

LO Interact and the 2017 Christmas Baskets

Report of 12.9.2017 Service Project by Ted Ricks

It is hard enough for a Rotarian to roll out of bed at 7:00 AM on a Saturday, but excruciating for a teenager; regardless, our LO Interact members, Stuart Allen, Jordan Proffit, Jade Chou, and Pauline Pedersen (plus me) did just that on Saturday, December 9th.

We had signed up to sort food and toys and then, to pack two boxes of food and one box of toys in SUVs and drive off to assist in delivering them to 62 deserving LO families.

After some introductions all around among Rotarians, our four Interact members were assigned to the toy sorting. First, they carted boxes from the firehouse storage to the firehouse bays for food and toys. Then they laid down lettered tarps for sorting the toys in gender and ages, as in, Boys 10-14 or Girls 1-5.

The fun started with looking at the ages and genders of the children stapled to family boxes and picking out toys for each box. We had enough to

give some boxes extra toys including adult sized stuffed animals!

We even got a tour of the firehouse by the Fire Chief, Larry Goff – kitchen, bedrooms, equipment, and exercise facility.

The whole group sang Christmas songs and carols before driving the cars and SUVs through the double doors of the firehouse and loading two food boxes and one toy box for each family – two sets for two families per car.

I drove with Pauline Pedersen and Jade Chou as my passengers and helpers and Stuart Allen drove with Jordan following the directions to each house that were attached to each set of boxes.

Our members did a great job and families were delighted – what a way to start the Holidays!

