

## Literacy Volunteer Wins State Award

Linda Cesario, a past chair of Rotary District 6440 Literacy Committee, was awarded the 2014 Spotlight on Service Award. Linda was one of ten literacy tutors honored by the Illinois State Library Literacy Office and the Illinois Press Association.

Linda was recognized for her 10,000 hours of ESL (English as a Second Language) and literacy tutoring at the Arlington Heights Public Library's volunteer literacy program. She is also a Read to Learn tutor and a tutor at the Arlington International Racecourse Backstretch.

Linda retired from a 40 year teaching career and found a newspaper announcement asking for literacy tutors at the Arlington Heights Public Library. This led to her years of tutoring; over the years, she has tutored 70 adults from 25 different countries.

As a Rotarian, she has led her club's outstanding work with literacy projects sponsored by the Arlington Heights Sunrise Rotary Club. Her work with her local Rotary club has garnered more than one "Excellence in Literacy Award" from the District Literacy Committee.

The Rotary District Literacy Committee has benefited from Linda's knowledge, dedication and enthusiasm for many years and she continues to be a pivotal member of the Committee.

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Linda was recognized for her 10,000 hours of ESL and literacy tutoring at the library in addition to her work in local elementary schools, as a Rotary literacy chairperson, a Read to Learn tutor and a tutor at the Arlington International Racecourse Backstretch. Our congratulations to Linda and our thanks for her dedicated service to her students!



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