



CLUB HAPPENINGS

CERES DISTRIBUTES DICTIONARIES

The Ceres Rotary Club celebrated Rotary's Literacy Month in March in a big way! The club completed the distribution of dictionaries to every third grader at four Ceres Elementary Schools—Hidal, Don Pedro, West Port and Caswell. The hardback Houghton Mifflin



books, valued at \$27.00 each, are given to each student to take home and keep and are filled with colorful pictures and information in addition to the traditional content. Over 300 dictionaries were distributed this year. "This is a program



Ceres Rotarians feel great about," says Rotary President Emily Carlson. "Lots of kids don't have books like this in their homes and they, and their parents really appreciate the gift. We even get thank you letters from parents!" Ceres Rotary received a \$1,000 District Simplified Grant from Rotary District 5220 to help with this project.

DISTRICT SPEECH CONTEST FINALS

The finals of the District 5220 Rotary Speech Contest were held in Turlock at California State University Stanislaus on Saturday, April 4. This annual contest is hosted by Cal State with Dr. Vickie Harvey of the Communications Department as the official host.



District Governor Janine McClanahan [r] with District speech contest winner Remy Mason

The first-place winner was Remy Mason, a senior attending Mariposa County High School. She was sponsored by the Mariposa Rotary Club. President of her FFA Chapter, she has been active in drama and the French club. She is a lifetime member of the California Scholarship Foundation. Remy will seek a career in agricultural communications. Securing second place was Justin Beck, an Enochs High School senior, sponsored by Modesto East Rotary and the third place winner was Benjamin Powell, a Pitman High School senior sponsored by Turlock Sunrise Rotary.

Over \$20,000 was awarded to the more than 200 contestants in District 5220 local, area, and final contests. The theme this year was RI President D.K. Lee's theme of "Make Dreams Real." Remy won \$1000 in the final and will now go to the District Conference in Monterey to speak to conference attendees.

CERES MIXES IT UP

Ceres Rotarians gathered for their first membership mixer in the home of club member Mark Price. During the festivities two of five new Paul Harris Fellows were presented to Mark Price and Lea Ann Hoogestraadt

