



## Rotary District 7690 - Piedmont, North Carolina, USA Service Opportunity Summary

Date: August 1, 2007

Project Title: **Dictionaries for all (3rd graders)**

Type: Literacy Project

**Project Summary:** Literacy opens many doors. Dictionaries provide a reference for the entire family and support learning at a pivotal point in education. Kids & teachers love the book. 10 years of success with this project in Northern California. 5 in Moore County NC

**Project Details:** Children are taught to read as they enter school through the 3rd grade. At that point, they need to know how to read to keep up. The folks in the know tell us that 3rd grade is a pivotal year in the process of learning reading.

We are providing each child their personal copy of an AWESOME book designed just for kids – over 900 pages, and discounted to Rotary through quantity purchases – up to a 70% discount. By doing so, we

- encourage the value of books in the home
- provide a book that will be used for years to come, hopefully by the whole family
- have a bookplate that acquaints kids with Rotary early in their life.

The more clubs that sign up, the bigger the discount for Rotary. So please join us!

Please go to [www.petalumarotary.org](http://www.petalumarotary.org) and follow the prompts regarding dictionaries. You'll get the full story where it all began.

Handing the books out to the children is the best part of this project.

I have lots of great thank you notes that are truly inspiring.

**Project Website:** <http://www.petalumarotary.org>

**Project Time Constraints:** This is annual. We order in the fall and distribute before Christmas. Get students counts in early Sept. Get counts in to CA club for freight quote / send funds to CA in Oct. Receive books in November.

**Project Support:** Started in Sonoma County, CA and now district wide there; this region is sponsored via Southern Pines NC,

**What Can You Do:** Books retail for about \$20.00. We get them for about \$8-8.40 each. Always need fund raising. Distribution is FUN and does need coordination with the schools. Hand trucks, strong arms for carrying boxes of books, packed 10 each.

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**Program Availability:** yes

**Program Lead:** If I am able from a scheduling side I could present this to your club. If not, I can email / phone and explain things over the phone!