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Rotary Continues to Give in Many Ways

Many of Lamorinda's Rotary Clubs participate in the Rotary Dictionary Project, which was started in May of 1998 by the Rotary Clubs of District 5160 and has placed dictionaries in over 30,000 households throughout Northern California. The primary objective of the Dictionary Project is to support the academic development and personal growth of the youth in our communities through a focus on literacy. Often local clubs offer help and support to nearby communities as well.

This year the Moraga Rotary Club delivered 295 dictionaries; 85 went to Peres Elementary School in Richmond, at the invitation of the Rotary Club of Richmond which has "adopted" Peres Elementary and has an ongoing commitment to the well-being of the school. Third graders at Camino Pablo, Los Perales, Rheem, Saklan Valley and Canyon schools all received dictionaries, which bear the Rotary book plate. The Book plate states Rotary's "Four Way Test."

The Four Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

- First:** Is it the TRUTH
- Second:** Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Third:** Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Fourth:** Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Paul Griessel with the new dictionary at Saklan Valley School



Moraga Rotary President Colin Barnard

Mike Rosa, the program coordinator, said, "Personally, this was the most enjoyable project that I have been involved with through Rotary. The kids, for the most part, knew of the project and anticipated our arrival. They were very eager to get their dictionaries and were also enthused about reading aloud definitions of words like Truth and Fair."

For more information on the Rotary Dictionary Program, go to <http://www.rotary5160.org/programs/dictionary/description.php>

Orinda Rotary Endowment

Orinda Rotary's Dick Burkhalter says, "The 32,000 Rotary Clubs throughout the world give back to their communities and to say thank you for all that has been provided for their families and the education of their children." Each year the Orinda Rotary Club's Endowment thanks the community by awarding grants to local projects. For 2007, the recipients were:

Wagner Ranch Elementary School:	
Microscopes for the science programs,	\$ 1,800
Sleepy Hollow Elementary School, Special Ed. Program: Educational books for special ed. students to check out,	\$ 500
Del Rey Elementary School: Supplies for a 10' x 20' Mural wall and tile project,	\$ 600
Del Rey School's Garden Club: Tools, wheelbarrows and supplies for their garden,	\$ 635
Orinda Community Church, Interfaith Winter Nights: Food, transportation and utilities for seniors and needy during the winter nights,	\$ 1,700
Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Center: Horse riding training for disabled children,	\$ 720
Orinda Historical Society: Convert historical audio tapes to digital CD's,	\$ 1,500
California Shakespeare Theater: Student Discovery Program for future performers,	\$ 800
Orinda City Arts Council: Beautification & promotion of art in Orinda,	\$ 2,000
American Association of University Women: "Sister to Sister Summit," a one day conference for Lamorinda middle school girls to develop self confidence, awareness and positive choices; led by local high school students,	\$ 500
Orinda Garden Club: Beautification & improvement for Hwy. 24 off ramp,	\$ 1,000
Wagner Ranch Elementary School: Two brick planters and dividing walls, a project by the members of the Rotary Club,	\$ 1,000