

To the members of the Almaden Rotary Club:

For the last four years I have had the pleasure of being the faculty advisor to the Pioneer Interact Club. I have seen the club grow not only in our numbers, but also in the level of our commitment to the goal of service to others that we share with you, the members of Rotary International.

The relationship between Rotary and Interact is a unique one, for it provides an opportunity for adults and young people to work together to achieve the common goals of service and international understanding.

We at Pioneer are very proud and appreciative of our relationship with the Almaden Rotary Club. The Rotarians who give time from their busy schedules to join and support us in various projects and activities are admirable role models for our students. The time you give means more than I think you realize. Too often we take for granted the impact of giving of our time to others. If there has been anything that we have tried to instill in our Interact members, it has been that the giving of one's time is the greatest service we can do for our community. The projects we have undertaken have involved, more than anything else, our students' time. The 50-Hour Club we developed at Pioneer to honor those Interactors who have donated 50 or more hours of community service stands as testimony to our belief that when we give our time, we give a far more valuable gift than money could buy. Your members have shown us that the leaders of our community share our values of service, and for the young people of today, that is very reassuring.

Our expectations for ourselves are very simple. We expect the members of Interact to be caring and concerned about their community. We expect them to get involved wherever possible to better the lives of others less fortunate than themselves. We expect them to participate in projects adopted by the club to serve others.

Our expectations of you, our sponsoring club, are equally simple. We expect you to support, guide, and inspire us. As members of the business community and contributing members

of society, you are examples to Interact that service to others is not just an ideal of the young. It is a philosophy of life upon which to base our lives. We do not require or expect any financial support from the Rotarians. Your level of participation in our projects and activities is entirely up to the abilities of your members and your club. However, it is our hope that your encouragement and advice will be generous as you help us reach our goals.

Thank you for supporting the Pioneer Interact Club. Your guidance and inspiration have given the Interactors role models to emulate as they mature into responsible citizens who care enough to give of themselves to help others.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Dawson". The signature is fluid and extends to the right.

Donna Dawson
Advisor