

## *First Ever District 7070 Literacy Conference*

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### *The Launch of "Rotary Reads"*

*By Joan Hayward—District Literacy Chair*

*On a beautiful Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> the district's first literacy conference was held at The Holiday Inn in Oshawa with 41 Rotarians and partners enjoying the opportunity to network, share project ideas and plans, and gain information about six different literacy initiatives being implemented in clubs in our district. There were also six Rotarians from District 7010 who brought their own project ideas to share.*

*The following six initiatives were highlighted:*

*CALS (Computer Assisted Learning Solution)*

*Teach Your Children Well*

*Who Is Nobody?*

*The Dictionary Project*

*Sandparents*

*The Imagination Library*

*Another very important initiative was launched - the debut publication of "Rotary Reads", a catalogue of literacy projects put together by the Rotary Club of Belleville's literacy committee and supported by Rotary International's Literacy Resource Group and its General Coordinator Richard Hattwick. This publication describes many literacy opportunities for clubs with a rating scale to help Rotarians decide which project would be best suited to their capacity and priorities. It will be highlighted at the District Conference in October and clubs are invited to consider buying a copy. It is a living document, in 3-ring binder form, so that when other project information becomes available it can be easily added to the original. (Photos by Carole Jones)*

