

Tales from a Dilly Bag

ROTARY DISTRICT 9600 LITERACY NEWSLETTER

March 2010



March is Literacy Month for Rotary

I hope clubs are able to celebrate during March as it is the dedicated Literacy month for Rotary. There is still much to be done to support literacy internationally, nationally and locally as we all work together to give children and adults every opportunity of becoming literate and a chance to improve their quality of life. Literacy plays a huge role in the lives of everyone and has a direct effect on health, education, lifespan and overall quality of life.

Literacy projects conducted this month may also contribute to gaining a District and or Zone Literacy Award. See the application attached to this newsletter. All applications need to be submitted by 15th April, 2010.

D9600 Literacy Project: *Tales from a Dilly Bag* News

Round 4 for *Tales from a Dilly Bag* closed late in October 2009 and the support from Rotary clubs and other sponsors was once again very pleasing. To date, 27 classes of young children have been sponsored to support the development of emergent literacy skills and understandings for Indigenous young children and their classmates. Schools are using the kits in a number of different ways, and we know that more than 675 young children have benefitted from having quality children's literature read to them. They also have enjoyed completing creative activities designed to align with the stories. Feedback received from schools where kits have been donated to a Preparatory class tells us that older students, and in some cases Earlyact members, are working as reading mentors for younger students. While it is difficult to place an exact figure on the total number of older and younger students who are benefitting from the *Tales from a Dilly Bag* project, we expect the number is fast approaching 1,200.

Some clubs in D9600 have been strong supporters of the District Literacy project, *Tales from a Dilly Bag* and have sponsored up to four classes. Up until the end of Round 4, nine clubs in D9600 have participated as sponsors in the district project. We also have benefited from sponsorships from Inner Wheel and Earlyact clubs. There is one more opportunity in this Rotary year to sponsor a class as Round 5 closes on 19th March.

The cost of the kit is not expensive as we have secured many discounted items for the individual kits and this makes it excellent value for money. The effects of donating a kit are far reaching and sustainable. We have received very positive feedback from schools and kindergartens where kits have been donated during the first four sponsorship rounds. Recently, the Inner Wheel Club of Rockhampton Sunset purchased three dilly bag kits and these were donated to three schools in Rockhampton. Here is an excerpt from the Crescent Lagoon State School newsletter written by the principal, Paul Nicholson.

Peer Reading Program – Crescent Lagoon State School

Our year sevens are adopting a Prep student to read to once a week. I was fortunate to be in Mrs O'Grady's Prep Class last week when Year 6/7 White (Mrs Scott) students were reading to the Prep buddies. It was very satisfying to see the enthusiasm of our older students reading to the young ones. The learning that is going on for all concerned cannot be understated. This is a great program and our Prep and Year 7 teachers can be congratulated for making this happen.

Paul Nicholson (Principal)

The final sponsorship round for the 2009/2010 Rotary year closes on 19th March, so if you have a spare \$750.00 left in your account, you might like to consider sponsoring a class. I attach the Round 5 Sponsorship form with this newsletter. Please send funds to the District treasurer, Don Richards, as directed on the form.

Statistics relating to sponsors for Tales from a Dilly Bag project to the end of ROUND 4 (closing date of October, 2009) are as follows:

Sponsor	Number of sponsors	Total number of kits
Rotary clubs in D9600	9 clubs	20 kits
Inner Wheel club, Rockhampton Sunset	1 club	3 kits
Earlyact club, Samford SS	1 club	1 kit
Rotary clubs from other districts – Victoria	1 club	1 kit
Indigenous Higher Education centre at ACU	1 centre	2 kits
		TOTAL 27 kits

Rotary Literacy Awards

Has your club been working towards gaining a District or even a Zone Literacy Award? The information has been on the D9600 website throughout the year. I now include it with this newsletter as applications for a District or Zone literacy award close on 15th April. Please complete the attached form as per the guidelines and post it to myself as District Chair if you have successfully completed 5 literacy activities. If you have completed 10 literacy activities and you are eligible for Zone Literacy Award, please send your application to Danny Low who is the Zone Co-ordinator for clubs in D9600.

I hope the new boards for 2010/2011 will include literacy activities within plans for the new Rotary year and if you have not already sponsored a class for a Dilly Bag kit, then I hope you will give this project serious consideration as well.

Yours in Rotary

Dr Janelle Young

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Rotary Club of Samford Valley
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Sponsorship Registration Form

Tales from a Dilly Bag District 9600 Literacy Project

Tales from a
Dilly Bag



ROUND 5

Closing Date: 19th March, 2010.

Rotary Club of agrees to sponsor a class/classes of young children by purchasing kit/s of materials at a cost of \$750.00 per kit.

Total cost:

Sponsoring Rotary Club contact person:

Details for the contact person: Tel:..... Email:.....

Nominating your school/centre (please list below)

School/Centre name/s:

If you are not sure of a school/centre for your sponsorship, contact Janelle Young for assistance.

Please note: *If clubs wish to sponsor a school/centre located outside of D9600, then the club is responsible for arranging the transport of the kit (approximately 30kg in weight).*

Please complete this Sponsorship Registration Form and send it with your cheque to:

Mr Don Richards
Rotary District 9600 Treasurer
PO Box 693
Strathpine Q 4500

Cheques to be made out to: Rotary International District 9600

Please forward a copy of your completed sponsorship form to Janelle Young by scanning and emailing the form or posting a copy to the address below.

Kits for ROUND 5 will be ready for clubs to deliver to schools/centres in late April 2010.

