

Creating a LO Rotary Interact Club at Lakeridge Jr. High School for “Service Above Self”

Pauline Petersen stepped out of the rain on January 19th at 8:15 AM at Lakeridge Jr. High School to join eight other committed 8th graders to form a new club dedicated to community and international service.

What started with a phone call two months earlier to Rotary, became a reality as these 8th graders enthusiastically launched a third Lake Oswego branch of the LO Interact Club (the other two at Lake Oswego HS and Lakeridge HS started in May, 2015). Lake Oswego now has “3 schools, 1 service club” for teenagers in town.

The club agreed on meeting once a month on the 3rd Thursday in Room 23 of Lakeridge Jr. High at 8:20 before school starts at 8:45 AM. They chose as their faculty advisor, Mrs. Karen Zurcher, who willingly gave up a part of her classroom for meetings. The club members are: Savanna Quast, Ainsley Williams, Shaylee Polinsky, Olivia Ricks, Kylie Morrissey, Elaine Culbert, Reagan Yates, Hope Williams, and Pauline Petersen.

The first order of business was to elect their officers for the academic year: The voting was close but the group chose Pauline Petersen as President; Olivia Ricks as Treasurer; and Elaine Culbert as Secretary.

The second order of business was to choose their first service project at the Lake Oswego Adult Community Center on February 24th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM helping any senior in town to navigate their smart phones and notebooks (laptops invited). Then the members posed for an Inaugural Club photo:



Back row: Reagan Yates, Hope Williams, Karen Zurcher, Ainsley Williams, Olivia ricks, Kylie Morrissey, Elaine Culbert
Front row: Shaylee Polinsky, Savannah Quast, Pauline Petersen.