



CLUB HAPPENINGS

LODI WALKS

~by Larry Whitted—Our International Service Project this year is to improve the water supply at the City of Refuge Orphanage in Jamaica. This is a very worthwhile project that will allow the orphanage to provide a home and education for children who would otherwise have very desperate lives. The availability of clean water is currently the factor that limits the number of children that the orphanage can house and educate. In order to raise funds for that project we will be participating in a benefit run/walk on April 5 at Lodi Lake, a project developed by three high school students.

GALT ROTARY TEACHES 4-WAY TEST

From the Galt Herald – by Dana Edlund (edited)

Recently, the Galt Rotary club purchased some very special books for every third and fourth grade classroom. The book they chose is called *Andy and Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure*. Andy Shoup was commissioned by the Fairborn Rotary Club in Ohio to write the book in honor of their 75th anniversary celebration in 2006. The book teaches the four-way test used by Rotary clubs.



The test is four questions that Rotarians believe should be kept in mind when making decisions. First, "Is it the Truth?" Second, "Is it Fair to all concerned?" Third, "Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?" Fourth, "Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?" *Andy and Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure* tells the story of Andy, who discovers he can make delicious apple dumplings. He then decides he should sell them. Before he can, however, he hears an inner voice asking him the four questions. When he realizes taking his neighbor's apples without permission is not the truth and is not fair, he decides to make his neighbor his partner. Along the way, Andy learns lessons of friendship, honesty and decency. He realizes that, by being fair and truthful with his friends, everyone will benefit.

Bryan Siudara, Galt Rotary member and parent of a third grade student (pictured), was one of the volunteers who took time from his business to read to students. "We are supplying books to all 47 second and third grade classes," said Siudara. "We will be able to reach 900 students.

The pictures in the book are large and colorful, perfect for reading to a group. At the end of the book, there is a recipe for apple dumplings. The books are a beautiful addition to any classroom library. It is a fun story, with a message of honesty and friendship. Galt Rotary has been able to reach out to nearly a thousand students with their gift.

It's time to think about club exhibits for the District Conference!

If you have yours well under-way, good for you! If your club has never done an exhibit, or you are not sure what should be included, here are some tips:

- Choose the project or fund raiser you are MOST proud of.
- Purchase a tri-fold cardboard display board (inexpensively available at office supply stores)
- Enlarge three or four good pictures of your chosen project. (Keep them simple and BIG)
- Print some 'how to' text—
 - * how the project was chosen
 - * what work was involved
 - * who the contacts were
 - * the outcome



Conference attendees will have the opportunity to vote for the exhibit they find the **MOST INFORMATIVE**