

## Rotary District 6650 2011-12 Award Summaries

### **Emmett Riley Award for Literacy**

This award is named for Emmett Riley who was present of the Dover club in 1965. The awards supports projects that promote literacy in the community and are often refined over several years.

Winner: Canton

Runner up: Plain

The Rotary club of Canton is recognized for its outstanding effort to promote literacy. The new program the club implemented this year focused on a book-drive to collect gently used books for students to foster continued reading during the summer. Many of these students come from economically depressed homes and their parents cannot afford to supply books, nor do they have transportation to the library in the summer months. As of March, the Canton club has collected nearly 1,000 books for these students and will distribute the books to students at the end of the school year. This project has fostered ongoing relationships with the local school system, area organizations, media outlets and the local community.