

# Literacy ideas for your club

from 5 outstanding Rotary Literacy Service Projects

by Sara Mansbach

Our District 7750 club involvement with quality literacy projects has increased significantly in the past five years.

In 2011, the five clubs featured in this newsletter demonstrated outstanding literacy service projects for both the upstate and international service. Contact their past presidents for information.

Aiken – President Herb Mattocks, 803-270-8884

Batesburg-Leesville – President Furman Cantrell, 803-447-7210

Emerald City – President Jim Manley, 864-554-4272

Greater Anderson – President Kathryn Smith, 864-202-7093

North Spartanburg – President Edwin Wilde, 864-490-8599

Each year, clubs submit reports on literacy service in May. Outstanding clubs receive awards as part of the District 7750 Awards Ceremony in June. Call me after March 25 for more information at 864-414-0875 on reporting your club's literacy project.

Note: Sara leaves March 3 to work on Rotary literacy projects in Haiti for three weeks.

## Rotary Club of Aiken literacy

177 Members

During the 2010-11 year, the Aiken Literacy Committee implemented three new projects, continued two others and participated in an international literacy project.

### 1. Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Partnered with United Way of Aiken County to fund 50 local children. Books are mailed to the child's home. Funds Expended: \$1500 per year for 3-year commitment.

### 2. Adopt-a-Classroom

Partnered with the Aiken County SPCA to adopt a class in a local Aiken county elementary school and provide volunteers to read with children in the class each week Funds Expended: Out-of-pocket expenses by Rotarians involved to pay for treats

**3. Children's Book Drive** on a Saturday collected 400 books for underserved families

**4. "Touch a Life" Mentoring Program** to an elementary or middle school student who is identified as "at risk" and in need of support

**5. Dictionary Project.** Time Involved: Nine years (2002). Persons Impacted: 2,200 children each year. Funds Expended: \$3,700 per year.

**6. Guatemala School Project**--In response to a devastating volcano destruction of the public school in the village of Concepcion El Cedro, Guatemala, provided funds for school supplies and books to be purchased there. Funds Expended: \$700. Time Expended: Two members of our club went to Guatemala November 9-14, 2010.

Total Literacy Funds: \$5,900

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