

# From the Back of the Boat

By: Bob Garfinkel

Our Board of Directors has a dynamite Calendar of Events for you in 2018! We start off with, "Are you Smarter Than a 5th Grader" (see article). This will surely be the "talk of the town" for months! This is followed with tutor training, brat fries (Luxemburg and Kewaunee to be determined), a fantastic tutor workshop, and more. I want to thank our many committees for their hard work organizing the events.

We need your help in several areas. First and foremost, we need new tutors (see article and calendar of events for dates). Many potential students have been on the wait list for 6 months or more. If you've enjoyed your tutoring experience, talk to a friend(s) and have them call me. Secondly, we need volunteers for brat fries, pig roast, and for Recognition Day. Sign up lists will become available in the near future. Lastly, please put the Recognition Day date on your calendar (see article). It is very important that you and your family, and your student's family attend.

Finally, I want to thank all of the Dinnerless Dinner donors for your generous "gifts of literacy." We rely on donations and fundraisers to keep running on a high level.

Best wishes for a GREAT 2018!!!

*Best Fishes.  
Bob*



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### HELP!

Bob Garfinkel

Tutor training is coming up fast! Tutors are needed in all parts of Kewaunee County. The greatest need is in Kewaunee, followed by Casco, Luxemburg and Algoma. Please pass the word. YOU are our greatest resource. Posters, news articles, and fliers seldom produce results. Please contact those who you think would be interested in helping another adult improve literacy skills, gain US Citizenship or a GED. Send their contact information to Bob (see tutor training schedule under Calendar 2018).

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Please give this some thought. Some potential students have been on our wait list 6 months or more. Please call Bob's cell at 920-676-2061. I'm waiting to hear from YOU!

If anyone would like to start a conversation class or talk to Ruthie, contact Bob.

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**Tutor Orientation: April 17 9-10:30 am**

**Tutor Training Classes: April 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and  
May 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am-12:30 pm**

**All classes are held at our Resource Center,  
located in the  
United Methodist Church, 804 Parker Avenue,  
Algoma**

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## **We Have a Conversation Class!**



Ruthie Woodbeck, tutor, wanted to get more involved by teaching an ESL conversation class. She passed along a couple of literacy business cards and interest mushroomed. Picture are 4 of the class members and Ruthie (second from the left). Students are of all speaking levels and abilities. Students often help each other and provide a "safe" area of learning. Presently, there are nine students in this class, with a mixture of our students and non-students.

## **Tutor's Corner**

Bob Garfinkel

I had an eye-opener this week while tutoring for Joanne Lazanski, who is currently in Guatemala. I worked with her student 2 or 3 years ago, but haven't seen him since. I was astounded and pleasantly surprised at how far his progress has come. Joanne and her student have become an outstanding team, even though they experienced most of the normal challenges that face tutor/student teams.

Talking to other tutors and looking back on my past students, sometimes you wonder if your student was making progress. If you save your student's work in a spiral notebook and look back to their previous workbooks, you might be surprised at the progress. Several years ago, Joanne's student and I were using sign language, a Spanish/English dictionary, and drawing pictures to communicate. Yesterday, we had a 15 minute conversation! Of course, we had a lot to talk about. I know his entire family and we both like to eat smoked fish.

I also wondered about student progress when I taught school at LC Elementary. Daily progress can be so slight that you don't notice it. That is why nearly 12 years ago, when I started tutoring, I had my students use a spiral notebook to save his/her work in chronological order. I use one myself and keep a log of each class, progress made and things to review for the next class. If I have a doubt about student progress, all I have to do is page back in the history and I am so pleasantly surprised each and every time.

If you'd like to share a teaching tip, student accomplishment or some thoughts that might help or relate to other tutors in our Tutor's Corner, contact Bob or Anne with your idea!

## Recognition Day 2018

# JULY 15<sup>th</sup>!

Recognition Day has been a special event for Literacy Partners over the years. It is a time to celebrate the efforts of our students, tutors, Board of Directors and "Friends of Literacy".

Over the years, a pot luck has been wonderful with students and everyone else featuring food from all over the world. When children are finished eating, they are free to play on the playground equipment and visit the zoo animals. A short 30 minute program will honor outstanding students, tutors and supporters. Lastly, we have 2 piñatas for the kids to go after. Meanwhile, you can mingle and talk with both old and new friends. Our students and their children will once again have choices of hundreds of books to take home!

