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Northwest Council #28550

As a part of our community support of reading, Northwest Council provides a significant donation to the Literacy Coalition to help bring an author to visit and present in the community schools. In addition to the school visits, Roland Smith will also speak to the public in the evening at Missouri Western State University. Northwest Council members are anticipating dinner with visiting author Roland Smith on March 8, 2007 at 5:00 pm at La Dolce Vita (formerly 36th Street Restaurant) on 501 N. Belt Highway. This dinner will allow members to see a more personal side of the author. Please contact an officer or Diane Goold, NIE Director by the 6th of March. After dinner Mr. Roland will then speak to the public at Missouri Western State University about his writing experiences.

The drive to collect books for donation to the Women's Abuse Shelter in Saint Joseph will end on February 10, 2007. Mary Newton, vice president will deliver the books to the shelter. Please look in your homes and classrooms for books to share with these children and adults.

Just a reminder to include attendance at the Missouri State Conference, November 15-17, 2007 at the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks in your school plans. Our very own Northwest member, Marie Puett as a part of her state vice-president position, has been hard at work and is very excited about the presenters and the learning opportunities for teachers at this conference.

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