

11. February 2008

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Ms. Gloria Stanton  
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Dear Friends:

A few months ago we talked about the opportunity for The Bridgewaters Rotary Club to share dictionaries with the third grade students in your school, as well as thesauruses for some of the fourth graders.

While the grant was not awarded, the Rotarians have agreed to support this project from the Club's operating budget, a total of \$2000 to help you educate the next generation of leaders for the community. The books have been ordered and should arrive during the last week of February. Once they are here, we will contact you about the distribution process.

We appreciate your help with this project, and look forward to seeing you soon. If you need any additional information before that time, please contact me at 508.241.6643.

Sincerely,

Frances Jeffries  
President-Elect, The Bridgewaters Rotary Club  
Literacy Coordinator, Rotary District 7950



*Rotary Club of The Bridgewater*

29. March 2008

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Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for the opportunity for the Rotary Club of The Bridgewater to share dictionaries with the third grade students in your school, as well as thesauruses for some of the fourth graders.

We were delighted with the obvious joy of the children and hope that the books will have lasting value in their various achievements. Attached please find a press release which has been sent to the local newspapers and cable television.

We appreciate your help with this project, and look forward to repeating this initiative with you next year.

Sincerely,

Frances Jeffries  
President-Elect, Rotary Club of The Bridgewater  
Literacy Coordinator, Rotary District 7950

Attachment

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE BRIDGEWATERS ESSAY CONTEST

for Grade 3 Students in Bridgewater,  
East Bridgewater and West Bridgewater



People who belong to Rotary Clubs around the world use the Four-Way Test. This helps with the things that they “think, say and do.” Here is the Four-Way Test:

1. *Is it the truth?*
2. *Is it fair to all concerned?*
3. *Will it build good will and better friendships?*
4. *Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

The Rotary Club of the Bridgewaters would like to know how you might use this test. Please write your ideas and thoughts, and give them to your principal. The principal will then give them to us to read. We will choose the winners and announce those at school.

Please use regular school paper and pencil. Write clearly.

The winners and prizes will be announced at a special ceremony at school near the end of March.

**All essays are due by the end of the school day  
on Monday, March 17, 2008.**



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2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
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4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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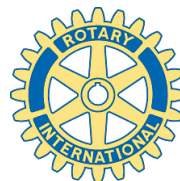
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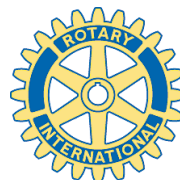
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BRIDGEWATERS ROTARY CLUB  
NEWS RELEASE  
DICTIONARY PROJECT  
March 31, 2008

The Bridgewater Rotary Club partnered with the elementary schools in Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, and West Bridgewater to distribute dictionaries and thesauruses to each student in every third grade on Friday March 28. The Burnell School in Bridgewater received 54 dictionaries, and that community's Mitchell Elementary School received 274 thesauruses for its fourth grade students. The Central School in East Bridgewater received 274 dictionaries. The Rose L. Mac Donald School in West Bridgewater received 96 dictionaries.

The first year of this annual project offered as a special feature an essay contest based on the Four-Way Test of Rotary International. Students were asked what the Four-Way Test meant to them in their lives. The Rotary Four-Way test of the things we think, say, and do states, "Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

Participants in the essay contest in Bridgewater at the Burnell School are third graders: Olivia Ames, Leah Gibson, Jessica Grady, and Alyssa Sousa. The principal is Gloria Stanton. Participants in the fourth grade at Mitchell Elementary School, Bridgewater are: Sarah Geraghty and Iris Johnson. The principal is Brian Lynch. Participants at the Central School in East Bridgewater are: Jacob Brown, Molly Burton, Kyle Carr, Jeffrey Carroll, Ethan Child, Michael Dallaire, Jessica Elman, Joshua Gorman, Shannon Gray, Peyton Lessard, Sarah Loftstrom, Julia Maderia, Mike McBirney, Tara McDonald, Ryon Pratt, Megan Scully, A. J. Whalen, Emily Wolfe, and Alex Wolfthal. The principal is Gina Williams. Participants in the third grade at the Rose L. Mac Donald School in West Bridgewater are: Ashley Brower, Haley Diman, Cole Donlan, Erica English, Lena Khang, and Jillian Nelson. The principal is Linda Dubin.

Prizes for the essay contest were sponsored by Good Days Restaurant in West Bridgewater, Mayflower Bank in Bridgewater, and Salon Esprit in East Bridgewater.

"This is our club's literacy service project and just one of the many community service projects we undertake each year for the benefit of residents and in particular the youth in our area," said Fran Jeffries, chairperson of the club's Dictionary Project. "This is such a wonderful project. It gives us an opportunity to come into the schools and speak personally with the children and to explain who we are and what we do", says Rotarian Jeffries. "We explained to the students that Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional men and women that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and is dedicated to building good will and peace throughout the world," continued Jeffries. This project is part of an international effort by Rotary to increase literacy around the world. More information can be found at the website [www.dictionaryproject.org](http://www.dictionaryproject.org).

Among the projects this year the Rotary Club of the Bridgewaters will sponsor is a food drive for the local food banks, local scholarships, and a Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA). Community Service Awards are given to a graduating senior from each of the three public high schools and a toolship awarded to a graduating senior from Southeastern Vocational-Technical High School in recognition of their contribution to community service. The Rotary Youth Leadership Award goes to regional students to attend a young leadership conference in Boxford, MA on a weekend in May. According to Bridgewaters Rotary Club President, Pat Lee, "These projects are the heart and soul of what our club stands for."

Business and professional men and women who may be interested in joining the Rotary Club of the Bridgewaters are invited to attend a weekly breakfast meeting at Good Days Restaurant on Wednesdays at 7:15 AM, and should contact Rotarian Bruce Marquis at 508-378-7890 for additional information.



## *Rotary Club of The Bridgewaters*

*28. March 2008*

*Dear Parents:*

*On behalf of the Rotary Club of the Bridgewaters it our great pleasure to present your child with what may be first of her or his very own dictionary. Rotary clubs throughout the world believe very strongly in supporting the development of our youth, especially in the area of literacy. We believe that this dictionary will assist your child in furthering their educational development throughout the coming years.*

*The gift of these dictionaries is made possible by our club and its fundraising projects. This year our 18-member Rotary Club is distributing over 650 dictionaries to students in Bridgewater, East Bridgewater and West Bridgewater at no cost to the students, the teachers, the schools or the districts! It is the spirit of giving and community service that makes our volunteer work with Rotary tremendously rewarding.*

*For more information about Rotary, please visit our district website, [www.rotary7950.org](http://www.rotary7950.org), where you can follow the link "Clubs in Our District" to locate our club. You are also welcome to visit our club meetings each Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at Good Days Restaurant, West Bridgewater. If you would like to share your comments about our dictionary project, you can contact me at the address below. .*

*Yours in Rotary Service,*

*Patricia Lee*

*President*

*Rotary Club of The Bridgewaters*

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*East Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02333*