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## **ALLENTOWN ROTARY CLUB DISTRIBUTED OVER 1,300 DICTIONARIES TO 13 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FOR ANNUAL DICTIONARY PROJECT**

Allentown, PA, The Community Service Committee of the Allentown Rotary Club has distributed over 1,300 Dictionaries to 44 Classrooms in 13 Elementary Schools throughout the Allentown School District as part of its annual participation in The Dictionary Project.

"The Rotary Club of Allentown has always had a close partnership with schools in the Allentown School District through the Dictionary Project, Pool Pals, our Community Service Grants, Interact and our Roger and Louise Mullin Scholarships," says Jonathan Epstein, chairperson for the 2011 Dictionary Project. "The Dictionary Project consistently been a favorite service project for our club – we look forward to distributing dictionaries all year long, almost as much as the students look forward to getting them."

"What is so wonderful about the dictionary distribution is seeing the interactions of our students with the Rotarians, which ultimately create a 'community of learners.' The dictionaries are teaching and learning resources that extend the learning of our students both in and out of school," comments Michele Ryan, Sheridan Elementary School Principal. "We are most appreciative to the Allentown Rotary Club for providing our children with these tools for learning."

This project is privately and generously funded by the Allentown Rotary Club Foundation and has been an invaluable resource for Allentown's third graders. Volunteers from the Allentown Rotary Club and the Allentown Liberty Bell Rotary Club will serve the following Elementary Schools in the Allentown School District: Cleveland; Hiram Dodd; Jefferson; Lehigh Parkway; Luis A. Ramos; McKinley; Mosser; Muhlenberg; Ritter; Roosevelt; Sheridan; Union Terrace and Washington.

Since its implementation in 1995, the dictionary project has provided over 14 million dictionaries to students, thanks to the generosity of participating sponsors. Third grade classrooms are targeted recipients of dictionaries nationwide, as educators have established that grade as the dividing line between learning to read and reading to learn.

The Allentown Rotary Club is one of the first 125 charters of Rotary International (RI). It is a diverse group of professionals representing individuals and businesses throughout the Lehigh Valley. Rotary International is a worldwide membership organization of over 1.3 million business and professionals who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace throughout the world. More information about The Allentown Rotary Club can be found online at [www.allentownrotary.org](http://www.allentownrotary.org)

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