

Literacy Matters August 2011

We're Back!

After a month away from our desks we are up and running again on behalf of the Rotary Clubs in District 5040.

Government House-Rotary Literacy Project Update:

More than 20 Rotary Clubs in partnership with The RCMP, Coastguard, Success by 6, UBC School of Dentistry and the Dental Mission Society, and Britco Trailers are now involved in this extensive literacy project currently serving the needs of 10 band communities in a variety of ways. Needs assessments are being done, libraries and learning centres are being built. The dentistry project came as a result of the recognition of the needs of members of isolated bands involved in the literacy projects.

As there are communities waiting in the wings, PDG Bob would welcome other Rotary Clubs stepping up to get involved in this amazing initiative. For the full report contact bobblacker@gmail.com

New Partnerships: Watch this spot for regular updates

Decoda Literacy Solutions

PDG Penny Offer and your literacy champions have been working with a new provincial organisation, Decoda Literacy Solutions to see how we can work together for the benefit of our communities around BC. Many District 5040 Clubs have been involved with literacy BC in serving their communities and will be able to do so again with this new organisation.

www.decoda.ca

Reboot: Computer Literacy and Literacy Through Computers

The Rotary Club of Vancouver South is spearheading an initiative with Reboot, Refurbished Computers. New Starts. This is a non-profit organisation that makes affordable computer systems available to individuals, families, and community groups in need. Your literacy Champions, Vancouver South President Dianna Smith and member Grant Yao attended an initial meeting with Reboot Director Stuart McFarlane to explore opportunities for District 5040 Rotarians to get involved in this community service initiative.

www.rebootvancouver.ca

Patricia Porter and Frances Kolotyluk Your District 5040 Literacy Champions