

## Rotary District 5550 Literacy Report, 2016 - 2017

### Saskatchewan

**Rotary Club of Assiniboia, SK.** President Robert Scott reports that this small club is currently:

- Hosting a long-term Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange Program student from Switzerland.
- DGE. Peter Neufeldt made a presentation about the Ripple Effect Program at a lunch time meeting.
- The club donated \$2,000.00 to the Ripple Effect Program, building and equipping schools in Guatemala.

**Rotary Club of Estevan, SK.** President Jeff Ward reports that this club continues to be active in the field of literacy.

- This club donated \$3,000.00 to the Ripple Effect program, building Chuchucha School in Guatemala.
- The club sponsored a student to attend the Adventures in Agriculture program in Regina, November 2016.
- The club has inducted a new member with a literacy classification this year, Kaitlyn Taves, who is a teacher.
- The club commits one meeting each year to a presentation on Literacy.
- The club acknowledged September-is-Rotary-Literacy-month.
- The club has a member who is a librarian.
- The club provides ongoing support to the Estevan Area Literacy Group, (EALG).

This Rotary Club has again earned a District Literacy Award. Congratulations!

**Rotary Club of Fort Qu'Appelle, SK.** President-Elect Lynne Minja reports that this small club continues to fund scholarships, one to a student in grade 10, and one to a student in Grade 12 at the local High School.

**Rotary Club of Hudson Bay, SK.** President Nancy Steinbachs reports that this small club has been very active with literacy and youth projects this year.

- The club donated \$500.00 to the Xenacoj scholarship program.
- The club also sponsors a foster child in Uganda.
- The club now maintains two Free Little Libraries, (one in the Regional Park)!
- Sponsorship was provided to 2 students to attend RYLA.
- A donation of \$100.00 was made to the NE Early Childhood Intervention Program.
- A donation of \$200.00 was made to Kidsport.
- A donation of \$200.00 was made to Stepping Stones Play School.
- The club donated \$150.00 to the Family Support Centre to fund Family Day Activities.

- The club provided a bursary to a graduating high school student who defined the 4-Way Test.

This impressive list of activities undertaken by this small Rotary Club was accompanied by a note from the President to the effect that there had been crop failure in the area, so the club had not been able to send students to the Adventures programs or to MUNA this year! This club has again earned a District Literacy Award. Congratulations!

**Rotary Club of Melfort, SK.** President Mona Graham and Gailmarie Anderson report that this club continues to be active in the field of Literacy.

- The club sponsored two scholarships, (each for \$500.00), to local High School students.
- The club also sponsored two scholarships, (each for \$500.00) to students of Cumberland Community College. A District Grant was obtained for this.
- The club sponsored a scholarship, (\$1,000.00) to their Outbound long-term Rotary Youth Exchange Program student.
- The club supported their Inbound long-term Rotary Exchange Program student, (approx. \$7,000.00), and this past year accepted a second Inbound student for the duration of the Rotary year, (approx. \$4,000.00).
- The club hosted a YEP orientation in January for all the Inbound YEP students in Rotary District 5550.
- The club also sponsored a student to attend Adventures in Technology in Saskatoon.
- This club contributed \$2,500.00 to the Ripple Effect Program, building and equipping schools in Guatemala.
- Individual Club members also contributed monies toward scholarships to middle school students in Guatemala.
- A member of this club is District VTT Chair and organized a VTT Guatemala, 2016 - 2017, sending a team of teachers to Guatemala.
- One VTT member was sponsored by this club, which also contributed \$250.00 for resources for the project. Individual club members also donated more than \$500.00 for the purchase of birth certificates and school uniforms for Guatemalan students.

This club has again earned a District Literacy Award this year. Congratulations!

**Rotary Club of Moose Jaw, SK.** President Lorene LeBere reports that this club has again been active in the field of literacy:

- This club donated \$2,500.00 to the Ripple Effect Program, specifically to the Chuchuca School in Guatemala. In addition, half of the funds from the weekly 50/50 draw are donated to the Ripple Effect program, building and equipping schools in Guatemala.
- A donation of \$500.00 was made to Moose Jaw Literacy, to fund books for pre-Kindergarten students.
- Scholarships are awarded to Grade 12 students attending post-secondary education. Up to three scholarships worth \$1,000.00 are available.

