

**Hayward Rotary Club    Annual Dictionary Project**  
**Suggested (Basic) Script and Synopsis for**  
**Classroom Interaction With 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students**

**First Rotarian:**

[Greetings from Hayward Rotary. Rotary Clubs are in most countries. Purpose in being here. Distribution of dictionaries].

*“Good morning. We are from Hayward Rotary Club! Our Rotary Club is part of a worldwide organization that has Rotary Clubs all over the world and in almost every town in the United States.”*

*“We are here this morning to give you your very own dictionary. This dictionary is being given to you from the members of our Hayward Rotary Club.”*

- [Rotarians assist each other in distributing to the students. The teacher may ask some of the students to help, too]

**Second Rotarian:**

[Define service and linking it to the purposes of Rotary Clubs all over the world. Students provide examples of service to their school, home and community]

*“Rotary is a service club. Do you know what the definition of service is?”*

*“Please open your dictionary and find the word service. Raise your hand when you have found the word service.”*

- [If some children cannot find the word quickly, have one of the others give the page number so all the children are quickly on the same page.

“Now, what is the definition of service?”

- [Give the students a minute or two to read the definition. Ask for student volunteers to read each definition of service as listed in their dictionary]

*“The act or work of helping others. Correct! As a service club, we Rotarians try to help others – to be of service to them. But all of you can provide service to others also. Please give us some examples how you can provide service to your school.”*

- [Press for creative examples of service to their school, family and community].

*“Can you give us an example of service to your family?”*

*“Can you give us an example of service to your community?”*

*“So you see, just like Rotary, you and your family can provide services to families, and to your school, and to your community.”*

**Third Rotarian:**

[Give examples of Rotary service all over the world]

*“Service is not just in your school, family or community. Service can also be given to all parts of the world.”*

- [Mention Rotary International projects (Polio Plus) and/or international projects our Club is involved with or other Rotary Clubs in which the club is involved, or in which other clubs may be involved. The point is : people in general can provide service to people in need in other countries around the world, and Rotary Clubs do this]

**Fourth Rotarian:**

[Look over Rotary Wheel on label. Look for Rotary wheel when traveling to different cities]

*“Now, we would like all of you to open your books and look at the label inside the front cover. That image you see is the Rotary Wheel; it is the symbol of Rotary. Rotary clubs are in almost every town you visit in the United States and in many other countries. So*

*every time you and your family drive into a town, look for the Rotary Wheel and see if you can tell when and where Rotary meets in that town."*

**Fifth Rotarian:**

[Review letter inside book to parents from Hayward Rotary. Students asked to show letter and dictionary to their parents]

*"In your dictionary, there is a letter from our rotary Club to your parents. Do you see it? When you go home today and show your dictionary to your family, we are asking that you give this letter to your parents and tell them that the Hayward Rotary Club gave you your dictionary and show it to them."*

**Sixth Rotarian:**

[Write name in label. Emphasize dictionary is student's own personal book]

*"Please open your dictionary to the Rotary Wheel again. Remember that this dictionary belongs to you. Take your pen, and write your name on the line below the Rotary Wheel."*

- [This is like signing a contract: it seals the deal with the students, and it personalizes the gift of the dictionary by reinforcing the fact that it is their very own, personal dictionary. For many students, this may be the first book of their very own]

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