

DLC Club Winners 2011

Small Clubs (30 or fewer members)

Rotary Club of Arlington Heights Sunrise (15 members)

Contact: Linda Cesario

Project: Promoting Literacy Through Building Community Partnerships

During Rotary Year 2010-2011, the Rotary Club of Arlington Heights Sunrise formed and strengthened partnerships with District 214 Community Education (Read to Learn Adult Literacy/Volunteer Program, Women's and Children's Center, Kids on Track, the Latino Family Literacy Program); the Arlington Heights Memorial Library's Literacy Office; Arlington Heights Senior Center's Reading Room; District 25's Olive-Mary Stitt Elementary School. More than 2000 hours of service were provided by volunteer readers and tutors (Arlington Heights Sunrise Rotarians and friends). \$4,125 in Club funds were directed toward supporting community literacy programs and providing scholarships for high school students. 350 books and \$150 in school supplies were donated to low-income families.

Rotary Club of Carol Stream (26 members)

Contact: Elise S. Ciribassi

Project: PADS magazine/book sharing project

Since homeless people cannot check out library material because they have no permanent address, the Rotary Club of Carol Stream collects, distributes, and recycles used magazines and books for the local PADS shelter (Public Action to Deliver Shelter). 3 members deliver 2-3 bags of reading material to the shelter on a biweekly basis as long as the shelter is open. Reading assistance is offered to shelter guests requesting such help. Many guests are avid readers and are delighted to have a variety of current books and magazines to read on their own time.

Rotary Club of Illinois Beach Sunrise (25 members)

Contact: Gary Fields

Project: Literacy Prevents Poverty

The Rotary Club of Illinois Beach Sunrise supports a 5-pronged, multi-faceted project to reduce literacy among adults and children within the community.

1. Provides, fills, and replenishes book racks in two area train terminals;
2. Presented dictionaries to 600 third grade students in area public and private schools;
3. Sponsors a weekly lunch buddy mentoring program for 30 under-resourced elementary students;
4. Sponsors a writing contest for fifth grade students. 100 entries are expected on the topic "Service Above Self." Prizes will be given and the top two essays will be published in the local newspaper.
5. Initiates a summer literacy program for 12-16 children who will enter the second grade in fall. This four day a week, 4 hour a day program is designed for students who are under-resourced but show considerable potential to be successful.

Large Clubs (31 or more members)

Rotary Club of Batavia (37 members)

Contact: George H. Scheetz

Project 1 – Reading by club members at H.C. Storm Elementary School during American Education Week;

Project 2 – Sponsoring two teams (a club team as well as a team from the Batavia Public Library District) in the Trivia Bee for Literacy contest (\$1,000);

Project 3 – Providing a \$3,500 start-up grant for Born to Read, an “Education & Basic Literacy Project” in which eligible families with a baby nine months old or younger receive one Born to Read book bag containing early literacy information and board books in English or Spanish.

Rotary Club of Glenview Sunrise (46 members)

Contact: Mary Pribyl

Project: Rotary Guatemala Literacy Project – Culture of Reading Program (CORP)

The Rotary Club of Glenview Sunrise sponsored the third grade classroom at Paquisis Primary School in the Guatemalan highlands. The majority of the parents are illiterate. The teachers generally have only a high school education and extremely limited access to books or school supplies. There is no culture of reading for pleasure. The major goal was to provide 60 hours of teacher training and approximately 72 high quality children’s books to each classroom. In addition, the children at Glen Grove School in Glenview, IL provided 17 handmade nonfiction books which were translated into Spanish with the help of the Spanish Club at Glenbrook South High School. The children at Pasquisis School sent the Glenview children an illustrated book they had created describing their community, their clothing, and the crops that they grow.

Rotary Club of Wilmette (Noon) – 65 members

Contact: Jackie Granat

Project: Rotary Club of Wilmette Annual Book Drive

The Rotary Club of Wilmette (Noon) provides Chicago needy inner-city schools with books to encourage students to make reading a priority by fostering a love of books in school and at home. Donated books are used in school libraries and are also made available to K through 8th grade students to take home. This year 15,000 gently used books were collected from Wilmette public and parochial school and distributed to ten charter schools in the Noble Network located in Chicago’s Pilsen and Little Village communities.

Additional Literacy Activities:

1. Purchased 650 dictionaries and 650 thesauri for distribution to inner-city high schools;
2. Provided 50 students (physically and abused teen-agers) at the Laurence Hall Schools for Boys with a holiday gift book of their choice.

Excellence in Literacy Awards

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**Batavia
Glenview Sunrise
Wilmette (Noon)**

Small Rotary Clubs (30 or fewer members)

**Arlington Heights Sunrise
Carol Stream
Illinois Beach Sunrise**

Literacy Certificates of Appreciation

Large Rotary Clubs (31 or more members)

**Batavia
Crystal Lake Dawnbreakers
Dundee
Elgin
Evanston
Glenview Sunrise
Lake Forest/Lake Bluff
Wheaton
Wilmette (Noon)**

Small Rotary Clubs (30 or fewer members)

**Arlington Heights Sunrise
Carol Stream
Cary Grove
Huntley
Illinois Beach Sunrise
Libertyville Noon
Mount Prospect Sunrise
Villa Park
Woodstock Morning**