Dr Janelle Young
Chair, Rotary District 9600 Literacy Taskforce
Rotary Club of Samford Valley

Email: jyoung14@gmail.com
Address: 48 Domrow Road, Camp Mountain, Qld 4520

2009-10 Literacy Resource Group

The resource group provides information and support to Rotary clubs and districts to encourage participation in programs and projects that promote universal literacy and educational opportunities for all. The resource group encourages clubs to undertake projects in each of Rotary's Four Avenues of Service and plan projects supportive of the RI Strategic Plan. The Literacy Resource Group promotes the connection of literacy projects to those involving health, hunger and water through those particular resource groups.

Suggested Goals for Clubs

- Celebrate International Literacy Day on 8 September
- Celebrate Literacy Month in March
- Conduct a dictionary project or other book project
- Share information about its literacy activities with the District Literacy Chair or the District Governor
- Earn a district literacy award
- Conduct a Vocational Service literacy project

Suggested Goals for Districts and Zones

- Conduct a district literacy workshop or area literacy workshop
- Incorporate a literacy component into all district training functions, the district conference, and the Zone Institute
- Encourage all clubs to earn the district literacy award

Criteria for Awards

District Award

Club must complete five literacy projects. Projects that are the same but in different locations (e.g. books, dictionaries to schools) count as only one project.

Zone Award

Club must complete ten literacy projects, including the five required for the District Literacy Award, and

1. one project from the list of suggested activities on the other side of this brochure
2. either celebrate International Literacy Day (Sept. 8th) or celebrate Literacy Month in March
3. complete a book project (e.g. a dictionary project)

Area Award

Clubs and individuals are eligible for a literacy area award for outstanding leadership at the District or Zone level. The literacy Area Coordinators will issue these awards.

Other Awards

The General Coordinator of the RILRG offers three additional club awards: The Innovative Literacy Project Award; the Vocational Service Literacy Award; and The Four Avenues of Literacy Service Award. Award applications must be submitted to the Area Coordinator or General Coordinator by **15 April, 2010**.



Rotary International 2009-10 Literacy Resource Group

Literacy Awards

John Kenny

President, Rotary International

Richard Hattwick

General Coordinator

Marcelina Aurelio

Assistant General Coordinator

Area Coordinators

Douglas Kent - Africa

Saowalak Rattanavich - Asia, Japan, Korea & Taiwan

Pierre-Louis Doucet - Europe

Rosa Maria Acevedo de Vazquez - Latin America

Roger Hayward - North America

Ian Yarker - South Pacific & Southern Asia

RI Support Staff, Evanston

David Plater

Jesse Allerton

Suggested Activities for Literacy Awards

Club Service

- CS1. Recruit a new club member with a literacy classification.
- CS2. Promote International Literacy Day and/or Literacy Month.
- CS3. Invite a literacy speaker to a club meeting.
- CS4. Devote a club meeting to creating awareness of literacy project opportunities.
- CS5. Conduct Rotary theme of the month projects creating awareness of the literacy aspects of theme of the month, e.g. in December, Family Literacy.
- CS6. Send club members to a district literacy seminar or conference and devote a subsequent club meeting to their report from the seminar.

Vocational Service

- VS1. Conduct a 4-Way Test project or make the test part of other projects such as book gifts or of other character literacy projects.
- VS2. Conduct a character literacy project such as Who Is Nobody, Laws of Life; BrainWise or gift of books such as *Elmer and Andy's Apple Dumpling Adventure*.
- VS3. Recognize a community leader who is a vocational service role model; use the occasion to create public awareness of Rotary's vocational service values.
- VS4. Sponsor (perhaps in partnership with an Interact club) a high school workshop which teaches vocational literacy as exemplified in Rotary's Four-Way Test, the second part of the Object of Rotary, and our two mottos.

International Service

- IS1. Participate in an international book shipping project, a mini-library project, or school or family book or supplies or equipment project.
- IS2. Participate in a literacy and education-focused international project that is connected to health, hunger, and water concerns.
- IS3. Find an international partner and support their proposed project. (Project Link can help you find a partner – Go to www.rotary.org).

Community Service

- COS1. Support a Concentrated Language Encounter or similar program (such as Yo Puedo).
- COS2. Support a Computer-Assisted Literacy Solution (CALS) or similar program.
- COS3. Do an Imagination Library project or other reading readiness program such as SOUNS, Books for Babies, and Sandparents (to cite a few examples). Note that some programs are complementary (e.g. Imagination Library and SOUNS).
- COS4. Partner with the International Reading Association (or its equivalent in your community) on a literacy project. Use the *Every School a Star* tool kit.
- COS5. Join or support a local project to raise funds for a school or other literacy organization.
- COS6. Engage in a school partnership such as providing reading mentors, financial support, gifts-in-kind, scholarships or other needs identified by the school.

For further information

Learn more about the Literacy Resource Group online at www.rotary.org
Also, award certificates can be downloaded from the RI website.

Literacy Certification Form

I, _____, President of the Rotary Club of _____
District _____, Country _____,
certify that our club has completed the literacy activities listed below to
qualify (see criteria on the back page of this brochure) for a Literacy
Award:

No.	Code	Description
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President's Signature: _____

Date: _____

*Please send this form to your District Literacy Chair for District awards and your Zone Coordinator for Zone awards **by 15 April 2010.***

District 9600 Literacy Chair

Dr Janelle Young
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Camp Mountain Q 4520.

Zone Literacy Co-ordinator

Mr Danny Low
36 Raglan St
Mossman NSW 2088