- As part of the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Moose Jaw, (1916 - 2016), the club sponsored the Teen Writing Experience at the Saskatchewan Festival of Words held in July, 2016. This was a week-long workshop for 14 to 18 year-olds. They spent the week writing and editing with professional author Arthur Slade, and then presented their work at a teen read-out, which the public could attend. \$3,000.00 was donated by the club.
- The club has hosted Literacy speakers at their lunch meetings:
  - Roger Holmes from the Moose Jaw Times Herald, on the evolution of printing newspapers.
  - Gwen Fisher from the Moose Jaw Public Library.
  - Members watched a Rotary video that highlighted Basic Education and Literacy projects in Fiji.
- A member of the club is volunteering with conversational English to improve language skills at the Multi-cultural Centre.

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**Moose Jaw Wakamow, SK.** President Brenda Brodie and Gayle Jones report that this club has contributed to many Literacy projects in their community.

- Moose Jaw Literacy Summer Reading Camp, to which at risk youth are invited to help advance their reading skills. The club has given generously to this program and hopes to match those funds with a District Grant.
- Drumming for Health program, which, through music, supports mental health and well-being in the community. This program is sponsored by the Canadian Mental Health Association and receives a donation from the club.
- The club sponsors Kid's Ink, a writing workshop for youth, during the annual Saskatchewan Festival of Words, held during the summer.
- The club sponsors a Music Day for the Heart of the City Piano Program. This program teaches piano to underprivileged youth in Moose Jaw. Music Day features guest musicians as well as experts who lead music workshops.
- Annual music scholarships donated by the club are given out at the annual Moose Jaw Music Festival.
- Two academic scholarships, (\$1,000.00 each), are given to graduating High School students toward their registration fee at a post-secondary institution.
- This club donated \$2,000.00 to the Ripple Effect program, building and equipping schools in Guatemala. This was the lead club for the work done with the Chichuca School in Guatemala.
- A club member, James Taylor, is now the Chairperson for the Ripple Effect Scholarship program, to which \$625.00 was donated in December 2016.

This club has again earned a District Literacy Award. Congratulations!

**Rotary Club of Nipawin, SK.** President Cliff Rose and Past District Governor Pat Chernesky confirm that this club has again been very active in the field of Literacy.

- Two students were sent to Senior RYLA camp.

- Members of this club made personal donations to the Ripple Effect program, building and equipping schools in Guatemala.
- A club members meets with needy Grade 2 students on a regular basis, to read with them.
- A 4-Way Test Award is presented at High School graduation to the student who best describes its meaning.
- Scholarships are to be awarded to two High School students graduating in June, to be used for post-secondary education in the fall. A District Grant has been obtained for this.
- A used Book Sale is held, enabling those who couldn't afford to buy books to access them more readily.
- The "Orange Bag Program" is being launched enabling the teachers to purchase books and materials for the growing number of Kindergarten students in the community. A District Grant has been applied for in respect of this program.
- A new club member, Oliver James, who is a computer programmer has recently been inducted to the club. He has set up the club Facebook page, (\*\* Literacy Chair's note: this should be used as a template for all clubs, mine included!\*\*), and has instructed the members about the use of "My Rotary".
- The local Elementary School Principal spoke to the club describing the many excellent literacy programs now available.
- Shelley Pierlot at Central Park School was made a Community Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of her work, and that of her fellow teachers, in significantly improving reading rates in children up to Grade 3.
- This club organized and facilitated an Early Childhood Forum with several presenters and breakout sessions; there was a huge Literacy component. Health and Aboriginal participants also spoke.

This club has again earned a Zone 24 Literacy Award. Congratulations!

**Rotary Club of Prince Albert, SK.** President John Doucette and Director of Youth Services Bob Twyver report that this club continues to be very active in the field of Literacy, having again more than doubled its commitment to Youth Services in the current Rotary year!

