

Bee for Books:

Recruit your best spellers
to support literacy in Haiti



North Spartanburg Rotary Club is partnering with local non-profit Hub City Writer's Project to put on a community spelling bee with teams of 3 adults competing against each other for bragging rights and pieces of Haitian art.

Funds raised by \$300 per team entry fee and \$20 per person audience ticket will go to Partners in Literacy Haiti's "Books Build Brighter Futures" to buy Kreole and French books for the school in Cange.

New and gently used books collected (25 books per team, 1 or more books per ticket) will be donated to the Hub City Writer's Project annual "Great Kids, Great Books" summer reading program for Spartanburg County District 7 schools.

Our goal is to send at least \$5,000 to Haiti and to collect at least 300 books for District 7. **We are currently recruiting teams of spellers – we invite all Rotary clubs in the District to join in, sponsor a team, and support literacy!** For more information contact Lucy Hooper, North Spartanburg Rotary, cell 803-474- 2213, e-mail lyhooper@gmail.com.

How your Rotary Club can help to revitalize our Haiti library and get books to children

1. Invite a Partners in Literacy Haiti speaker to your club to meet the board and club.
2. Connect a school, classroom, church group, book club, etc. to one of our schools.
3. Participate in a Work Team Visit.
4. Collect: A). Puzzles, simple games like checkers, Twister, Chinese checkers, with preferably no words up to a maximum 2-3 words per card games like Go Fish and Old Maid, Memory. Need to be new or in very good condition. B.) School supplies: crayons, glue sticks, markers, scissors, pencils, pencil sharpeners.
5. Join with Easley, Greater Anderson, Greenville, and Pleasantburg Rotary Clubs to become a Leader Club. Involves a 2 year commitment, \$2000 donation each year, helping with committee work and providing at least one work team member.

Literacy month: Make plans now

by Sara Mansbach,
7750 Literacy chair

Make Plans Now to Celebrate International Rotary's Literacy Month in March!

1. Spotlight Your Club's Literacy in the Media!
2. Do a book drive, build a bookshelf and take to your local domestic violence women's residential shelter.
3. Go with a group to a 4K kindergarten class and read to small groups of children.
4. Identify a Head Start Center donate plastic crate of new books in a classroom.
5. Ask your school district's Early Childhood Director and Reading Curriculum Coordinator, or Adult Education Director to talk about literacy in their respective fields.
6. Hold a panel discussion with business leaders describing their future literacy needs.

Google "Rotary promotes literacy" for more ideas. Write up your activity or program and send a press release to your media contacts.

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