Early this summer, you will receive a package in the mail with all the information you and your family will need. For now, please put JULY 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 PM BRUMMER PARK, KEWAUNEE on your calendar!

## Nominations for Outstanding Student Awards

Unfortunately, last year's Recognition Day had to be cancelled. The following students were nominated by their tutor as an outstanding student and will be honored at Recognition Day 2018: Juana Martinez, Maribel Rodriguez and Juana Carlos Castellanos. If you would like your student to be honored, please write a 1-2 paragraph response and send to Anne or Bob **(by May 1, 2108)** as to why they should be considered an outstanding student! No

accomplishment is too small! Submissions could be emailed or sent via US Mail.

## Calendar of Events 2018

**March 13, 20, 27:** Bob will be at Kewaunee Library for resource center material returns from 6-7 pm.

**April 4:** Potential Tutor Information Session @ Kewaunee Library. Tell anyone you feel might be interested! 11:00 am in back room of library.

**April 11: Are You Smarter Than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader Fundraiser**-Kewaunee High School. 5-6p Supper and 6-7:30 pm Gameshow.

**April 17<sup>th</sup>:** Tutor Orientation (9-10:30 am), United Methodist Church, Algoma.

**April 24, 26 & May 1:** Tutor Training classes: 9 am-12:30 pm, United Methodist Church.

**May 19:** Cinco de Mayo celebration. More to come...

**June 1:** Festival Foods East Brat Fry Fundraiser: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Look for more information in this newsletter.

**June 10:** Festival Foods De Pere Brat Fry Fundraiser.

**June 7:** Shawn Jensen, NWTC, presents *Teaching With Rigor 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm*, *RSVP required (see article)*.

**July 15:** Recognition Day. See article.

**July 28:** Pig Roast with HCE – Kewaunee Marina. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. See article.

**August, Date TBD:** Back to School Day set up & event.

## Kewaunee Rotary Invites Literacy Partners to Present



Pictured above is Addie Bernard, Keawunee Rotary President with Bob receiving a generous check at a Rotary meeting in January.

The Rotary has been an excellent partner with us over the years. The email from Sarah M. Schiller (Rotary) said, "Thanks again for visiting Rotary last week and for the excellent things you're doing at Literacy Partners!"

## A True Success Story: Our Latestest GED Grad

Pamela Griese completed her GED about 2 years ago with the help of Kate Phillips, her tutor. Over a year ago, Pam called me and asked if her friend, Ashley, could start her GED. After some discussion, Pam asked if she could be Ashley's tutor. Why not?

Late in 2017, I received an email from Pam that Ashley had completed all requirements plus the exit interview. She had her GED! Ashley is presently working at a local assisted living home and plans on going back

to school to become a nurse. Talk about a ripple effect!!! We are so proud of Pam and Ashley. We hope they will join us at Recognition Day 2018 to celebrate their success!



## Resource Center

The Senior Lunch Program (Resource Center access) at the United Methodist Church has not and will not change. The Resource Center will not have scheduled hours in the near future. However, you still can have access to the center!

We have keys located in Algoma, Kewaunee and Luxemburg. All you need to do is contact the key holder, set up a time to pick up the key, and return it when you are done. Be sure to use the Fellowship Hall entrance at the church and turn off the lights when you leave. If returning materials, use the card boxes on the teacher's desk. Same for withdrawals.

\*\*You will be receiving an email or letter in the next few weeks concerning materials you've had for 1 year or more. Materials may be returned to the Resource Center or give them to Bob at the Kewaunee Library. He will be at the library **MARCH 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 pm** to take your returns and discuss your student's achievements and concerns you may have.

## RESOURCE CENTER KEYS

**Algoma:** Contact Sue Hingst @ 920-493-3399 or 920-487-2880 or smhingst@gmail.com  
*Please leave message and Sue will get back to you ASAP!*

**Kewaunee:** Contact Barb Baldwin @ 920-255-3345 or 920-776-1541

**Kewaunee:** Contact Kate Phillips @ 920-255-3249 or krjops@sbcglobal.net

**Luxemburg:** Contact Bob Garfinkel @ 920-676-2061 or garfinkel.bob@gmail.com



## Summer Fundraising & Events

Anne Laurent

With every non-profit comes fundraising. It is a fact of life these days. I'd like to think that our group doesn't overwhelm its members with the hassles of fundraising. Nobody here has the energy to sell pizzas and popcorn, or has the time to go door to door. Everyone's children and grandchildren are selling things multiple times throughout the year for school and sports organizations, as well.

