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Today's Program:

Club Focus with Committee Planning, led by President Urja Aryal

Last week:

Dickinson Club's first international project helps 175 students

Indigenous students at two schools near the Himalayan Mountains in Ecuador are now connected to the world with their first computer labs for STEM classes and internet access. It all started three years ago with the Dickinson Rotary Club, spearheaded by then-club president Mark Billings, who leveraged his connection with his former Ecuadoran exchange student



to form a partnership with a young professionals Rotary Club in

Cuenca, in Ecuador, South America. The \$8,000 US project involved two District 5580 grants that matched funds from our club. The students staged a big celebration to thank the Santa Ana Club de Rios Rotary Club de



Cuenca that provided an additional \$15,000 for the schools.



Literacy Project: This year we doubled our literacy impact by reading to preschoolers at both the Early Childhood Program and Head Start! Thanks to the 14 Rotarians who read to 210 children and distributed copies of the books. See Page 2 for more photos. ➡

Today's Meeting:

Greeters: James Miller and Tim Mendro

Next week: Linda Candrian and Tara Zettel

This month's **Community Kindness** is monetary donations for water bottles with the Rotary emblem for the Dickinson Public Library's Summer Reading Program kickoff.

Invocation:

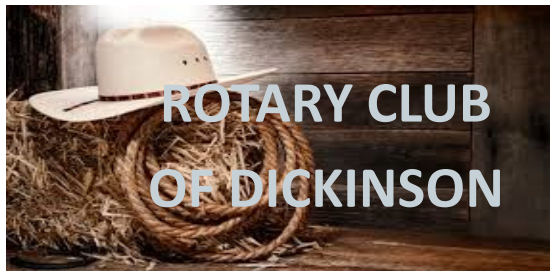
Grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference. AMEN

Coming up:

***March 31: Vocational Scholarship deadline!**

See Rotarian Erv Van Veldhuizen for details.

***May 15: Rotary Armed Forces Day luncheon** at the Biesiot Activities Center.



Literacy Emphasis: Preschool Reading

Photos courtesy of the classroom teachers.



Rotarian Angie Rabbitt read to this class.



Rotarian Suzi Sobolik hands out "Tiny Rabbit's Big Wish."



Rotarian Mary Massad read "The Gingerbread Man."



Rotarian Brad Fong's class followed along.



Rotarian Mark Billings shares the pictures.



Rotarian Jen Binstock reading.



Rotarian Natasha Cushman shows the pictures.



Rotarian Urja Aryal reading.

Please see our Facebook page for more photos
of our Rotarians , People of Action!