Roscoe Kiwanians Provide Dictionary to Students

The Kiwanis Club of RОССОЕ, Hudson River West Division — for the past four years has participated in The Dictionary Project, a program with the goal of getting all 3rd graders their own dictionary.

A dictionary is perhaps the first and most powerful reference tool that a child should own. Its usefulness goes beyond the spellings, pronunciations and definitions it lists. It is also a companion for solving problems that arise as a child develops his or her reading, writing, and creative thinking abilities. Students benefit from an increased self-reliance and resourcefulness inspired by the maxim, "look it up." The importance of using a dictionary to make sure all words are spelled correctly is emphasized. This is an opportunity for children to expand their vocabulary.

The success of The Dictionary Project has been through the tireless efforts of the people who have made a personal commitment to improving literacy and the quality of life in their community. A dictionary is an essential tool for a quality education. A child cannot do his or her best work without one. Together we can make sure that every child benefits from the power of words, because that is the only way they can become self-reliant. Reading is the most important skill of all. It is the starting point for all the economic and social opportunities this world has to offer.

Over 3,022,088 children have received a dictionary from volunteers who have participated in the Dictionary Project to provide a dictionary for the children in their community each year, so they can enjoy the benefits of a large vocabulary.

LaGuardia Airport Supports PS 127

The Kiwanis Club of LAGUARDIA AIRPORT, Queens West Division — The local LaGuardia Airport Kiwanis Club has donated multimedia projectors, digital cameras and science activities sets worth over $2,000 to PS 127, a local grade school. The items will support the school Science and Technology Department and will benefit the students in their community.

Teacher Kristy Robinson, left and Roscoe member Shirley Wood, right present third grades with their own dictionary.

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viewing as needed.

Over the years more and more information useful to the district’s Kiwanians has been added to the site. It’s the best place to get the latest information on upcoming conventions, both District and International, as well as many of the events which occur around the district each year including the annual Open House at Kamp Kiwanis, the Black and White Ball to raise funds for the Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore University Hospital on Long Island, or the annual Buffalo Bills Kiwanis Charity Football Game.

Most of the forms needed by club officers during the year are available on the site. The monthly statistics for the district’s clubs since October of 2004 also are available.

When possible the site also features pictures and coverage on district or international events, such as conventions. Last September the latest information on the district’s efforts to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina was available on the web site soon after it happened. That coverage is still available, as are pictures and coverage from last summer’s District Convention and last June’s Kamp Kiwanis Open House remains available for viewing.

The site’s calendar lists events from around the district. In addition to district events, special division events and club events can be added to the calendar to publicize those efforts. There’s room for a lot more events on the calendar; send them along and they’ll be added. The calendar also can be useful to check to make sure the event you are planning doesn’t fall on the same day as another.

If you haven’t taken time to check out the site, take a look. And send an e-mail to me <webmaster@kiwanis-ny.org>. If you have suggestions for ways to make the site more useful to the district’s Kiwanians.