



Literally Speaking



Literacy Council of Washington County

November - December 2009

Welcome

our newest Tutors!

They've completed our Fall 2009 Tutor Training Workshop.



BACK ROW: Caroline Gaver (Trainer), Barb Creager (Trainer), Harry Cole, Deb Eckel, Haley Eckel, Jesse Passman, Kathy Passman, Kim Coker, Beth Baldassarre, Lonnie Sleaster, Becky Hein (Trainer).

FRONT ROW: Elaine Bernstein, Buck Macht, Anne Chestnut, Pam Goodwin, Kitty Harbaugh.

*We thank each of you for your hard work and dedication while training.
Good luck with your tutoring!*

Volunteers needed

Want to become more involved with the Literacy Council? We need volunteers interested in staffing the office. You'll be covering the phone and helping visitors and other tutors who stop in. We have a nice big table so you can work with your student while helping us out. It's very peaceful. Any time you can give is appreciated. Please call Bill (301-739-4208) with your availability. THANK YOU!

A note from our Administrator

The Literacy Council is located in Trinity Lutheran Church at 15 Randolph Avenue. To get here, come south on North Potomac Street and turn left on Randolph Avenue (across from the funeral home.) Press the buzzer to enter thru the side red double doors. The office is open from 8:30am to noon on M/T/Th/Fri. The phone number is 301-739-4208. What's in the office? Here's *just a few* of the items:

- ✓ Laubach Way to Reading workbooks
- ✓ Laubach Way to English (ESL) workbooks
- ✓ Phonics series
- ✓ Spelling series
- ✓ Citizenship series
- ✓ Books with idioms
- ✓ Math books
- ✓ GED books to prepare you to take the test.
- ✓ Dictionaries of all kinds
- ✓ Flash cards

I hope you'll stop by and browse for a while.
We're here to help you!

Bill Price



You can nominate your Outstanding Student or Tutor for a Dollar General Award

ProLiteracy is seeking nominations for "Student of the Year" and "Tutor of the Year." All students and tutors who receive or provide services based on the **ProLiteracy/Dollar General Student Referral Project** are eligible for consideration. Awards are sponsored by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

The award recipients will be announced at the COABE/ProLiteracy Joint Conference in March in Chicago.

Award recipients will receive a \$1000 travel stipend for the winners and \$1500 for the nominating organization. Individual winners will also each receive a trophy in honor of his/her accomplishments and free registration to the Conference.

If you have an outstanding student or tutor who was referred through the ProLiteracy/Dollar General Student Referral Project and would like to recognize that person for his/her accomplishments, dedication, or leadership, please take this opportunity to nominate him/her.

Go to proliteracy.org and click on Annual Conference to see guidelines and nomination forms.

Nominations must be postmarked by December 28, 2009. Good luck!

Library News

The Hagerstown Library is offering FREE computer classes to the public this winter (Nov - Feb). You can take Computer Basics, Windows Basics, or Internet Basic. These are great classes to take with your parents, grandparents or student. Go to www.washcolibrary.org/research/computerclasses.asp for more info. You can also check out washcolibrary.org for lots of other info. If you click on NEWS & INFO in the top right corner, you can see other classes and activities that are being offered. Clicking the KIDS, TEENS, or ADULTS tabs gives you the scrolling calendar of events at library branches.

And check out MAIN STREET – on washcolibrary.org, go to the bottom of the page (under the scrolling Event Calendar) and click on “Main Street Newsletter.” You can choose to sign up for email delivery or you can just read the current issue. Lots of good info! Enjoy!

Council News

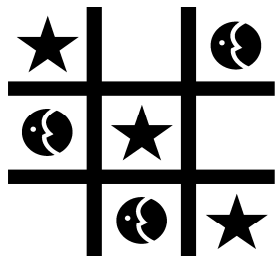
The **Convoy of Hope** was held at the Fairgrounds in Hagerstown on September 26th. The Literacy Council had a big display in the Community Services tent. About 3400 people came even though it was a very rainy day. We gave away many of our new pens, and information for becoming a tutor or student with us. Thanks to Bill Price, Alex Seward, Lois Dreisbach, Barb and Milt Creager for staffing the tables during the day. The Convoy of Hope is a huge undertaking; it was extremely well-organized and we were proud to be a part of it.

We also had a table display at the community-wide **Senior Fair** held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Lappans on October 22nd. There were several other displays for community services of particular interest to older adults, as well as speakers on topics ranging from nutrition to knee replacement. Again, we gave away our new blue and white pens, and informational brochures. Barb and Milt Creager were our representatives at the Senior Fair.

Broadfording Church of the Brethren Fellowship has graciously offered the use of their facility for tutoring services. If you and your student live close by and would like to meet at the church, please call Rev Len Smith (301-791-5432) to make arrangements.



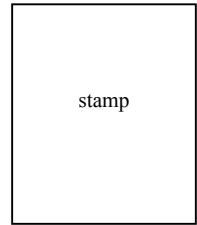
The Activity Corner



After you and your student have worked on this week's vocabulary, make several different tic-tac-toe boards using 9 words that your student just learned. You can read the words first while your student plays and then switch and let your student read while you play. If you have more than one student, it gets quite competitive. Have fun with it!

A little humor -- Always read a book that makes you look good...
just in case you die in the middle of it.

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Our next Tutor Training Workshop will be
April 17 and 24, 2010.

Please contact our office to reserve your spot if you've:

- *always wanted to tutor or teach,*
- *still have one day of training left to do,*
- *would like a refresher,*
- *want to give something back to your community,*
- *want to help someone because someone helped you,*
- *want to make a positive difference in someone's life.*

No teaching experience is necessary.

We have a constant list of Students waiting for Tutors.

Your future student can't wait to hear from YOU!

