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STANDARD INTERACT CLUB CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I--Name

The name of this organization shall be the Interact Club of North Thurston High School.

ARTICLE II--Purpose and Goals

EIGHT GOALS

The purpose of Interact is to provide opportunity for young people to work together in a world fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding.

The goals of Interact are:

1. To recognize and develop constructive leadership and personal integrity.
2. To encourage and practice thoughtfulness of and helpfulness to others.
3. To create an awareness of the importance of home and family.
4. To build respect for the rights of others, based on recognition of the worth of each individual.
5. To emphasize acceptance of individual responsibility as the basis of personal success, community improvement, and group achievement.
6. To recognize the dignity and value of all useful occupations as opportunities to serve society.
7. To provide opportunities for gaining increased knowledge and understanding of community, national, and world affairs.
8. to open avenues of personal and group action leading to the advancement of international understanding and goodwill toward all peoples.

ARTICLE III--Sponsorship

ROTARY CLUB MUST SPONSOR THIS CLUB

1. The sponsor of this Interact club is the Rotary Club of Lacey which, through a committee of not less than five Rotarians, shall exercise supervision and control over all activities, programs and policies of this Interact club. The continued existence of this Interact club shall depend upon the continued active personal participation of the sponsoring Rotary club. In the case of a club composed of young women only, the committee shall also include one or more responsible women as ex officio members.
2. This club is not a part of , and neither this club nor its members have any rights or privileges with respect to , the sponsoring Rotary club.

ARTICLE IV--Membership

60% ATTENDANCE NECESSARY

1. To be eligible for membership a person must possess good character and leadership potential and (a) in a school-based club be a student in any of the four years of school immediately preceding the college or university level according to prevailing local educational systems and have demonstrated achievement in academic and extra-curricular activities: (b) in a community-based club have reached the age of 14, or be a student in any of the last four years of school immediately preceding the college or university level according to the prevailing local education system.
2. The membership of this club may be all male, all female, or both male and female in any ratio, at the discretion of the sponsoring club.

1. **President.** The president shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the club and the board of directors. She shall, with the approval of the board, appoint all standing and special committees and, in the event of a vacancy in the board of directors, shall, with the approval of the board, fill such vacancy by appointment until the next regular election of the club. She shall be a next officio member of all committees.
2. **Vice President.** The vice president shall succeed to the office of president in the event of the removal of the latter for whatever cause, and, in the absence of the president, shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the board.
3. **Secretary.** The secretary shall maintain all club records. She shall keep minutes of all meeting of the club and board of directors.
4. **Treasurer.** The treasurer shall have custody of all club funds, maintaining all necessary records, and depositing all funds in a bank approved by the board of directors. He shall make all disbursements under procedures determined by the board of directors. He shall report the club's financial status at each meeting of the club, and shall hold all records available for inspection by any club member.
5. **Board of Directors.** The board of directors shall be the governing body of the club, as provided in the constitution. It shall make an annual report to the club to apprise all members of the club's operations. It shall hold regularly scheduled meetings, not less than one a month, which shall be open to the attendance of any club member in good standing. Members attending such meetings, however, shall not address the meeting except with the permission of the board.

ARTICLE III--Meetings

MEET TWICE PER MONTH

1. Meetings of the club shall be held not less than twice per month and meetings of the board not less than once a month, at a time and place suited to the convenience of the membership.
2. A majority of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the club. Any four members of the board, one of whom must be the president or vice president, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the board. No meeting of the club or the board shall be deemed official unless a member of the Interact committee of the sponsoring Rotary club is in attendance.

ARTICLE IV--Committees

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

1. The president, with the approval of the board of directors, shall appoint the following standing committees:
 - A. **International Understanding.** This committee shall be charged with primary responsibility for devising ways and means of engirding international understanding among the members, in the school and community, and in all other areas. It shall have the duty of initiating and planning one major activity in its field each year which shall involve all or most of the club membership.
 - B. **Service.** This committee shall have responsibility for devising at least one major service project annually, other than international, which shall involve all or most of the membership.

3. Elections of officers and directors shall be by methods compatible with local customs and procedures, but in no case shall more than a simple majority of the members present and in good standing be required for election.

The term of office of all officers and directors shall be one year, unless a shorter term is provided in the by-laws. NOR provisions shall be made for a term of officer shorter than one year except with the written permission of Rotary International.

ARTICLE VII--Committees

WHAT COMMITTEES ARE NEEDED

1. There shall be provided in the by-laws of this club the following standing committees: international understanding, service, finance, club and other standing committees as may be deemed necessary or convenient for the administration of the club.
2. The president, with the approval of the board, may appoint such special committees as she may deem necessary, citing their duties at the time of appointment. All such special committees shall lapse upon the completion of their duties, upon discharge by the appointing president, or with the end of her term of office, whichever occurs first.

ARTICLE IX--Fees and Dues

DUES MUST BE MINIMAL

1. Any additional fees, dues or assessments on the membership of the club shall be nominal and shall only be for the purpose of meeting the administrative costs of the club. Funds for activities and projects undertaken by the club shall in general be raised apart from such fees, dues or assessments.

ARTICLE X--Acceptance of Constitution and By-Laws

EVERY MEMBER MUST COMPLY

Every member of this club, by his acceptance of membership and continuation thereof, thereby accepts the principles of Interact as expressed in its purpose and goals and submits himself to and agrees to comply with and be bound by the constitution and by-laws of this club, and on these conditions alone is entitled to the privileges of the club. No member shall be absolved from the observance of the constitution and by-laws on the plea that he has not received a copy of them.

ARTICLE XI-- By-Laws

BY-LAWS NEEDED

This club shall adopt the standard Interact club by-laws, together with such amendments as are not inconsistent with this constitution and which may be deemed necessary or convenient for the government of the club, provided that such amendments are adopted in accordance with the amendment procedure prescribed in the standard Interact club by-laws.

ARTICLE XII-- Emblem

EMBLEM FOR EXCLUSIVE USE

The emblem of Interact shall be preserved for the exclusive use and benefit of Interact members. Each member of this club shall be entitled to wear or otherwise display the Interact emblem in a