- The club is active in the local MUNA with two of the Rotarians responsible for running the event. Two students and one teacher were funded to attend MUNA in Winnipeg.
- The club sent one student to Adventures in Citizenship in Ottawa.
- The club sent 3 students to the Basic RYLA camp and 2 students to the Senior RYLA camp in August 2016.
- The club donates to the Ducks Unlimited Greenwing Program which provides teachers with materials to facilitate learning in the areas of biology and of Conservation.

- This club continues to fund five educational scholarships at the High School level and one to a student from Saskatchewan Polytechnic.
- This club has initiated the formation of an Interact program in one of the local high schools and hopes to expand this to additional schools within the city during the 2017 - 2018 Rotary year.
- The club maintains its involvement with the Ripple Effect program, building and equipping schools in Guatemala, again donating \$7,500.00 for the current Rotary year.
- After an absence from the program, the club is again participating in the Rotary Youth Exchange program, hosting a long-term Inbound YEP student from Denmark, whilst their long-term Outbound YEP student is in Thailand.

This club has earned a District Literacy Award this year. Congratulations!

**Rotary Club of Regina, SK.** President Mitch Zaba reports that this club is still active in the field of Literacy in the community.

- The club returned to the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, sending a long-term Outbound student to Belgium, and hosting a student from Germany.
- One student was sent to the Adventures in Agriculture Program.
- The sum of \$3,300.00 was donated to the United Way for a Literacy project.
- The club works with Regina Public Schools to sponsor the Playground Conflict Management Conference held every January; they have now been involved with this for 20 years!
- The club invited speakers who promoted Literacy throughout the year:
  - i). United Way, Regina, on Literacy.
  - ii). Regina Public Library.
  - iii). Learning Disabilities of Saskatchewan
  - iv). Regina Trades and Skills.
- A member of the club, Past-President Floyd Manz, participated in the Rotary Ride, a motor-cycle ride to raise funds for the Ripple Effect Program, building and equipping schools in Guatemala. Between a personal donation and his sponsors, including other club members, he personally raised more than \$1,000.00 for the cause.

Thank you for all that you do for Literacy in the Community. Your Rotary Club has earned a District Literacy Award this year. Congratulations!

**Rotary Club of Regina Eastview, SK.** President Greg McNamara and Literacy Chair Sam Berg report that this club is still very active in the field of Literacy.

- Chili for Children, is a hot lunch program for inner-city children . The club provides financial support and Rotarian volunteers serve lunch on Fridays.
- Tutoring new Canadians in English as an additional language through the Literacy Unit, Regina Public Library. One Rotary member tutors a learner from China, one-on-one, and another facilitates a weekly Group Conversation session. The club also made a donation to the Literacy Unit.

- This Rotary Club hosts the annual Adventures in Agriculture program in November. Up to 26 High School students come to Regina, where they are hosted by Rotarian families for 4 nights, whilst they learn about various career opportunities available in Agriculture.
  - The Saskatchewan Youth Visual Arts Project, organized by the Regina Multi-Faith Forum/Multi-Faith Saskatchewan, is supported by this club which presents prize money to two of the winning students at the Awards ceremony.
  - A donation of \$600.00 was made to the Regina Open Door Society for their Literacy programs for new Canadians.
  - A donation of \$1,000.00 was made to SEARCH for their Literacy program.
  - A donation of \$2,000.00 was again made to the Early Childhood Intervention Program, (ECIP), to provide their outreach workers with much-needed materials.
  - This club, with the other Rotary Clubs in Regina, supported The Salvation Army 's "Back-Pack Project." Several members had made individual donations following a lunchtime presentation by Rotarian Val Wiks. Many members from all the Regina Rotary Clubs went to the Salvation Army headquarters on a Saturday, to pack the Back-Packs for later distribution to children whose families were unable to afford school supplies.
  - Club members attended an "off-site" lunch meeting at the newly renovated George Bothwell Branch of the RPL, following which we were given a guided tour of the state-of-the-art facility.
  - Lunchtime speakers on Literacy topics included:
    - i). Regina Trades and Skills Centre, by Brian Shankowski
    - ii). Regina Public Library, by Wanda Blake
    - iii). Learning Disabilities Association, by Shelley Mitchell
    - iv). Red Cross Pink Days, "No More Bullying", with Luke Millinder
    - v). "Raise a Reader", by Rob Vanstone, Regina Leader Post
    - vi). Saskatchewan Professional Teachers' Regulatory Board, with Becky Wock and Trevor Smith.
  - Ripple Effect Program, building and equipping schools in Guatemala: our club's involvement in the current Rotary year saw the construction of a girls' washroom in the Sector Barrios School; this was supported by a District Grant. We had been involved in the construction of a three-classroom school at Sector Barrios the previous year. In addition, our club provided \$500.00 to the Rotary Club of Bolton, ON. to ship one container-full of school supplies and teachers' aids for 100 schools in Guatemala.
  - A group of Rotarian motor-cyclists raised \$9,522.00 for the Ripple Effect program with their "Rotary Ride" in August 2016.
  - The club provided funds for one student to attend the RYLA camp in August 2016.
- This club has again earned a Zone 24 Literacy Award. Congratulations!

