

## July 5, 2014 Introduction to the D5000 Literacy Website

Aloha all! Welcome to our first D5000 Literacy Newsletter for 2014. To kick off this Rotary year, we wanted to make the clubs aware of our D5000 Literacy website. To access it go to <u>http://www.rotaryd5000.org/</u> and then scroll down on the left side of the window and click on **Literacy**. That takes you to the **Home Page for the D5000 Literacy website**. There you will see a welcome message, and on the left side of that window, you will see a list of Related pages. Each of these Related Pages has useful literacy information for your club. For example, Click on the **Dictionary Project** and there are all the files about that project. Is your club interested in the **Keiki Vision project**? Then click on that and there are all the files about that project. Etc. etc.

The last item listed on the Literacy Home Page, under Related Pages, is Literacy Suggestions. DG Laura Steelquist, has requested that as of Rotary Year 2014-2015, all clubs in D5000 integrate their literacy activities into the Five Avenues of Service. There will not be "District Literacy Awards" or "Distinguished District Literacy Awards" as there were in the past. And at the District Conference in May 2015, top clubs will be recognized in each of the Five Avenues of Service, as the District has done in the past. Yes, this is a change in how D5000 recognized literacy in the past. Literacy activities are still very important to D5000. Making this change will bring D5000 clubs into alignment with how Rotary International is integrating literacy into the Five Avenues of Service.

We urge all Rotarians to visit the District 5000 Literacy website. There is so much information on it. We view this as a central repository of Literacy information and it is available for ANYONE IN THE WORLD to access and read.

**Have literacy projects to share?** Please send them to Gale Warshawsky by email at mrsswarshawsky@yahoo.com Gale manages the District 5000 Literacy website pages and the District's Literacy Newsletters. Laura Richards and Gale Warshawsky are co-chairing the District Literacy Chair responsibilities this Rotary year and they invite club Literacy Chairs to send brief descriptions with jpg files (no bigger than 500 K in size) to Gale so they can be included in quarterly District 5000 Literacy Newsletters which will be housed on the Literacy website. Laura Richards will be managing the Dictionary Project and the Four Way Test Labels this Rotary year. If you have questions about that, after you have visited the Dictionary Project (Related Pages off the Literacy Home Page), please send your questions by email to Laura Richards at generalmanager@hcr.com

We look forward to working with all the clubs in D5000 this next Rotary year. Let's LIGHT UP ROTARY with Literacy!

Yours in Literacy Service, Laura Richards and Gale Warshawsky