February 16, 2011

**Books for Local Libraries**

I am introducing this year’s District Conference Community Project, **Books for Local Libraries**. This project is to provide books to each local rotary, interact, or rotaract club’s community library and/or to selected high school libraries. The books should fit into two broad categories: (1) Biographies or Autobiographies of successful business people, especially those who are also Rotarians and (2) books with titles that are related to the subject, Ethics in Business. I’m also recommending that each rotary club, interact club and rotaract club also subscribe to the Rotarian Magazine for the local library of their choice. I’m issuing a challenge to each rotary club, interact club, and rotaract club in Rotary District 6860 to select at least one local library and to purchase a minimum of two books for this project. Here are the instructions for participating in this project, Books for Local Libraries:

1. Let the district representative (Sue Mitchell is the contact, her information is below) know that you will be participating in this project. The deadline for doing this is **March 15, 2011**.
2. Identify the library or libraries that you wish to donate these books to.
3. Subscribe to the Rotarian for the library or libraries that you have chosen.
4. Purchase the books (a minimum of one library and two books for that library).
5. Let the district know how many books and the name of the library or libraries where these books will be placed. Please indicate the title and the name of library for each book that will be donated. The deadline for doing this is **April 1, 2011.**
6. At registration, each attending club will receive their labels for each book and a copy of the Rotary 4-Way Test book.
7. If a club wishes to participate but will not have a representative attending the District Conference, the district representative will ship the Rotary 4-Way Test book and the labels to that club.

Our Rotary District will do the following for this project.

1. Purchase a Rotary 4-Way Test book for each participating club to donate to a library of their choice.
2. Provide a label for each book, identifying the club that is donating the book, identifying the library that is receiving the book and also identifying that this is a District 6860 Community Project, Books for Local Libraries, for 2011.
3. Ship the Rotary 4-Way Test book and labels to those clubs participating in the project but unable to attend the District Conference.

The labels will be provided to the club representative at the district conference so that the labels can be attached to the books when the club representative returns to his or her local club. If any club is unable to have a representative attend the District Conference, then the labels will be mailed to that rotary, interact or rotaract club so that they may attach the labels to the books prior to giving them to their chosen library.

Sue Mitchell, District Program Chair is the contact person for this project. Her email is sue@calhoun.edu and her phone number is 256-345-6241. All information that is requested should be sent to her. This information includes:

* Name of rotary, interact or rotaract club participating in **Books for Local Libraries** by **March 15th, 2011.**

The rest of the information needs to be sent by **April 1st, 2011** and includes:

* Mailing address, if shipping the materials
* Title of book and Library name where the book is being donated. List each book separately.
* Will you be attending the District Conference?
* Name of representative at District Conference.

Sincerely,

John