



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

REL Interact Club's Treat: 2,150 Food Items Collected

The Robert E. Lee High School Interact Club's annual "Trick-or-Treat for Hunger Food Drive," benefiting needy local families during the holiday season, brought in 2,150 food items on Halloween.

The service club eclipsed its goal of 1,500 can goods and nearly doubled last year's total.

"With today's economy – people are hurting and in need. We hear of need from local food banks and other community organizations. We felt that this would be a great project for this time of year (near Thanksgiving and Christmas)," said REL Interact Club Sponsor Brian Walenta. "The idea came as to what people would do for Halloween – we felt that we could go Trick-or-Treating to help instead of take."

Dressed in costumes, Interact Club members went door to door in across Baytown collecting food on Halloween night.

All goods will be given to create Family Food Boxes to be given away at the Baytown Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

The food drive was just the latest of many community service projects that the REL Interact Club members perform. Other service projects include sending care packages to REL alumni serving in the military, raising money for a deaf school in Africa, participating in the "Rotary Books for the World" by collecting books, collecting school supplies for local students, volunteering to help for the Baytown Thanksgiving Community Dinner, participating in the annual Baytown Trash Off, Relay for Life and Special Olympics and visiting residents at a local retirement community — just to name a few.



For nearly five decades, the Interact Club has been an important part of the Baytown community, and they have the honors to prove it.

For four consecutive years, the REL Interact Club has been awarded the Presidential Citation for Service from Rotary International. Of the 12,600 Interact Clubs in the world, only 550 clubs received this award.

Founded in 1963, the REL Interact Club is the oldest Interact Club in Texas.

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