

### Detroit Lakes Breakfast Literacy, continued.

White Earth. Youth programs and literacy programs are two ideal goals of the club, and Van Dam enthusiastically supported the idea, as did the approximately 60 members of the club.

Breakfast Rotary is part of Rotary International, a worldwide organization of service-minded people, with the goal of helping out both worldwide and locally. Club members recognized that some financial help would be beneficial to making this project a reality, and members began researching grant programs through Rotary International. Within the organization's local district (5580), the District Grant – Local Community Project was determined to be the ideal path to take. Through coordination with Laurie Johnson, and other members of the school district, a grant was submitted to the Rotary district's grant committee for about one half of the approximate \$8,000 cost for the guided reading program. The other half was covered by monies collected from fundraisers completed by Breakfast Rotary, and the school district committed to maintaining the program into the future. With the monies, over 200 titles of books were purchased, with six copies of each title, for a total of over 1,200 new books for the program.

"This was a wonderful opportunity for Breakfast Rotary to hopefully make an educational impact in the lives of more than 300 students in the Waubun-Ogema district now and into the future." says Rotarian Mike Stearns, who helped write the grant. "Thanks to people like Mary, who recognized a significant need, Andy, who took it on as a main goal of our club, and thanks to a supportive club like ours, we did something pretty cool."

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