



PAROLE ROTARY'S BOOKS FOR INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL

By Steve Frantzych, Parole Rotary Club

B.I.G. Book Sale: Just in time for Christmas and cold winter's night reading, Parole Rotary's Books for International Goodwill (B.I.G.) will hold its next book sale on Saturday, December 14th, from 8-2 at 451 Defense Highway, Annapolis, MD, 21401. Over 70,000 books will be available. Profits from the sale will go toward shipping books to underserved populations in the U.S. and abroad. B.I.G. has shipped more than 8 million books over the last twenty-four years. For more information go to www.big-books.org or call 410 757 2785.

TOWSONTOWNE ROTARY'S SEE2LEARN PROGRAM

By Ann Saar, Towsontowne Rotary Club President

Rotary Club of Towsontowne has had an exciting and productive fall. Many club members participated in the See2Learn program in September and October, serving both the City and County Head Start children, sponsored by the Y of Central Maryland. Volunteers conducted vision screening, followed by reading of a chosen book purchased by the club, and then distribution of a book for each child. More than 1000 children were seen by the See2Learn program.

Towsontowne has created an innovative approach to fundraising. Rather than the usual labor intensive fundraiser, the club has scheduled monthly get-togethers and outings paired with "fundraiser donations." This has been highly successful and great fun, resulting in increased fellowship, and to date more than half of our proceeds from our major fundraiser last year.

The club just completed a group project during the weekly morning meeting, assembling 180 first aid kits to be sent to Africa, where individuals frequently

develop foot infections from imbedding of chiggers. These kits provide antiseptic treatment and other items needed to address this painful occurrence for each individual.

Rotary Club of Towsontowne will end the year providing assistance to designated families, and donations to local charities for holiday giving. On the fun side, December 8 will be the date for the holiday party and the annual Shovunda gift exchange.

RYLA 2020 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS OPEN

By Marilyn Nevy Cruz, Chair, District RYLA Committee

It is that time of the year again for us to share with you our first RYLA 2020 News and Conference Announcements for 2020. Registration is now open at ryla7620.org and we would like to share with you some important information regarding Rotary Club registration, student registration, and deadlines.

Registration:

- Early Bird Registration for RYLA 2020 is \$360.00 per student. Early Bird registration ends on December 30. After January 1, registration for RYLA 2020 is \$410.00 per student. Registration closes on February 12.
- There are no refunds, but we're happy to have your club replace students for the conference up to February 1st.
- February 1 is the last day to change/replace participants.
- Students must be in 10th, 11th and/or 12th grade.

RYLA is President's Day Weekend
February 15-17, 2020

Camp Letts - Edgewater, Maryland

ryla7620.org

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