**Rotary Club of Regina Industrial Parks, SK.** President Rick Roland reports that this small club continues to be very active in the field of youth and literacy.

- The club donated \$1,000.00 to the Ripple Effect Program, building and equipping schools in Guatemala.
- The club promoted the "Raise a Reader" Program, and also donated to this.
- The club has had speakers present on Literacy at club meetings.
- Literacy was promoted on World Literacy Day, September 8, 2016.
- A donation of \$500.00 was made to the Albert School Literacy Program.
- The club donated to the Carlyle Murray Scholarship program.
- A donation was made to "Ignite" Adult Learning Centre.
- "The Rotarian Magazine is donated for display in doctors' offices.
- New and used children's books were donated to the Circle Project Day-care.
- A member and Past-President of this club was the organizer of the Backpack Packing Project, when members of all the Rotary Clubs in Regina descended on the Salvation Army on a summer Saturday afternoon, to pack 600 backpacks for children whose families were unable to afford school supplies.
- This club continues to provide and serve food for "Sir Dance a Lot". This is a social program for mentally challenged individuals.

This small but mighty club has earned a Zone 24 Literacy Award this year.

Congratulations!

**Rotary Club of Regina Oskaya, SK.** President Bob Russell reports that this club continues to be very active promoting Literacy in the community.

- The club had a Literacy Project, providing \$6,000.00, (\$3,500.00 club money and \$2,500.00 District Grant), for the purchase of books at Sacred Heart School.
- School supplies project, "First Days"-- Kitchener School is provided with school supplies in September to assist all classes with various literacy, artistic and writing projects throughout the year.
- Christmas Gift Project -- Christmas backpacks -- in December 2016 the club provided Grade 4 and 5 boys and girls with a backpack full of items including a novel for each child.
- Sacred Heart School Library received a donation of \$600.00 from the money raised by club members who volunteered at the Rotary Carol Festival.
- Youth Exchange Program, the club hosted and sponsored a long-term Inbound student from Sweden.
- One student was sponsored to attend Adventures in Agriculture
- One student was sponsored to attend Adventures in Technology in Saskatoon.

Thank you for all the work that your club does to promote literacy for the under-privileged children in north central Regina. Unfortunately, this club did not have any International Literacy Project this year, so does not qualify for a Literacy Award.

**Rotary Club of Regina South, SK.** President-Elect Bruce Rogers reports that this small club is involved with the following projects:

- The club provides support directly to Mother Teresa Middle School in

- multiple ways including mentorship, donations of books, and financial support.
- The club sponsored three deserving students to attend RYLA in August 2016.
  - The Principal of MotherTeresa Middle School and 2 past RYLA students are to attend a meeting in June 2017 and will be presenting an update on the school and the impact of RYLA on the students who attended.
  - Club members are encouraged to support the Ripple Effect Scholarship Fund and the club has committed to funding middle school scholarships for students in Guatemala.

**Rotary Club of Saskatoon, SK.** President Jack Brodsky reports that this club continues to be very active in the field of Literacy, and especially with overseas projects.

