



## 2008-09 Literacy Resource Group Guide to Literacy Service Projects & Awards for Clubs

### Suggested Literacy Goals for All Clubs

- Conduct an International Literacy Day project during the week of 8 September
- Conduct a Literacy Month project during Rotary Literacy Month in March 2009
- Make club members aware of the full array of literacy project opportunities so that individual members who might have a passion for a particular project area can have the opportunity to volunteer to start a club project in that area
- Conduct a dictionary project or other book project
- Share information about your club's literacy projects with your district literacy chair and/or district governor
- Conduct a project to support RI President D.K. Lee's special emphasis on reducing child mortality

### Literacy Project Ideas

- Concentrated Language Encounter (CLE) – [www.cleliteracy.org](http://www.cleliteracy.org)
- Computer-Assisted Literacy Solution (CALs) – [www.autoskill.com/rotarians](http://www.autoskill.com/rotarians)
- Four-Way Test projects or other character literacy projects
- Reading readiness projects, such as Imagination Library, SOUNDS, Books for Babies, and Sandparents
- School partnership projects, such as reading mentors, financial support, and gifts in kind
- Local book projects
- International book and mini-library projects
- Local literacy leader recognition projects
- A Rotary theme of the month project creating awareness of the literacy aspects of the theme of the month, e.g. in December, Rotary's Family

### Literacy Resource Group Awards

#### District Literacy Award

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<b>Requirements</b>	Club must complete five literacy projects including an International Literacy Day project, a Literacy Month project and a book project like dictionary project
<b>Application</b>	Award applications must be submitted to the district governor by 15 April 2009
<b>Additional Information</b>	Additional information including application forms are available on Rotary.org

#### Zone Literacy Award

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<b>Requirements</b>	Club must complete ten literacy projects, including the five required for the District Literacy Award, one project from the list of literacy project ideas, and conduct a project to reduce child mortality
<b>Application</b>	Award applications must be submitted to the district governor by <b>15 April 2009</b>
<b>Additional Information</b>	Additional information including application forms are available on Rotary.org



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### Additional Information & Support for Clubs

The Literacy Resource Group provides support for Rotary club and district efforts to promote literacy. The following resources are available to help your club conduct successful literacy projects in your community:

- District Literacy Coordinator** Each district appoints a literacy coordinator who can guide and assist your club in developing literacy projects.
- Workshops & Conferences** All district governors have been asked to hold a district literacy workshop or conference. You should send a club representative to learn more about literacy project opportunities and support services in your area.
- Zone Coordinators** If your district can't answer your questions or provide the help you need, contact your literacy resource group zone coordinator. Contact information for your zone coordinator can be found on Rotary.org. If your zone coordinator can't help, contact your literacy resource group area coordinator.
- Rotary.org** Visit the Literacy Resource Group Web page on Rotary.org, located under the heading of resource groups on the RI president's Web pages. Alternatively, you can use the Rotary.org search function to search for "literacy resource group" or "resource groups."
- Once on the RI Literacy Resource Group Web pages, be sure to review the *Every School A Star* literacy toolkit. There you will find numerous examples of possible literacy projects.
- Also, look for links to other Web sites which have useful information about possible literacy service projects.

### Make Dreams Real

Finally, please help other clubs *Make Dreams Real*. Tell your district literacy chair, district governor, and zone literacy resource group coordinator about any successful literacy projects your club has done or is doing. Your success story will be shared with other clubs in your district, zone, and area. Who knows? Maybe hearing about your plans or success will motivate other clubs to follow your example.