridge, has also embraced the program and has been very active within our meetings and fundraisers.

The Interact Club was formed November 2011 and I am very proud of what the members have already accomplished. Our International Project is the construction of a home for orphans in Ghana, Africa. The Interact members had a fundraiser in which they raised over \$16,000 for the project. Their goal is to raise another \$4,000 to meet the amount needed to build the home.

The Interact students have also taken on a local soup kitchen as their primary local project. One of our fundraisers was waiting on tables, for tips, at a banquet that benefited the local Humane Society. This not only helped the local Humane Society, but it raised awareness of the Interact Club and the students raised over \$800 that will be donated to the local soup kitchen.

Within the last six months, since the Interact Club was started in Grove, the students have raised nearly \$20,000. In addition to those projects the students have also provided scholarships to two well deserving Grove High School seniors.

Although the Interact Club has only fifteen members it was intentional to keep the member number to a minimum as we went through the organizational stage. But as I mentioned above the school is very supportive of the program and plans are already in the works to do a membership drive at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year. Based upon the success we have had to date and the exposure the Grove Interact program has received I am optimistic that we will experience exponential growth during the next school year.

I would also like to mention that the support of the Grove Rotary leadership and members has also been amazing. Both Maria and Carl have been instrumental in getting the Interact program off the ground.

Danny, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to visit with me regarding this application.

Steve Duff