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This week's invocation/inspiration was given by Outbound Exchange, Justice Chamberlain. It was Samuel L. Jackson's line from the movie, Coach Carter,

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do."

~ from Marianne Williamson's book
A Return to Love, 1992]

Is Justice our first Youth Exchange to deliver a morning inspiration!



Mike Jones inducted **Dr. Stephen Phillips**, Superintendent, Newberg School District, last week. Steve was sponsored by Raquel de Brito and being mentored by Mark Moisan with the red New Member sticker removed by the illustrious President Hostetler.



Bob Woodruff accepted a \$2,500 check from the Early Bird Foundation (Doug Caffall presenting) to help fund the rebuild of the Japanese Garden at Chehalem Valley Middle School.

Chehalem Valley has had a sister school relationship with Wadayama Middle School (Asago, Japan) for almost 30 years.

The recently approved bond measure means significant changes including disturbing the Japanese Garden that had graced the entrance for the last 25 years.

Hoichi Kurisu, Sherwood, OR, grew up in Hiroshima and saw the Enola Gay fly overhead for the bombing of Hiroshima.

Part of the Garden are propagations of trees that survived the blast so many years ago.

Bob (early director of Portland Japanese Garden) is seeking community funding to rebuild this local treasure and envisions quirky little fusion events of Japanese tea party meets American hot dog feed.

Youth Exchange Program: Last week, Trisha Sito (out of frame), Pili Durante, Thomas Gray, Madison Lenz, Mason Myers, and Justice Chamberlain presented Newberg High School's chapter of Rotary Interact Club.

Fun fact, out of the four service clubs in NHS, Interact is the largest with 20 members overall.

Some of their projects include Helping

Thanks to our Rotary donations and fundraiser volunteers, we were able to afford this.

Video Call

We were able to get all of the students onto a video call to talk about our different cultures, food, and schedules!



Paws - Helping People, Max's idea (Max is our Outbound currently residing in Turkey). The program launched to provide vaccinations and identity chips to local pets at the Fernwood Grange. They're trying to set up a second event for May 20 but don't yet have a veterinarian on board for the service.

The students held a gift wrapping event last

Christmas season at Fred Meyer and raised about \$200.

The group also participates in Early Bird club sponsored events.

They're also raising money to support Shelter Box, providing crucial basic items to victims of natural disasters. Items like tents, tools, even small toys for children of parents trying to rebuild their lives.

Thomas' sister, Rowan (current outbound to Switzerland), "dragged" him into Interact. Now he gets to see what our club does to bring back to Interact.

Tricia shared that Interact raised \$3,000 to sponsor ten Kenyan students' education as part of their International Project.

The group arranged a video call with the Kenyan students during the project and got to share culture experiences from across multiple continents.

The students promote Interact within Newberg High with club fairs, launching of Instagram and Facebook presences, word of mouth, and morning announcements.

Meetings are at lunch time every other Tuesday covering what's next and how to help their local and global communities.

Often they will leverage WhatsApp group chat so they don't all have to try being in the same space during busy school schedules.

Another fun fact? Pili is the only one of the bunch that was an Interact-er before becoming an exchange student.



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