

## Active Interact Club

The Interact Club at Settlers High School in Bellville was chartered by the Bellville Club in 1994. Ever since the club has grown from strength to strength under the leadership of their teacher, Ms Liezel Engelbrecht and school principal, Past President of Bellville Club, Richard Daly.

At a Bellville Rotary meeting on 18 September Interact President Samantha Hoffman gave a presentation and overview of their activities during the past year.

- Shoe box project:  
During the course of the year small items are collected by individuals, placed in shoe boxes, gift wrapped and then handed to children at the Hugenote Kinderhuis in Wellington.
- Stationery:  
Empty school portfolios and other stationery items are collected and donated to the Blue Mountain Farm School. Furthermore 75 desks and 2 prefabricated classrooms were donated to the school.
- Nourishment:  
Every Friday sandwiches and fruit are given to learners who cannot afford a meal daily. Non perishable items were collected and given to the Tygerberg Service Centre and Carel du Toit School for the hearing disabled.
- Winter woollies:  
Warm clothing and blankets were donated to the Bellville Care Mission.

### Other activities:

- Alta du Toit and Hensie Vroom Centres for the physically and disabled were visited. At the Hensie Vroom they attended a therapy session to witness the interaction between humans and animals.
- Coloured pictures and beautiful posters donated to primary schools to brighten up classrooms.
- Sold ribbons and bookmarks in aid of the Carel du Toit Centre for the sight and hearing impaired children.
- Invited residents of various Old Age Homes and Orphanages to a musical show at the school and treated them with cold drinks and biscuits.
- Soup sales at school for club fundraising.
- End-of-year grocery hampers for ground personnel at the school.

These service minded youngsters are so keen to reach out to those less fortunate than themselves that their teacher says she must often remind them that they must not neglect their studies! Samantha's presentation to the Rotary Club was acknowledged by a standing ovation and the good news is that Samantha was elected Head Girl for Settlers High School for 2008.

*The photographs show the learners packing and wrapping parcels and a group assembled at the trailer which was filled to capacity with the parcels.*