This year, the dates and needs are as follows:

### **Brat Fry: Friday, June 1**

**Shift 1 (9a-1p):** 2 volunteers

**Shift 2 (1p-5p):** 2 volunteers

### **Pig Roast Fundraiser: Saturday, July 28**

**Shift 1 (8:45a-12:00p):** 4 volunteers

**Shift 2 (11:30a-3:00p):** 4 volunteers

\*We will also need pie donations for this event!

## Dinnerless Dinner

The Dinnerless Dinner this year was again a major success. Thank you so very much to all of the following individual and business donors:

Bob Haen  
Addie Bernard  
Mary K Seidl  
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## TOEFL TEAM

The TOEFL Test of English must be passed for Guatemalan University Students as a requirement for graduation. Some of our tutors have worked successfully the last several years with dozens of students. Other tutors and Kewaunee County residents took students into their homes while they were here. Participants in the program are listed in the thank you. Thanks to all for making this program a HUGE success!

These are all pictures from students who have visited Kewaunee County as a result of the TOEFL program. Directly below this box is also a picture of Jack Wagner and Kate Phillips, two very involved minds that do great work with the Kewaunee TOEFL cause.

## Looking for host families for Guatemalan university scholarship students for June and July.

*(Or the option of sharing with another family and therefore hosting for one of those months)*

One of the critical components for students attending Francisco Marroquin University is that they pass the TOEFL test or the Duolingo test in order to graduate. Until that happens, they are unable to utilize all the benefits that a degree can give them for their future careers. With this in mind the Kewaunee TOEFL Team has volunteered to help these students in hopes that they return to help the people of Guatemala and achieve a better life for all.

The host families provide room and board and a quiet study area where the student can spend 5-7 hours daily studying with the materials provided to them by Literacy Partners and the team. They are expected to participate as family members, joining in activities and household duties. These young people are a delightfully refreshing and offer an expansion to our lives with their energy, culture, new foods and much appreciation for allowing them this English immersion opportunity.

Call Kate Phillips for lodging or teaching info/inquiries at [920.255.3249](tel:920.255.3249).





October, 2017, Guatemala

Dear,  
Kewaunee TOEFL Team

We, the Asociación para la Educación Carlos Jordán, hope that you are having your activities as usual and with success.

We would like to thank you for all the support that we have had from you, your work, your patience and your hospitality with all our students this year: Emmely Morales, Linda Morales, Isabel Aguilar, Omaira Ixtecoc, Alan Monterroso, Carlos Morales, Cleiver Rolando Marroquín, Jorge García, Mario Martínez and Victor del Cid.

The Kewaunee TOEFL Team has helped all of our students that had applied and gone to Kewaunee. They came back with lots of stories, lots of memories, and most of all, lots of knowledge. Some of them have already done their TOEFL with success, a few of them have not done it yet, but we hope all of them can do it with success having a different idea of the language itself due to the numerous experiences they have had.

We highly appreciate everything that you do in order to change Guatemala's future by hosting students for a summer and helping them with their English skills. Therefore, when they come back they can take the test and improve their skills to get better opportunities.

There are no words for expressing how grateful we are for all the effort that you put in every student, the time that you take, the experiences that you give to each and every student, all the knowledge that every student has after they come back.

Thank you each one of you hosting families: John (Jack) Wagner, Kate Phillips & Ross Schillings, Linda & Steve Smka, Rick & Sharon Phillips, Frank & Gertie Otradovec, Lois Lehmann and Mike & Cindy Harrington. So, we also thank to Lynn Thompson, Lea & Jerry Pellett, Lee & Sue Luft, Dale & Mary Goodner, Claudia McCarthy & Sheila Burden, LeAnna Franklin & Keith Bancroft, Bob Garfinkel, Margen & Joel Wiechelt, Ruthie Woodbeck, Mary & Clancy West, Dave Vehagen & Asher Brandl, Susan & Travis Gee, George Orr, Ralph & Gail Elsholz and the Otradovec Family: Nelly, Mike, Sarah, Isabela, Max, Steve, Katherine, John, Mary, Franckie and Henry.

