

PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB

2007 - 2008

The club has voted to expand a recycling project started by my brother and me last year to other neighborhoods in Pampa. Every 6 weeks, our Interact Club will collect newspapers and aluminum cans from neighborhoods throughout the community of Pampa. There are six groups, with five Interactors in each group, that help collect papers/cans and take to local recycling center downtown. On April 5th, our first recycling day, the club collected \$52.00 from the aluminum cans. The recycling center pays \$0.50 per pound of cans collected. Our proceeds from the cans will go, at the end of the year, to purchase several animals through Heifer International to be sent to needy families in third world countries. Heifer International is an organization devoted to eradicating world hunger by promoting self-reliance in developing countries. Our recycling project breaches the boundaries of helping make the community of Pampa "greener" by expanding it into an International project through Heifer International. After all, Interact is short for "International Action," and that is precisely what our club is hoping to achieve.

As well as the instigation of the recycling project, the Interact Club has adopted a park in Pampa and will clean it monthly by picking up trash and ridding the park of graffiti. In return, the city will donate a sign to be put in the park honoring the Interact Club. In the summer the club plans to have an "International Potluck Dinner," with proceeds going to a chosen charity.

The Rotary Interact Club of Pampa is off to a fantastic start. I am especially pleased to have the opportunity to expand my love of Rotary to teenagers in my school and town, and I hope they will benefit as much from the program as I have. We will be electing officers at the end of May for the next Rotary year.

Thank you for the continued support from Rotary that our club has received. I will forward pictures of club events as they are available.

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