



**MINUTARIAN from DG Deborah for the WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2021**

**“Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself”.**

September is **Basic Education and Literacy Month**,

According to Shekhar Mehta, as we **Serve to Change Lives**; “one of the ways you can make the greatest change in a person’s life is to help them learn to read.” “**Literacy** opens up the world to us.” “Reading and writing connects people and gives us another way to express our love for one another.” Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults. How Rotary makes help happen, we take action to empower educators to inspire learning at all ages.

Rotary knows that literacy is an essential ingredient for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace. Since 2002, Rotarians have provided resources and skills to advance literacy in communities worldwide by providing books and educational materials; building schools and libraries and supporting existing schools with equipment (computers and training videos) and last, but not least providing nutritional meals for children.

**Literacy** is the first step out of poverty. As Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai has noted, “One child, one teacher, one book, and one pen can change the world.” Thank you.

Yours in Rotary Service, DG Deborah L. Williams