

What Does The Four Way Test Mean To Me?

West Oak High School Interact Club

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In The Interact Club, we are taught the four way test. To find out if it is the truth, if it is fair, if it builds goodwill and friendship, and if it benefits all involved. These are lessons that we will not only use during our time in this organization, but lessons we will use in all of life.

Is it the truth? According to Webster's dictionary, the "truth" is having sincerity in action, character, and utterance. The truth paves the way to heaven, and the truth shall set you free...

...The truth is seen through many eyes, heard through many ears, but spoken through few mouths. The voices that do speak the truth are found in this room, supporting the Interact Club and the Rotary Club. These are organizations that promote only the best for all involved, organizations that make those involved only want to give that which is true and honest. Yes, it is true.

The definition of "fair" is as follows: in a manner that is honest or impartial or that conforms to rules. Is it fair?

The Interact club has many different kinds of members: white, black, male, female, tall, short, able-bodied and handicapped. We have also helped and served many different kinds of people, including the before mentioned types.

One thing I have noticed is that no matter who you are, or what makes you, you, the Interact Club, along with the Rotary Club treats all people with the same manner of respect and dignity. Through working with the Interact Club it has been instilled even more in my mind that all are equal, and all deserve the help of others. Yes, it is fair.

Goodwill is defined as a kindly feeling of approval and support: benevolent interest or concern. Will it build goodwill and better friendship?

Earlier this school year, the Interact club went on a trash pickup around the city of Westminster. Even though the point of the activity was to clean up the side of the roads, we found a way to make it fun at the same time. We built goodwill by cleaning up the roadway and building pride in the city we live in.

Better friendships were made through working together and being supportive of each other. The job that in the beginning seemed to be monotonous and pointless turned into a opportunity to have fun, fellowship without classmates, and to make memories that will last forever. Yes, it will build goodwill and better friendships. Being concerned (is) also said to be the act of being "interestedly engaged."

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The members of Interact had a dinner for people that contribute to the Apple Festival. We served dinner to the guests, and made sure that anything that was needed was readily available. This was not only beneficial to the people being served, but to those serving as well.

The Bible says in Mark 9:35 *And sitting down, He called the twelve and said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all.* This is the attitude that Interact takes, and teaches to it's members, and that the members take throughout the school and community.

Yes, it will be beneficial to all concerned.

The Interact club has made a big difference in West-Oak high school, and the community around it. It has been a privilege to be a member of such a prestigious organization, and I look forward to seeing the future progress made by this club, its sponsors, its leaders, and its members. Thank you for your support.