

1.**Additional Information, The Rotary Club of Newport, Oregon**

Steve Brown, our president for 2011-2012, chose Literacy as our emphasis for this Rotary year.

The information below is mostly as it appeared in our

club bulletin the day after our joint effort with the local Head Start program and the Newport Public Library.

About 44 students and their families attended the event.

Literacy Project at Library Enjoys Rousing Success! Thanks, Folks!



The check-in desk was the first stop and a very busy place; if you look hard, you'll see Mark McConnell, Steve Johnson, Carol Ruggeri, Betsy Henderson and Barbara Spangler; Kathryn Heater has her back to the camera at left.

Several Rotarians served as tour guides to acquaint guests with the many features at the library; it was an eye-opening experience for most of those in attendance.



Most of the students signed up for Library cards



The size of the kid doesn't matter as long as they enjoy the visit with the only silent youngsters at the library. The photo below is of Steve Brown, our club's president for 2011-2012, who passed away February 3rd.



Julie Hanrahan, at right above, did a great job of organizing the event and she had a lot of help from members and Rotary families.



Rebecca (Storyweaver) Cohen (and her Spanish-language translator) enthralled the kids with her excellent narrations.

2.**Additional Information, The Rotary Club of Newport, Oregon**

Newport is Lead Club in WCS Grant for Thailand Literacy Project

Our club is the lead club on a World Community Service grant that will provide a variety of services for schools in Thailand.

The grant, which has been approved by the District, will also be supported by donations from the Rotary Clubs of Springfield, Bay Area Sunrise, Cottage Grove Noon, South Valley Cottage Grove and Corvallis.

The genesis of this project is a Cottage Grove project to establish a school library in Thailand. While that project is complete, it was suggested that a neighboring community would benefit from a similar effort, working with the same Rotary Club in Thailand.

Newport took the lead on this literacy project with a budget of \$6,000 needed with a matching grant of \$6,000 from the District. Our club president, Bernice Barnett, wrote the grant proposal, which was submitted in January.

Support was received from Springfield (\$1,500), and Bay Area Sunrise (Coos Bay)(\$250), a personal donation from the chair of the previous Cottage Grove project (\$500), and Corvallis pledged their support in an undesignated amount.

The Newport Board had previously approved a contribution of \$2,500 for a worthy literacy project; this project was selected by our board of directors and funding for our club's portion of the grant application was approved.

One of the ways the funding was generated to support this project was a special Classical Piano Concert by Pamela Celeste Weber, a former outbound exchange student from Newport and the daughter of a long-time member of our club.

Details of that event are on a separate page of these supporting materials.