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**When You Serve Your Community, You Serve Yourself**  
*Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf Reintroduces Interact Rotary*

Giving back to the community grants a meaningful purpose in life and an overwhelming sense of fulfillment—a fulfillment that the students of Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf can now profoundly experience.

Mill Neck Family of Organizations and Interact Rotary of JFK have joined together to bring back Interact Rotary to the Mill Neck School.

“This is a great opportunity for Deaf students to participate in remarkable programs like Interact Rotary,” says Mill Neck Manor Board Chairman Rudy Auslander. “It’s very exciting and we will be doing a lot of interesting projects.”

On Friday, April 17, an exclusive ceremony was held honoring nine outstanding Mill Neck students who graciously volunteered to join Interact Rotary, including President Sabrina Russell, Vice President Cindy Euceda, Treasurer Janelle Clemente, Secretary Abigail Bethon, Keren Guerra, Gabriela David, Noel Rodriguez, Karlvin Sonny, and Edwin Gomez.

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During the ceremony, former Interact member Samantha Hallman said, “I was drawn to Mill Neck and volunteered there. Now, I’m lucky enough to work here full time as a Special Events Coordinator—joining the Interact Rotary changed my life.”

Interact Rotary—a service organization for adolescents ages 12 to 18—provides young individuals with the opportunity to work together and serve the community, develop leadership skills, demonstrate helpfulness and respect for others, understand the value of responsibility and hard work, and advance international understanding and goodwill.

“It’s just great to know that I can help people,” says Interact President Sabrina Russell. “It has always been a goal in my life to do so.”

Each year, Interact Rotary carries out two community service projects: one that helps the school or community and one that promotes international understanding. It also allows members to join together and tackle issues in the community that are most important to them, all while developing a network of lifelong friends.

Gabrielle Pollard, who is Interact Rotary Leader, a member of the JFK Rotary, and a Sign Language Interpreter and an Employment Specialist at Mill Neck, says “This is a chance for our students to give back, learn and grow, and build leadership skills. I want our students to know that they have the same power as someone who does not have a disability; it does not define who they are. And this program is a prime example of that.”

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Caption: Students at Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf are awarded for their participation in Interact Rotary.



Caption: Mill Neck Manor Board Chairman Rudy Auslander gives a speech at the Interact Rotary ceremony. Rotary Interact leader Gabrielle Pollard accompanies him on the right.



Caption: Rotary Club of JFK Airport President Clorinda Antonucci gives opening remarks at the Interact Rotary ceremony.

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