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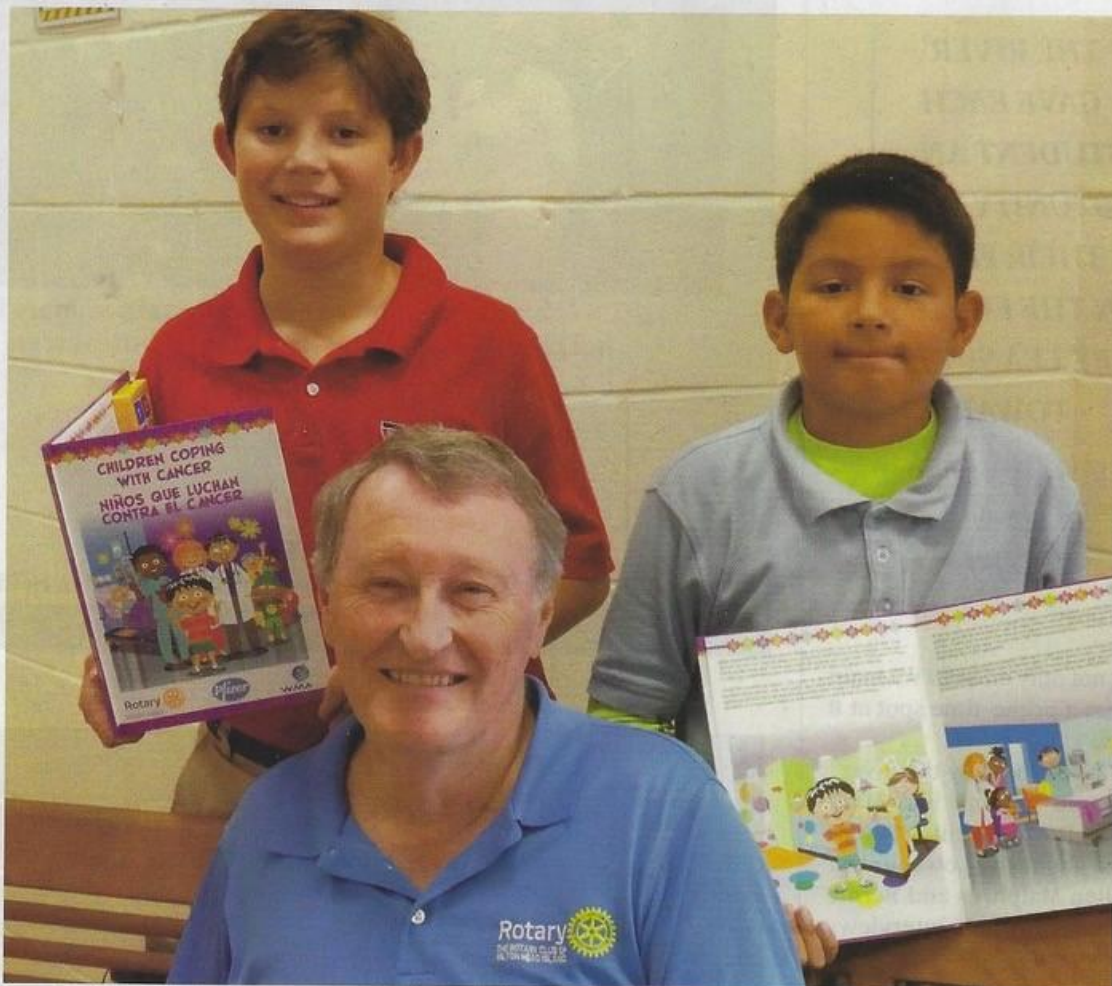


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“Children Coping with Cancer”

NARRATED BY CADE KRISCUNAS AND EFRAIN TINOCO

Thanks to the support of the Rotary Club of Hilton Head, children fighting cancer around the U.S. are introduced to David, a fictional pediatric cancer patient who explains the disease in simple terms and offers ideas to help them cope.

“Children Coping with Cancer” is the 80th book by Speaking Books, a series of educational audiobooks led by longtime Rotary Club of Hilton Head member Brian Julius. The company produces multimedia books that deliver important medical and mental health information to poor and sometimes illiterate communities around the world. The books have been published in more than 40 languages and distributed in more than 30 countries.

Julius collaborated on this latest book with writer Janine Shamos, as well as the Rotary Club of Hilton Head, Pfizer, the World Medical Association and several pediatric oncologists.

The book is narrated in English and Spanish by Cade Kriscunas, 11, and Efrain Tinoco, 10, two members of the Hilton Head Rotary’s EarlyAct Club.

The new book will be distributed to children’s cancer centers and hospitals across the country free of charge while supplies last.

In addition to educating kids about cancer, the book aims to distract them from the painful treatments they are undergoing and encourage the young warriors on their journey.

This book was personal for Julius, who battled bile duct cancer a few years ago. He wants to encourage others, especially children, who are dealing with the disease.

“The message we’re trying to say in the book is, ‘You’ve got to be positive. You’ve got to be strong. And you must never, ever give up,’” Julius said. For more information, go to speakingbooks.com.