

Through the generosity of the Vista Hi Noon Rotary Club and the Rotary District 5340 Literacy Program, our club has placed 1,641 first grade books in the hands of Vista Unified School District students. The District grant, in combination with the discounted availability of books through Rolling Readers, made the project possible. The project totaled \$6,503 (\$3,503 of club funds and \$3,000 in district matching funds) and targeted 16 elementary schools in the Vista Unified School District. Reading is the single most important factor in the long term success of students, and the project was supported by school district staff and leadership.

Club volunteers visited different school sites, a total of 74 classrooms, in teams of two to four Rotary volunteers during classroom hours to read one of three books: "A Bad Case of Stripes," "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs," and Con Mi Hermano: With My Brother." The reading was followed by the distribution of a new book to each first grade student.

Invoices for book purchases are being submitted with this report, along with several pictures. The project is now completed.