

# District 5000 Literacy Newsletter



October – December 2014

Youth Service & Community Service - **The Rotary Club of Waikiki** participated in the Dictionary Project. We presented the dictionaries to 3rd grade students at the following schools:

Puuhale Elementary School, Kuhio Elementary School, Kalihi Kai Elementary School, Waikiki Elementary School, Kapalama Elementary School, Likelike Elementary School, Lanakila Elementary School and Honolulu Waldorf School.

Waikiki Rotary Reads, a Monthly reading program where club members read to Kindergarten students at Waikiki Elementary School. The kindergarten students also receive new books several times a year as part of this program to encourage the love of reading from a young age. Reading aloud is one of the most valuable gifts you can give your children. In the simple act of reading to children, you lay the foundation for their educational success.

The Rotary Club of Waikiki provided a book to our weekly speakers to sign and write an encouraging message to the reader. These books will be donated to a school library.

Waikiki Rotary Books for Kids project, provided new books to all students at the following schools to encourage reading and the love of books: Puuhale Elementary, Waikiki Elementary, Kuhio Elementary, Central Middle, Kapalama Elementary and Tripler Hospital (Books to Newborns).

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In November the Rotary Club of Waikiki provided books and snacks to Waikiki Elementary School, with a presentation by President Chad.

**Nourishing the mind through books and strengthening our children by providing snacks:**

- Over 10.5 million children in the U.S. who qualify for free and reduced priced breakfast at school actually go without it.
- Over 16,600,000 children are coming into classrooms hungry, making it difficult for them to concentrate, behave, and perform academically.
- Teachers and principals spend a combined average of \$800 a year, of their own money, on food for their children who are in need.

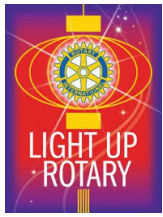
In November, The Rotary Club of Waikiki donated food and cash to the Hawaii Food Bank for Rotary Gives Thanks Month.

Waikiki Rotary participated again this year in the Toys and Books for Tots program by providing new toys and new books to children in need this Christmas season. Donations were made to the US Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

This club participates in a monthly Rotary Sings program, in 3 preschools: Maunawili Head Start, Kailua Head Start, and Waikiki Community Center preschool. A Rotarian sings songs with the keiki, in Hawaiian and in English, and read books to them.

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Another literacy project is \$800 contribution to Friends of Koloa Library to purchase children's books.

In this fiscal year (but not in this quarter) we contributed \$500 to the Koloa School PTSA for supplies for what they call Morning Club and Afterschool Club. This Rotary club encouraged the Koloa PTSA to piggyback on their Movies in the Park by serving hotdogs and soft drinks as a fund raiser. The money raised at these June, July, and August movies enabled the PTSA to hit the ground running at the beginning of the 2014 school year.

Rotary Club of Poipu Beach also participates in Rotary Readers where Rotarians read books from the Koloa Library to kindergarteners, first grade, and second grade students at Koloa Elementary School.

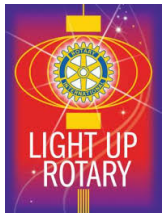
Youth Service & Community Service - **The Rotary Club of Kona** and **The Rotary Club of Kona Mauka**: From September to November every year, Rotary Club of Kona and Rotary Club of Kona Mauka engage in Keiki Vision and the Dictionary Project for West Hawaii 3rd graders. Clearly, the ability to see is a critical part of learning to read. If nearly 20% of the kids have a vision problem of some sort, leaving those kids untreated results in a literacy gap in our community. He hope that armed with good information parents an help their children begin the process of becoming literate.

Every 3rd grader also receives a dictionary. We teach them to use it, and show them all the cool features in the back of the dictionary. Sometimes, this is the first book these kids have ever owned. Literacy starts with creating an interest. We hope this helps them get interested.

We are also be engaging with Read-a-loud programs at Holualoa and Kealakehe. Holualoa Elementary came and talk to the club about their program last year, and this year we have provided the a grant and have some members preparing to participate directly with the read-a-loud programs.

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Youth Service & Community Service –**The Rotary Club of Honolulu** continues to provide books to Linapuni Elementary School. These books are signed by our meeting speakers (this averages 40-45 books per year). The books all contain book plates identifying our club as the donor. This effort is in conjunction with Read Aloud America. Its founder/president is a member of this Rotary club. He selects the titles, which we purchase through amazon.com, and delivers the signed books to the school on a frequent basis.

