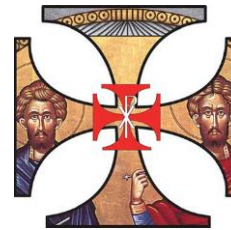


National Philoptochos Society 2016-2018 Committee Report



Literacy Committee

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The Literacy Outreach Program is designed to be an ongoing project that promotes literacy for children and adults. The goals of the program are:

- To promote motivation, success and enjoyment of reading and oral communication for school age children
- To increase the self-esteem of students participating in the program
- To offer meaningful volunteer opportunities for Philoptochos members and others within our Greek Orthodox church communities
- To strengthen the ties between generations by providing opportunities for adult tutors and young children to bond through additional instruction, support and encouragement

This year a goal of this committee was to promote literacy awareness and instill the idea of doing good deeds, large and small that would make a difference in the lives of others. Since 2012 National Philoptochos has embraced a relationship with author Nick Katsoris to make a difference by participating in National Make A Difference Day in October. Amy Logan's [The Girl With A Cape: A Story of the Superhero in All of Us](#) was introduced to National Board Members promoting the hero in all of us and how each of us can make a difference.

Past initiatives that should continue to embrace are: National Education Association's Read Across America and the collaboration between International Reading Association and Rotary International; working together to improve literacy worldwide. The Literacy Project Guide is available as a download. This publication gives ideas for mentoring, and improving learning and literacy for children and adults.

Let us remember, promoting the love of reading for not only the children within our parishes but for the children within our communities will make a difference in the lives of others.