We hope that we can always have a fraternal relationship between our organization and therefore, to continue to change the life of a student, their communities and their families with one student at the time.

Sincerely,

Asociación para la Educación Carlos Jordán

Carlos Alarcón  
President of the Board

Alejandra Yllescas  
English Program Coordinator

Luis García  
English Program Coordinator

## Spanish in the Dairy

About 5 years ago, UW Extension Kewaunee County put together a wonderful guide called, "Spanish in the Dairy." Copies were placed in our Resource Center (at the time at Hillcrest School in Kewaunee) and several dozen were picked up by tutors. Two years ago in the move to Algoma, copies were misplaced. Barb Baldwin, tutor and trainer, requested to have "Spanish in the Dairy" on our website and copies put in our present Resource Center. Anne Laurent, Coordinator, is working on the web site right now. You will get an email notice soon. For non-computer tutors, it might be easier if you call me and I will mail it to you (Bob @ 920-676-2061). Several copies will be on the desk when you enter the Resource Center, as well.

*About Spanish in the Dairy...*

Topics covered are:

In the Milking Parlor  
In the Barn  
In the Hospital  
Cows  
In the office

One handout is a picture description of each area above in English and Spanish. The second handout is a list of vocabulary words used in each area listed above in English and Spanish (plus emergency words).

Of course, non-dairy workers are not going to be interested, although someone in the family might be.

There is no right or wrong way to review the guide. Tutor could read the English and student the Spanish. Interesting discussions could result. Vocabulary could be handled in any way you'd like. This is a good opportunity to increase vocabulary in an area the student is interested in, and will help them in their jobs!

We have found a few resources to help your student out if he/she works on a farm. These can be nice breaks in your regular studies that will apply to everyday life, which can be truly valuable.

### **UW Minnesota [PRINTABLE] Dairy Farmers Pocket Dictionary:**

<https://www.extension.umn.edu/agriculture/dairy/employees/Dairy-Farmers-Pocket-Spanish-Dictionary.pdf>

### **UW Extension Flash Cards [PRINTABLE]:**

<https://fyi.uwex.edu/dairy/files/2018/02/Aerica-Lit-partners-flash-cards.pdf>

## **Are YOU Smarter Than a Kewaunee 5<sup>th</sup> Grader?!**

Literacy Partners of Kewaunee County is teaming up with Kewaunee Elementary Schools to put on a co-fundraiser that will test your knowledge, make you laugh and ensure that April 11 is your favorite Wednesday night of the entire year!

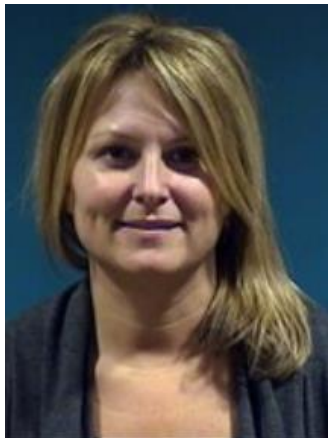
Twenty community members will face off against forty 5<sup>th</sup> graders in a "who knows more" type challenge.

Community members are still TBD. Businesses and non-profits can earn a spot in the competition by donating to the cause. The official donation tiers are listed on the next page. If you know someone who might be interested, please email or call Anne Laurent right away—spots are filling up quickly!



## Putting "Rigor" Into Your Tutoring Lesson

Shawn Jensen, English Language Learner instructor NWTC, will present a workshop for us June 7, 2018 at NWTC Luxemburg from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. called, Putting "Rigor" Into Your Tutoring Lesson. The emphasis will be on language strategies. Shawn developed this



program at least 3 years ago and has been traveling around the United States on a federal grant promoting it. What is great about the program is that you plug ideas into your existing lesson to enhance creative thought and critical thinking. Yes, this is important even for the lowest level learner!

Literacy Partners, in the past, has had Shawn present at least 3 workshops for us. Each session has been outstanding and we've all come away with many ideas and handouts.

Since the workshop will be during the dinner hour, a light supper will be served at no cost to you. In order to attend, we need a RSVP no later than June 1st. Contact info is below.

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