- The club, with the other Rotary Clubs in Saskatoon, is involved in a Ripple Effect Program, building a school in Los Penos, Guatemala.
- Hope for Malawi is a major project in Africa, building schools, libraries, bridges, medical clinics, drilling bore-holes and providing small business opportunities for more than 18,000 people.
- Joy's Home of Hope in Uganda, Africa, is an orphanage and school, providing support primarily for the children of AIDS victims.
- BECAS is a program in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, which provides funding for children who could not otherwise afford to go to school. BECAS supports children and young adults attending elementary school, high school and university. The program also collects used computers and provides them for students.
- A new member who is on staff at Saskatchewan Polytechnic was inducted.
- This Rotary club, in partnership with four other clubs in Saskatoon, operates the Restorative Action Program, now in its 14th year and established in nine high schools. The program provides counseling for students for a range of issues, including bullying, relationships, etc. Students participating in the program show marked improvement in social skills and ultimately in graduation rates.
- One outstanding student in RAP each year is presented with the John Dewar Award, a bursary, (\$1,000.00), to support their post-secondary school studies.
- Two club members sponsor a program called "No More Drama" in the high schools in which the Restorative Action Program operates. The program works with female high school students.
- The club provides two scholarships, (each for \$750.00), for students of Saskatchewan Polytechnic, in the areas of Disability Support Workers and Early Childhood Education.
- Adventures in Technology is a program where high school students from across western Canada visit Saskatoon and visit the many high tech. businesses and the University of Saskatchewan in a tech-centred tour of the city. All the Saskatoon club do support the program each year, but this year this club had the main responsibility.

- The Rotary Reading Nook is a room at King George School, (an inner-city school), which is funded by the club with the aid of a District Grant. The room provides an area for children to have quiet time and also serves as a place for parents. It is well-equipped with books and reading material. The club will be providing some hands-on programming in the near future. The club continues to run a Christmas Market for which the members gather new and lightly-used articles which can then be purchased by those children who have earned enough points through regular attendance and accomplishments, as Christmas gifts for family members.

This club has earned a Zone 24 Literacy Award this year. Congratulations!

**Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin, SK.** President Rob Jaspar and Literacy Chair Art Postle report that this club continues to be very active in the field of Literacy.

- Education and Literacy month was celebrated by the club supporting the Saskatoon and Area United Way, along with the two school systems in Saskatoon, in a project of Summer Success Camps to help children improve their language and literacy skills. These two-week programs focused on targeted literacy strategies to help students maintain or improve their reading levels over the summer months preventing summer slide. In addition, one of the camps was aimed at helping newcomer children develop their English language skills. The coordinator of the program spoke to the club about the success of the 2016 summer camp, which the club had helped fund, and based on the report of the success of that program the club provided funding for the program to be held again in the summer of 2017.
- Club members and their partners again participated in the reading program at St. Michael Community School, (an inner city school), throughout the year. The program involves students reading to the Rotarians and assisting the students in developing their reading skills. This one-hour-a-week program is not only rewarding for the students but also for the Rotarians and their partners.
- Guest speakers at the club are thanked by presenting them with a book which they sign and it is then given to St. Michael Community School to be used by the teachers at their discretion.
- The club funded a Metis Awareness Program at St. Michael Community School. The project included a Metis author, artist and educator who shared her story, "The Giving Tree", with the students and staff. Metis-values Red River Cart Wheel Teachings are used in the story. Also, a retired teacher, consultant and author came to the school to share his knowledge of teaching oral stories, making curriculum connections and all possibilities of enriching the Metis culture so that it can be shared with other students. A set of Metis Storytelling books was purchased for the teachers in the school to share. The project also involved the school hosting a day-long "Story Telling Festival" which included storytelling, fiddle playing, and dancing for the teachers, students and caregivers. A traditional lunch of soup and bannock was served.

