

LO Interact and the 2018 Christmas Baskets

Report of 12.8.2018 Service Project by Ted Ricks

At 8:30 AM, our LO Interact members, Karthik Sreehar, Stuart Allen, Jonah Tappouni, Pauline Pedersen, Ada Parker, and our inbound Rotary exchange student, Leandro Andrade from Brazil (plus me) did what most Lake Oswego residents did not do on Saturday, December 8th. We drove to our downtown fire station and packed boxes with canned goods, boxes of cereal, crackers, bread, rice, a ham, potatoes, peanut butter, condiments, soup, and vegetables. By 9:30 AM Lake Oswego Rotarians showed up and helped packed boxes as well. Meanwhile, more cars began to line up for the delivery of food and toys to 48 needy families in Lake Oswego.



We then sorted toys into age specific groupings for sorting of toys, stuffed animals, puzzles, and games by gender and ages.. The fun started with looking at the ages and genders of the children described in the family boxes and picking out toys for each box. We had enough to give some boxes with extra toys including adult sized stuffed animals. I.



We had our pictures taken for the LO Review and a special photo of the LO Interact club with the Williamette Rotaract Club.

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 Leandro Andrade as my passenger, Jonah rode with Peter York to help him out, and Stuart Allen drove with Karthik following the directions to each house that were attached to the set of boxes.

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

