

Kiwanis *Read Around the World* Project:

As part of Kiwanis International's *Read Around the World* project, January - March 2005, our Rochester Day Makers joined in a new initiative at Jefferson Elementary School in Rochester, Minnesota, entitled (coincidentally) *Read at Home - Read Around the World*. The program encourages the students to read at home and provides forms necessary to record book report information and time spent, as well as offering facts about the United States and other countries of the world.

Our volunteers participated in the portion of the program titled *Lunch Buddies*. This program provides students the opportunity to read with community volunteers on a weekly basis during the lunch hour recess throughout the cold winter months, January - March. The goals are to increase the time spent reading outside of the classroom by students "at risk", to kindle a life-long enthusiasm for books in the students, to foster community awareness of educational challenges, and to develop community bonds across economic, linguistic, generational and cultural boundaries.

Several years ago Kiwanis Rochester Day Makers started volunteering in the after-school program at Pinewood Elementary School in Rochester. In that program Kiwanians work with children selected by the teachers. We help with reading and math. About 20-25 children are involved from Monday through Thursday afternoons. Those involved are Pat Horlocker, Carolyn Heyne, Dallas Glaser, Ray and Sue Ricketts and Larry Mason.

This year Roxanne Nauman, the school principal, started a reading program with second graders during the school day, an hour in the morning and a half-hour in the early afternoon. Kiwanians read to the children and occasionally the children read to the Kiwanians. The books are chosen by the second grade teachers: Jeff Newkirk and Paula Winter. We hope to involved move Kiwanians in the Fall because reading to young children is so important to their growth in the ability to read.

Larry Mason and Ella VanLaningham



Dallas Glaser at Pinewood School, Mar'05



Larry Masson at Pinewood School, Mar'05



Ray Ricketts at Pinewood School, Mar'05



Susan Ricketts at Pinewood, Mar'05



Ella VanLaningham at Jefferson School