- Bursaries are provided to Saskatchewan Polytechnic Institute for single mothers whom the school determines are deserving of receiving some financial help to continue their studies.
- Bursaries are provided to graduating students at E.D. Feehan High School, (an inner city Saskatoon high school), to assist them in furthering their education at post-secondary level.
- The club sent one Outbound short-term Rotary Youth Exchange student to Japan.
- Ripple Effect project: funds which have been raised by all five Saskatoon Rotary clubs are earmarked to build a school in Guatemala.
- Funds are provided to the Saskatoon Music Festival which hosts a competition for musical groups, bands, choirs, etc. in the city.
- Funds are provided to send students to the following: Adventures in Citizenship in Ottawa, Adventure in Human Rights in Winnipeg, Adventures in Agriculture in Regina, Adventures in Technology in Saskatoon and RYLA camp at Clear Lake.
- Funds and human resources are provided to the Restorative Action Program in nine high schools in Saskatoon. The program addresses bullying and similar conflict situations by focusing on the concepts of Prevention, Intervention, and Restoration. This program is now being copied in Airdrie, Alberta.

This club has again earned a Zone 24 Literacy Award. Congratulations!

**Rotary Club of Saskatoon North, SK. \*\*\***

- This club, together with the other Rotary clubs in Saskatoon, continues to support the Restorative Action Program, now established in nine high schools.
- The club, with other Rotary clubs in Saskatoon, continues to support and to participate in, Adventures in Technology.
- Project "Guatemala Nite", in which the Rotary Clubs of Saskatoon Meewasin, Saskatoon Nutana and Saskatoon Riverside were also involved, raised \$8,771.60 for the Ripple Effect, to build a school in Guatemala.
- This is the home club of "Days for Girls" providing feminine hygiene products for girls in Uganda so that they can attend school.

**Rotary Club of Saskatoon Nutana, SK.** President Peggy Clark reports that this club continues to be very active in the field of Literacy.

- This club, together with the other Rotary clubs in Saskatoon, continues to support the Restorative Action Program, now established in nine high schools.
- The club, with other Rotary Clubs in Saskatoon, continues to support and to participate in, Adventures in Technology.
- Project "Guatemala Nite", in which the Rotary Clubs of Saskatoon Meewasin, Saskatoon North, and Saskatoon Riverside were also involved, raised \$8,771.60 for the Ripple Effect, to build a school in Guatemala.
- This club now supports the Open Door Society of Saskatoon with a grant of \$2,000.00, part of which is for their ESL program.
- The club supports "Read Saskatoon", which is a major literacy project in the city.

- The club provides a number of scholarships and bursaries to students attending Oskayak High School which is a First Nations secondary school affiliated with the Saskatoon Catholic School Board.

This Rotary Club has again earned a District Literacy Award. Congratulations!

**Rotary Club of Saskatoon Riverside, SK. \*\*\***

- This club, together with the other Rotary clubs in Saskatoon, continues to support the Restorative Action Program, now established in nine high schools.
- The club, with other Rotary clubs in Saskatoon, continues to support and to participate in, Adventures in Technology.
- Project "Guatemala Nite", with which the Rotary clubs of Saskatoon Meewasin, Saskatoon North, and Saskatoon Nutana were also involved, raised \$8,771.60 for the Ripple Effect, to build a school in Guatemala.

**Rotary Club of Watrous, SK.** President Les Schuster reports that this small club donates books to the local library, and that members continue to be involved with the Ripple Effect program, building and equipping schools in Guatemala.

**Rotary Club of Weyburn, SK.** President Pat May confirms that this club continues to be very active in the field of Literacy and with Youth Programs, maintaining their past activities and adding two new ones:

- A donation was made to the World Peace Partners Scholarship Fund.
- Two scholarships were presented to graduating Grade 12 students to pursue post-secondary education.
- Two scholarships were presented to students to pursue education at the South East Regional College.
- A total of eight students were sent to RYLA camp in Clear Lake, Manitoba.
- Six of these students subsequently spoke at a club meeting.
- The Director of Adult Programming, Weyburn Public Library, spoke at a club meeting.
- Opportunities were provided for students to attend various "Adventures" programs.
- The club is hosting one long-term Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange Program student, (and also sponsored an Outbound student).
- The club promoted the Weyburn Rotary Music Festival, and also presented a scholarship at this event.
- The club is partnering with the Retired Teachers' Association to provide "Books for Babies" , (books are presented to new parents).
- Internationally, the club is partnering with the Rotary Club of Saskatoon North in "Days for Girls" , to provide hygiene products for girls in Uganda, so that they can attend school.
- The club donated \$1,000.00 to the Ripple Effect Program, building and equipping schools in Guatemala.

