

## **Youth Report for January 2024**

### **Interact Clubs:**

At Newark Valley High School students are planning two food drives in February and a blacklight dance in March. They are also exploring opportunities to become involved in a local project to convert the Congregational Church into a community center.

At Owego Free Academy club members are taking orders for carnations to be delivered on Valentine's Day. The proceeds will go to a charity of the club's choice.

### **Scholarship committee:**

Three scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors this year. The current scholarship application is under review. The committee will distribute applications in the near term and should be able to collect, review and determine scholarship winners by the end of April.

### **Youth Exchange Programs:**

#### **Outbound 2023–2024**

Ava enjoyed Christmas and New Year celebrations with her host family. She will remain with this family for the remainder of her time in Denmark.

#### **Inbound 2023–2024**

Jost moved to his second host family on Saturday, January 13. He is on Main St. in Owego.

His first host family had the opportunity to meet with committee members to review their experiences and to offer suggestions for the future. The family thoroughly enjoyed hosting Jost and were especially grateful for the club's help with Jost's transportation.

Jost has an opportunity to participate in a youth exchange trip from Phoenix to San Francisco from June 29 to July 12. He is not sure he wants to participate.