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Sunrise Rotary helps Donate eReaders to Springhill

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From left, Marissa Guerrero, Ava Hempfling and Martha Burns enjoy the eReaders that the Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary helped to fund. Photo provided

check for \$2,000 from Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary Club pushed them over the top.

For the Rotary club, it meant reviving a community service program it had long sponsored: handing out print dictionaries to every third-grader attending a Lafayette school. The program was dropped in 2010, by which time iPads, tablets and other internet-based technologies had begun to gain widespread use. Over a period of 10 years, Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary has donated more than \$50,000 worth of Merriam-Websters.

Creation of Springhill's fifth-grade eReader project represented a perfect segue opportunity for the Club, redirecting its contributions toward updated curricular needs.

"We welcomed the opportunity to participate," said club president Ron Melvin. "Support of education has always been a priority commitment for Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary, as it is for Rotary clubs from coast to coast."

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