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To: District A-3 Club Secretaries,

Again this year, I'm pleased to take on the role of Literacy Chair for District A-3. As clubs decide on how and when hold meetings (inside/outside/zoom) and how and when to startup fundraising events... we all know without a doubt that we are all in for a unique year 2020-21. As Lions, we can face the challenge and hurdles ahead!

Thinking about starting up... need a worthy project?

Has your club considered a *Reading Action Program* ? "RAP" could be a most important project for your club, and is one that will surely have an immediate and positive impact in your community, helping to bridge gaps in literacy and education for children and/or adults alike.

- ◆ Find a project that is well suited for your community
- ◆ Make it hands-on and visible
- ◆ Develop a pre-school reading program
- ◆ Organize a book drive for your local library
- ◆ Create a mini-library at your community centre



Here are a couple initiatives — why not check these out!

- ◆ Scholastic Books Canada: "Read and Rise" is a partnership that Lions across Canada have established with Scholastic Books. The program improves children's literacy in Canada and targets young children before grade 3, giving them the best start possible. It's easy to set up and get started – I would recommend this program for clubs across our District. I have last year's flyers available on this (hoping for updated info soon). Setting up an account with Scholastic is very easy and with just a call to the right contact, it's done.
- ◆ The Dictionary Project is an initiative from the US. This provides students with a personal dictionary, an essential tool for quality education in our young people. I have no personal knowledge on this project, but can send you off a flyer if you'd like to check it out further. Perhaps if a club has worked with this previously, you could advise me on the outcome.

Has your club worked on any other literary project in the past? Could you let me know what it was and how it was received please. I look forward to hearing back on your plans for literacy... past, present and future. Thank you.

Regards,
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A-3 Literacy Chair (2020-21)

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