



Interact Club Oakhill School

Oakhill Interact Club consists of at the moment approximately 20 female learners spread out over the grades of the high school. In an attempt to grow the club with members (specifically male members) we have moved the club meeting time to during the school day.

Since July 2008, Oakhill Interact Club has achieved much which we are proud of. We focused on helping our charities in the best way possible. We also benefited our school, rotary club and had contact with overseas clubs.

We have not helped our school financially, because Oakhill is a well-off school and that we were quite privileged to attend such a school, we have decided to help those less privileged than we are. However we have helped our school in other ways. In August 2008, the Interact Club of Oakhill hosted a very successful fashion show as our main fundraiser for the year. It benefited our school as it provided entertainment, allowed those participating to have fun and at the same time build their confidence, and it also added to Oakhill's great reputation of hosting enjoyable events. The fashion show of 2008 also brought back an Oakhill Interact tradition which got abandoned somewhere down the line. The fashion show allowed for Oakhill students to become more involved and more excited about Interact. We were helped by many students, teachers, parents and local businesses which allowed for the evening to be the great success it was.

Soon after the fashion show in August as well, four members of the Oakhill Interact Club attended a workshop run by Rotary. We were benefitted greatly as we were educated about what an Interact Club was supposed to be structured like and how it should function. We also received an opportunity to socialise and get to know Knysna Interactors. We believe that our participation in the workshop helped our Rotary Club in that their objective for the workshop was achieved by the good participation of Knysna Interactors.

In December 2008, we helped a small poor school, Rondevlei. We did this by purchasing a container for the school in order for them to use as a storage room in order for their storage room to be transformed into a library. The container was personally delivered to the school by the Oakhill Interact Club. We also gave each student a Christmas present – just some sweets and a personalised card but it had meant a lot to the students and they

were grateful beyond belief. The club also spent the day with the students, interacting and playing with them. The experience touched the hearts of the Interactors and they left the school changed.

In February 2009, Oakhill Interact Club was invited to a hike by our Rotary Club. Four of our members attended the function and got the opportunity to meet and interact with members from overseas Interact Club. It was thoroughly enjoyed by the members and they have learnt a lot through the mingling with the foreigners.

In March 2009, Oakhill Interact Club was approached by Rotary to give a donation for polio. We held two fundraisers for this charity: a civvies day and a boerewors sale. The civvies day was held at school on a Friday and each student wearing casual clothes on the day had to pay the club R5. We found this fundraiser to be the easiest. The boerewors sale happened on a Saturday at the local Caltex garage (owned by an Interactor's father). We made the boerewors rolls and they were sold at the garage. By doing this, we brought business for the garage as well as helping the Knysna community to help others.

March 2009 also brought along our cancer sprayathon. This was held at school on a Friday during breaks and was greatly supported by the school. We raised a large amount of money which was donated to our hospice specifically for cancer. This activity allowed awareness to spread in our school about cancer and students enjoyed having colourful hair at school.

Oakhill School Interact Club believes that we have made a success of the past year and have helped the community. We do intend on continuing our trend of helping the community and giving more of ourselves during the next Rotary year. We have realised that more joy is achieved from giving than from receiving.

We would like to thank Rotary for this opportunity.