



The Fifth Annual Recycling Bin Design/Painting Contest for Rotary Interact Clubs in District 7255

The following is the information for the 2026 Fifth Annual Recycling Design/Painting Bin Contest for the Rotary Interact Clubs in District 7255. The contest is open to all Rotary District 7255 Interact High School Clubs.

The Fifth Annual Recycling Design/Painting Bin Contest is being held by District 7255 in partnership with the Evan R. Liblit Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee for all District 7255 Interact Clubs who wish to design and paint a recycling bin in recognition of America Recycles Day, Earth Day, and the seventh area of Rotary Focus - Supporting the Environment. Each Interact Club may enter up to two bins or containers for the contest. Interact Clubs have until September 30, 2026, to confirm the Club's official entry into the Contest. However, they can begin with their design and painting activities as of May 1, 2026.

1. To enter the Contest, the Interact Club must send their Interact Club's name and the Club advisor's contact information to tfiretog@gmail.com by September 30, 2026. A confirmation of entry into the Contest will then be sent.
2. The Interact Club would be responsible for obtaining a recycling bin, garbage can, or a trash container (e.g., used at home, or in their school or in fast food restaurants), and design and paint it in celebration of America Recycles Day, Earth Day, and/or the seventh area of Rotary Focus - Supporting the Environment.
3. The Club would then send a photograph of their completed design and recycling art to tfiretog@gmail.com so that designated representatives of the Liblit Steering Committee and Rotary District 7255, can judge the entry. **Photographs must be received by November 2, 2026.**
4. The winners will be announced by November 9, 2026, and will be presented with their awards, as well as display their containers, at the Annual Evan R. Liblit Memorial Scholarship Fund Breakfast, which also celebrates America Recycles Day, to be held in **November**, at the Irish Coffee Pub (8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.), 131 Carleton Ave., East Islip. **The winners must arrange for the display of their winning containers at the Breakfast.**

Other Items:

- A. Our District Interact Committee would be responsible for getting our Interact Clubs to participate in the Contest. The District and the Liblit Committee would issue a joint press release announcing the Contest, and subsequently publicize the Contest.
- B. Although not required, it would be great if the Clubs that sponsor Interact Clubs agree to reimburse each Interact Club that they sponsor, and which participates, up to \$50.00 for supplies and paint.
- C. The Liblit Committee would give out plaques to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Our District should give out Certificates of Participation to all participating Interact Clubs and award a \$500.00, \$300.00, and \$200.00 cash prize the Interact Clubs that come in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, respectively.



This is the QR code for the last Evan R. Liblit Journal showing the winners from past years.

Here some information about the Evan R. Liblit Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee:

Evan Liblit was a pioneer and leader in the field of recycling and solid waste management, an innovator and teacher of recycling and waste management. Even as a student, Evan was always anxious to explore new technologies and techniques, he quickly learned and understood that his field was subject to fiscal pressures, legislative compromise and the public's willingness to cooperate.

Today's students of environmental management face similar challenges and changes. Waste management in the new millennium will not only be subject to the same pressures of the last two decades, but new technologies will emerge and ever-changing regulation will attempt to address those changes.

In 1997, the State University at Stony Brook recognized Evan Liblit's contributions to solid waste management and recycling, and established a memorial scholarship in his name. The Evan R. Liblit Memorial Scholarship Fund, which is administered by the Evan R. Liblit Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee, supports graduate and undergraduates students at the SUNY Stony Brook Waste Reduction and Management Institute. The Fund is on-going and self-sustaining, and will benefit these students for years to come.

In November of each year, to celebrate America Recycles Day and to honor the memory and work of Evan R. Liblit, the Liblit Committee hosts the Annual Evan R. Liblit Memorial Scholarship Awards Breakfast at the Irish Coffee Pub in East Islip.