This Rotary club has again earned a Zone 24 Literacy Award. Congratulations!

**Rotary Club of Yorkton, SK.** Acting President Andrew Rae reports that this club continues to be very active in the field of Literacy and with Youth Programs.

- The club selected and sent 2 students to Adventures in Citizenship in Ottawa.
- The club sponsored 1 student to attend the Forum for Young Canadians in Ottawa, from 20th February, 2017 to 25th February, 2017.
- The club sent 2 students to RYLA in August 2016.
- The club continues to sponsor and support Camp Easter Seals by covering the specialized transportation costs of attendees from the Yorkton region.
- Two students and one coach will attend MUNA in Winnipeg, 2017.
- The club has sponsored and supported a long-term Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange Program student during the current Rotary year.
- The club continues to sponsor the Yorkton Music Festival, to encourage and support music literacy.
- The club sponsors two Parkland College scholarships, each for \$500.00.
- The club is continuing with its very effective RAD Reader Program, a literacy intervention program executed in partnership with Dr. Brass School in Yorkton. The project timeline still covers the entire school year.
- The club has successfully started an Interact Club based at the Yorkton Regional High School. At the suggestion of the Rotary Club, their selected International Project is "Days for Girls" to provide feminine hygiene products for girls in Uganda so that they can attend school. The Rotary Club of Yorkton's contribution to this initiative was establishing working relationships with other community groups, (Church and Quilting clubs), as well as fund-matching the monies raised by the Interact Club.

Pending programs include the Free Little Books Library, and the club is working on a project with the Yorkton Public Library.

This club has again earned a Zone 24 Literacy Award this year. Congratulations!

**Note: \*\*\* indicates a Rotary Club which is known to have Literacy projects, but from which I have not received a written or verbal report from the Club President.**

### **Summary of Literacy Projects for the Rotary Clubs in District 5550 in Saskatchewan**

**There are 22 Rotary Clubs in Rotary District 5550 in Saskatchewan, and, although only 20, (91%), of the Club Presidents sent in a report, all the clubs, (100%), are known to have very active and innovative Literacy programs, which they have developed themselves to fit the needs of their very different communities.**

**The following Rotary Clubs in Rotary District 5550 in Saskatchewan have earned Zone 24 Literacy Awards this year:**

**The Rotary Club of Nipawin  
The Rotary Club of Regina Eastview  
The Rotary Club of Regina Industrial Parks  
The Rotary Club of Saskatoon  
The Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin  
The Rotary Club of Weyburn  
The Rotary Club of Yorkton**

**The following Rotary Clubs in Rotary District 5550 in Saskatchewan have earned District Literacy Awards this year:**

**The Rotary Club of Estevan  
The Rotary Club of Hudson Bay  
The Rotary Club of Melfort  
The Rotary Club of Moose Jaw  
The Rotary Club of Moose Jaw Wakamow  
The Rotary Club of Prince Albert  
The Rotary Club of Regina  
The Rotary Club of Saskatoon Nutana**

**Congratulations to all these Rotary clubs. You excelled yourselves this year.**

### **Literacy program Summary for all the Rotary clubs in District 5550**

**There are currently 46 Rotary clubs in District 5550, which covers western Ontario, all of Manitoba and most of Saskatchewan. Five clubs in Manitoba did not report, but 2 of those are known to have programs \*\*\*, and two in Saskatchewan did not report, but both are known to have programs\*\*\*. All the clubs in Ontario reported and do have programs.**

**A total of 39 (85%) Rotary clubs reported, and a total of 39 (85%) are known to have Literacy programs.**

**A total of 13 Rotary clubs in District 5550 have earned Zone 24 Literacy Awards this year, and a total of 13 Rotary Clubs in District 5550 have earned District Literacy Awards.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Grahame

Rotary District 5550 Literacy chair.

