

**Rotary International  
Rotary District 5340**

**Rotary Foundation District Grant Final Report**

Deadline for submission: **March 31, 2011??**

Must be filed electronically on: <http://www.matchinggrants.org/district/>

Grant Information (to be completed by District Grant contact)

1. District Grant # (check website for #): **P-432**
2. Name of District Grant: **Oceanside Rotary Books for Needy Kids**
3. Briefly describe the grant and list any changes that might have occurred (100 words or less).

**The goal of the project was to provide no less than 100 needy Oceanside students from Laurel Elementary (a Title 1 school) with a book to take home as part of the School's Thanks+Giving food basket program, and Weekly Reader yearly subscriptions for all Laurel students in grades K-3. Club members donated money and books for the project, and will participate in distributing the books as part of the food basket program. Sufficient funds were collected to meet all project goals.**

4. Provide a brief (100 words or less) of lessons learned in implementing this grant and how this will improve future grant funded projects:

**Having District matching funds available increased the dollar amount donated by club members, but decreased the number of books donated (from the previous year). Members concentrated on reaching the matching amount and spent less time and money buying new books to donate. However, having the matching grant funds more than doubled the donations from club members over the previous year. If we can get a larger grant next year we can contribute Weekly Reader subscriptions for all K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders in Oceanside, and not just at one school.**

5. How has your Club or community been impacted by this grant?

(Check all that apply)

- Involvement of Rotarians in our Club in humanitarian grants has increased.  
 Our Club's international Rotary networks have been strengthened.  
 Annual giving to the Rotary Foundation in our Club has increased.  
 Club membership has increased.  
 Our Club's awareness of the needs in our community has increased.  
 Participation in a District Grant has not changed our Club in any significant way  
Others: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Given your experience, please provide any suggestions you believe would improve District Grants and the process to receive and implement them.

**We found out about the District Literacy Grant \$15,000 addition via Carl Kruse's visit to our club: it was also featured in QuickBits. Please continue to provide information like this in the new District 5340 website QuickBits equivalent.**

**5. Financial Summary**

Amount of District Grant funds received:	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Amount of Club funds used in grant:	<b>0</b>
Amount of other funds used in grant:	<b><u>\$1,600.00</u> (donations by club members)</b>
Total	<b>\$2,600.00</b>

6. Receipts and Financial statements

Please include all invoices and receipts in electronic format to your web page on the District Grants web page: <http://www.matchinggrants.org/district/>

Approvals:

Michael Curtin  
Club President

*Michael Curtin*

11-22-13  
Date

Renee Richardson  
Club Contact for District Grant

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Date



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OCEANSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Linda Guerrero, Principal

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October 10, 2013

Dear Rotary of Oceanside,

It was wonderful to be a part of your meeting last Friday. I enjoyed the conversation during lunch and the great speaker. I was very touched by the generous check that was donated to Laurel for Scholastic Readers for our K-3 graders. I also appreciate the donation of books for our families for our Thanks Plus giving event in November.

I was touched when one of the gentlemen shared about his experience with someone paying it forward for him at the grocery store. I believe we can all learn a lot from paying it forward. Your rotary club paid it forward to the amazing students at Laurel. Your contribution made an impact in 13 classrooms and many students who will receive the donated books.

Thank you again for your generous outpouring of resources to meet the learning needs of our students. I left the meeting with such an amazing feeling because Rotarians make it a point to leave the world better each day in what they do.

Blessings and Warmest Regards,

Linda Guerrero