

Monday with Mikey: September 12, 2016

Two issues related to Disaster Relief today, gang:

First, we here in D6950 experienced our first real hurricane in twelve years - Hermine - on Friday, September 2. Many of our district's residents are still working to return to their flooded homes and trying to restore their lives.

Last week's "Monday with Mikey" made no mention of the storm's impact on our district – and the counties to the north of us. That's because I normally write "MWM" sometime before Monday, and the true measure of the damage done had not been fully assessed. A Rotarian in our district reached out to me and expressed his feelings that perhaps I should have "taken care of home cookin' before worryin' about what's going on in the outside world." I assure you all that it was not my intent to "gloss over" the wreckage in ALL FOUR of our counties. I have called upon our Disaster Relief Team and Club Presidents to figure out who needs help and how we can facilitate getting that help to them as soon as possible!

Acknowledging that "charity begins at home," I assert that it doesn't end there. Lynne Faimalie, our District's Basic Education and Literacy Chair, contacted me recently to ask for help in providing school supplies for children in flood-stricken Louisiana. We have previously offered financial help to folks in South Carolina and West Virginia. I have reached out to the Governors of the two Districts in Louisiana to let them know we're also working to help their people.

The Literacy Committee, in this case represented by RC of Central Pinellas President James Holloman, will be collecting school supplies for kids in Louisiana at District 6950 University on October 1. If you would like to contribute, please bring supplies to D6950U and give them to James.

Lynne is requesting contributions of:

PENCILS/ MARKERS (WASHABLE)/ COLORED PENCILS/ SMALL PENCIL SHARPENERS/ MINI STAPLERS AND STAPLES/ RULERS/ INDEX CARDS/ POST IT NOTES/ GLUE STICKS/ TAPE/ SCISSORS/ PENS/ PENCIL POUCH (that little flat zippered pouch that fits into a 3 ringer binder)/ SMALL HAND HELD CALCULATORS

Thanks for all you do to alleviate the suffering of others – here at home and in faraway places!

Until next Monday, keep **"Doing Good, Having Fun!"**

Your Friend in Rotary Service,

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