**Club Assembly Foundation Update**

**January 29, 2019**

**DECEMBER 5, 2018**

1. **ROTARY CHRISTMAS PACKATHON –**

* $3,200 was given, funding 15,357 meals
* 10,563 additional meals were supplemented by
* Feed the Hunger
* 25,920 meals were packed—three full pallets!
* 108 Rotarians and family members from three of four
* local chapters as well as Interact members from Eastern,
* Southern, Western, and Hawbridge participated
* Meals are headed to 3 locations: Local families through the Salvation Army, Rescued child slaves in India, and school children in Haiti

**WINTER/SPRING 2019**

1. **ROTARY READS -**

Rotary Reads is a project that grew from a small donation to the school library into the project it is today. We have expanded on that small donation through the use of our district grant, club funds, and a buy 1 get 1 free book fair from Scholastic to allow every child at North and South Graham Elementary Schools to choose their own book. Statics show that a child is far more likely to read a book that they are allowed to choose which is one of the reasons we choose to do our project this way. Currently there are **1,792** children receiving books from this program. (Graham Club only).

* Each book is stamped with Rotary Logo as the children check out their books
* After they have chosen their books, Rotarians and members of the community read the books to the children in their classrooms and answer questions

**2018-2019**

* This will be the 8th year doing this project for Graham, and the 1st year for Area 3.
* We will assign one of the Rotary Reads committee members to each school but the general membership may go to wherever school they want. There will be sign up for each school.
* Our total book cost with all Area 3 clubs should be $7,696.50 **without** district matching funds but with the BOGO book sale, we can reach 2804 children – approximately 700 more children.
* With all of Area 3 District Matching Funds and each club’s required match, we are roughly $2,400 short of the total amount needed for all the books.

**OVERALL GOAL** – for all of Area 3 clubs to participate in this program in one way or another (either by selling/buying tickets, and/or reading to a child), and for ¼ of the children in Alamance County to get receive **7 books** from Rotary Reads over their time spent in elementary school

* Fundraiser would be to raise those funds plus extra
* If we cap the fund raiser at 100 tickets at $100 a piece (100 total tickets between the 4 clubs) then it would net $10,000 – enough to cover the cost of the vacation, and ***and, no club would have to use club funds for the books.***
* Any additional monies will be redistributed back to the clubs based on the number of tickets sold

1. **Burlington Royals Operation “Million Minutes” Reading Program** -

* **Overall Goal -** encourage Alamance County students to continue learning and reading during the summer. The Royals are working with around 30 schools in the ABSS, which gives them access to around 20,000 students. Most of the kids that participated in 2018 read well over 500 minutes over the course of the summer.
* Each student is asked to read a minimum of 360 minutes, completing four 90 minute sub-goals, corresponding to the 90-foot distance between the bases on the baseball diamond.
* It will only take 2778 kids to reach the “million minutes” goal.
* Those who complete the program will receive prizes donated by the sponsors, which include our club, Sir Speedy Printing, Sylvan Learning, the Alamance County Public Libraries, and Chick-fil-A. The prizes will include free chicken sandwiches, frisbees, water bottles, books, and a ticket to a Royals game on August 9, which will include a pre-game parade made up of kids in the program.
* Those who complete the grand slam of 1000 minutes will receive a team signed baseball.

1. **ACC Current Events Challenge -** The Times-News and Alamance Community College sponsor the annual Current Events Challenge for high school students.

* Local high schools are invited to enter a team of three students in an evening of brain-teasing fun about events in the news.
* Businesses sponsor each team, and proceeds benefit the Newspaper in Education and ACC literacy programs.