Youth Service & Community Service – Imua Readers! is a new literacy program sponsored by **The Kihei-Wailea Rotary Club** on Maui.

Did you know about this hard reality in our schools: In any given K-1 classroom there will be several children who are so far behind in reading that even the best most dedicated teacher simply cannot give these children the individual attention they require to catch up. The DOE does not have the resources to train and hire the numbers of staff needed to address this problem.

So newer member Kit Hawkins decided to do something about it, in the best spirit of Rotary!

Check it out at

[www.imuareader.wix.com/imua-readers](http://www.imuareader.wix.com/imua-readers)

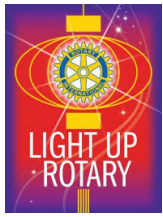
Imua Readers! is a team of trained volunteers who individually coach a K-1 child assessed as significantly at-risk for reading, at one elementary school. The program is just now being started at the elementary school in our club area with a team of five volunteers.

Our volunteers commit to three days of training in a multi-sensory phonics approach to reading remediation at the K-1 level, and then come to the school twice a week for 45 minute coaching sessions with a child assigned by the school. No degrees or certifications are required...love kids this age and have infinite patience are the only qualifications.

Could your club be interested in sponsoring a branch of Imua Readers! at a school near you? Contact Kit at 808 276-6487 or [imuareader@gmail.com](mailto:imuareader@gmail.com)

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Youth Service & Community Service -**The Rotary Club of Pearlridge** - Historically, Rotary Club of Pearlridge (RCOP) had distributed dictionaries to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at 5 community public schools. In 2013-2014, RCOP decided to expand their dictionary commitment to include 12 community schools in the Aiea/Pearl City area. During each dictionary distribution presentation, students were also introduced to the Rotary Four Way Test as a means for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to measure their conduct as good citizens. Students were informed that RCOP would award a \$50 prize to one boy and one girl at each school that, according to their teachers, had best exemplified good citizenship throughout the school year. The \$50 awards were funded by the RCOP Foundation and presented to the awardees at the schools' end of the year Awards Assembly. The RCOP continued this highly successful dictionary project model for the 2014-2015 school year with the added commitment of ensuring that all dictionaries would be distributed during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the school year so students could maximize the utility of this important gift. RCOP is happy to announce that beginning in late September, 2014 and ending on October 30, 2014, 808 dictionaries were distributed to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at 12 Aiea/Pearl City schools.

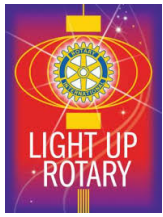
Elementary schools included Alvah Scott, Gus Webling, Lehua, Manana, Momilani, Palisades, Pearl City, Pearl City Highlands, Pearlridge, Waiiau, Our Savior Lutheran and St. Elizabeth. RCOP has received numerous thank you cards and emails from extremely grateful students and their teachers. As an added bonus, RCOP member Barry Villamil provided media coverage by photographing each distribution and publishing RCOP's community service activities for the dictionary project in the My Pearl City website at <http://www.mypearlcity.com/>



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Youth Service & Community Service -**The Rotary Club of Waianae Coast**. OUR DICTIONARIES HAVE ARRIVED. The Waianae Coast Rotary Club (WCRC) received 912 dictionaries that were distributed by WCRC members in November and December 2014 to 3rd graders in 10 elementary schools along the Waianae Coast from Nanakuli to Makaha. The children and teachers were very excited and pleased to receive the dictionaries and to many of the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, it was the first book the ever owned.

During 1-5 December 2014, The Rotary Club of Waianae Coast participated in the Waianae High School Mock Interviews for the graduating seniors of 2015. The mock interview is part of their Personal Transition Plan (PTP) where all Hawaii public school students require a PTP in order to graduate and seniors have been working on their PTP tasks since their freshman year. WCRC members Nalani Flinn, Wolf Leue, Bill O'Connell, and Don Arakaki participated as interviewers to help the seniors receive this graduation credit. The interviews allowed the senior to experience a real job interview and were evaluated on their appearance, behavior and oral communications.

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Albert Silva, Dennis Miyashiro, President Don Arakaki, Bob Sullivan and Joyce Arakaki with dictionaries.



Inventory and stamping WCRC in the dictionaries.

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