

District 5000 Literacy Newsletter



January– March 2015

Youth Service & Community Service – **The Rotary Club of Waikiki** participated these literacy projects in January, February, and March 2015:

•Rotary Readers at Waikiki Elementary School to Kindergarten students. Our club members read to the kindergarten classrooms once a month. In addition to being read to, periodically students were invited to select a book from a wide variety of books and each student selected one book to take home. POC: Laura Haas and Gloria King

•Annual Garage Sale to Benefit Waikiki Elementary School, Held 2/21/15. We raised a bit more than \$1,00 from this. POC Stephen Morgan.



•Keiki Vision in March at Elementary Schools we support. POC Stephen Morgan.

•Family Literacy Night March 27, 2015. POC: Gale Warshawsky - Each March for Literacy Month, at the Waikiki Community Center Preschool, we conduct Family Literacy Night. Students and their parents are invited to attend and all preschool classrooms participate (ages 2, 3, and 4). Students and their parents enjoy a fresh fruit snack at 5:30 PM.

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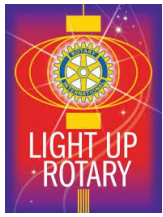
After that the students join “Auntie Gale” in a big circle. We sing some of our favorite songs in English and in Hawaiian for the parents that the students have learned to sing during our Rotary Sings Programs. Then students are divided into small reading groups as they sit on the floor and our Rotarians read books to each of the various groups. After that, each classroom of students is invited to select a new book to take home with them from a large assortment of books provided by our club. The entire Family Literacy Night runs one hour. POC Gale Warshawsky.



Youth Service & Community Service – **The Rotary Club of West Honolulu** continues to supply hard cover books to the library at Kalihi-Uka Elementary School. The books are selected by the librarian, so we can ensure that these are books that are appropriate. Each book has a sticker with the Rotary 4 Way Test and is signed by one of the speakers at our club meetings. The books are appreciated. POC Naomi Masuno.

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Rotary



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Youth Service & Community Service – **The Rotary Club of Kaneohe** Book Donation Project. Several years ago the Rotary Club of Kaneohe made a decision to forego its practice of buying a lei to present to its weekly speakers and instead decided to donate a book in the name of the speaker to an elementary school in the Kaneohe District. The Club allocated a budget of \$500 each year to make possible donation of books to two elementary schools during the year. To date all the schools that accepted the donation have been furnished with approximately 20-25 books per school for their library collection. In the 2014 to 2015 Rotary year, a second round of donations took place with books being furnished again to Ben Parker Elementary School and Puohala Elementary School.

The process starts with a letter to the school’s principal explaining our Book Donation Project and a request to have the school’s librarian provide us with a list of books that they would like added to their collection. Books are ordered from the list within our budget allocation and upon receipt of the books a book plate with the speaker’s name and organization or company is placed on the inside of the book cover. The books are delivered to the school library. Initially we arranged to have the presentation done by the club President during a lunch assembly but that practice was discontinued due to scheduling and logistical issues. In its place the schools have been kind enough to mention our efforts in their parent newsletters. We have continued the Book Donation Project as many elementary schools seems to have had their budget for purchase of new books for the library reduced or eliminated and the librarians are very grateful to have our donated books added to their book collection.

Please see the next column for emails from the librarians from the 2 schools to which books were donated this quarter. POC Alan Kobayashi.

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February 5, 2015

Rotary Club of Kaneohe, Hawaii

c/o Dennis Irie
3939A Nuuanu Pali Drive
Honolulu, HI 96817

Dear Mr. Irie:

It was a pleasure to receive the books for our library. Our school is trying to update its collection of non-fiction books. These particular books focus on mammals. Thank you so much.

There is also a "thank you" on our school website at:

<http://benjaminparkerschool.weebly.com/>

I appreciate all the work you do and especially the efforts your wife, Patsy, put in to secure the particular titles.

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Dennis Irie

From: <Patti_Matsuura@PUOHALA/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us>
Date: Friday, December 19, 2014 7:52 AM
To: <dnie@hawaii.rr.com>
Cc: <Makala_Paakaula@PUOHALA/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us>; <Carol_Pascoe@PUOHALA/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us>
Subject: Please convey our deepest gratitude to the Kaneohe Rotarians

Dear Dennis Irie and members of the Rotary Club of Kaneohe:

On behalf of our Puohala Elementary keiki, staff and 'ohana, mahalo nui loa for the fabulous gift of books! We greatly appreciate your generosity and kindness. Books, and as a result, reading, is one of the best presents anyone could give to our children.

We wanted to celebrate your community contribution by posting it on our [school website](#) and [newsletter](#) (pages 5 and 6). Thank you for partnering with us in educating our students and future leaders. You truly exemplify your club mission.

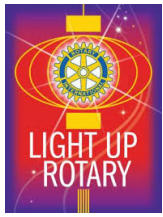
Happy Holidays and Best Wishes,
Makala Paakaula and Patti Matsuura
Po'o kumu (principal) and Librarian

note: A written *thank you* note was mailed to 3939A Nuuanu Pali Drive - this email provides easy access to the internet links. Aloha!

12/20/2014

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Youth Service & Community Service – **The Rotary Club of Kihei-Wailea on Maui.** Last year our club planned and organized "Imua Readers!" a network of trained volunteers who after-school coach one-on-one a kindergartner or first grader who is classed as at-risk for reading. Our club sponsored the initial supplies, with a D5000 grant of \$1,500. We now have 6 volunteers (2 of us are Kihei-Wailea Rotarians) coaching 6 first graders at Kamalii Elementary school in our area. Results are already happening. One of our first graders was reading at only 14wpm. She is now up to 34wpm. We do have plans to grow Imua Readers! with the help of Rotary clubs. Stay tuned.
POC Kit Hawkins.

Youth Service & Community Service – **The Rotary Club of Kona.** We are completing Keiki Vision and the Dictionary Project. We also have funds set aside for the read-aloud program at 2 schools. POC Liz Heiman.



Youth Service & Community Service – **The Rotary Club of Waianae Coast** completed their dictionary distribution and are conducting their scholarship interviews in February and March 2015. POC Don "Rock" Arakaki.

Youth Service & Community Service – **The Rotary Club of Kapolei Sunrise.** Inspiring the love of books is a passion for the Rotarians of Kapolei Sunrise. For over five years our club members have been reading to the kindergarten students on Thursdays after our breakfast meetings. We are happy to read a couple of books and donate them to the classrooms. It is a special relationship for all involved. One member commented he looks forward to all the hugs he gets from the students. The teachers are thankful for the awesome books they can add to their classroom libraries and the students are always asking "When is our next Rotary Read to Me day?" Throughout the school year we all look forward to a win win win event!
POC Carol Kettner.



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