

# From the Back of the Boat

Bob Garfinkel

Kewaunee County is a beautiful and wonderful place to live, work and play. Although we lack financial opportunities of large corporations and charitable foundations, board members, tutors, and private individuals "sold" on our mission keep us viable in a rough economy. Our coordinator, Anne Laurent, tirelessly cranks out grant applications, has two brat fries in the works and a pig roast fund-raiser planned for this summer and still will have time to have her baby in June! She is truly doing a remarkable job! What our small county lacks in financial resources, we gain in warm, giving, and friendly people.

On March 4, 2010, The Green Bay Packer Foundation gave me the Community Quarterback Volunteer Award and a donation to Literacy Partners as one of 20 Wisconsin recipients. They chose to honor me for what I have accomplished with Literacy Partners during the past five years. I accepted the award on behalf of our wonderful tutors, board members and supporters. We are not a "Super Bowl" team, but we are a team of champions. No one person can do it alone. I humbly thank you for your help and support and everyone in our organization should take a bow.

## THE STAR

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### Learning Styles Workshop

Mary Anne Albert

After several tries at scheduling, the Learning Styles Workshop was held on February 22 at the Middle School in Casco. It was conducted by the top qualified teachers, Bob Garfinkel and Mary Novak.

About a dozen participants were welcomed to the event with delicious cookies from Maureen Kinnard's kitchen and, of course, friendly greetings. It was a good time for tutors to meet each other face to face. We often hear names, but the opportunity to work with other tutors on a topic as important as Learning Styles, was an opportunity to become acquainted a little more.

Modeling a variety of learning styles, Mary and Bob began the evening with a role play: Mary brought an almost dead plant to an authority for suggestions for its care. The interplay of the two became quite funny--- and served as an illustration of various learning styles.

All the participants took the learning styles inventory to determine how each learned best. It was interesting, in the discussion later, to hear how different styles were helpful to individuals, in their own learning, but also in teaching the student. Forms in Spanish were provided so that our students could also take the inventory.

## Learning Styles Workshop, Cont.



Mary and Bob discuss possible cures for Mary's fern demonstrating six learning styles.

Materials from the Resource Center were available to further emphasize the need for, but also ways in which this knowledge can be implemented in our own teaching.

Participants appreciated the input, but also the opportunity to work together, to share ideas, to discuss the process, to get pertinent hand-outs, and to see what is available in the Resource Center.

Thanks to Mary and Bob for an excellent presentation.  
If anyone not in attendance would like a learning style inventory, please call Bob.

## Fundraising for the Future

Anne Laurent

Well... here we go! 2011 is upon us, and it is going to be a fantastic year for Literacy Partners fundraising! We have FOUR fundraising events in place already for Summer 2011. I'd like to tell you a little about each one, and hopefully you will be inspired enough to join us and volunteer!

### LUXEBURG DAIRY DASH

**(Saturday, June 4, 2011) Morning time to be determined.**

Literacy Partners feels honored to be selected by the Luxemburg Chamber of Commerce as the benefactor of this year's Dairy Dash! The Chamber will donate a portion of the profits to LP after the race has taken place! All we have to do is volunteer on race day helping them in whatever way we can. A few hours of your time is greatly appreciated!! It is a great way for us to raise funds AND get exposure in one of our local communities! It won't be hard work—and there is something for everyone to do (sitting, standing, moving around, etc ). **Come join the fun!**

## LAKE MICHIGAN PIG ROAST WITH HCE-- Another new event for Literacy Partners!

(Saturday, July 23, 2011).

We are partnering with another Kewaunee County organization, HCE, and are holding a FANTASTIC pig roast on the shores of Lake Michigan in Kewaunee. Plates of pork, baby red potatoes, sauerkraut and bread will be sold. There will also be slices of homemade pie for sale, as well as beverages. Come down and support Literacy Partners and have a fantastic lunch, too! We will be selling pork from 10am—2pm.

## FESTIVAL FOODS BRAT FRY

(Saturday, August 6, 2011 & Saturday, August 26, 2011).

We have two dates for this event! Bob and Anne attended the Festival Foods Brat Fry raffle for dates held at *The Marq* on February 3, 2011. It was a crazy experience—the place was packed full of people who wanted dates. We were lucky enough to be able to get two dates—and awesome dates at that!! Friday, Saturday, and Sunday are their most profitable days. We are mandated by Festival to be open from 11 am – 5 pm, but can open earlier and stay later if we would like. We need volunteers for both dates. If you would like to come set up and leave after lunch, that is just fine! or—come after lunch and help us clean up. Have a spouse that wants to grill or help out??? Bring them along, too. We'd love to have you!

## VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED!

**PLEASE, if you can do one, two, or all of the events, please let us know!**

Contact Bob at [Garfinkel.bob@gmail.com](mailto:Garfinkel.bob@gmail.com)  
920-845-2516

or Anne at [annielaurent@gmail.com](mailto:annielaurent@gmail.com)  
920-406-9162

**Thanks in advance!**

## Pies are also needed—We need your pies!

At our July fundraiser, the pig roast with HCE, we will be eliciting your help to make some homemade pies to sell. Both Literacy Partners and the HCE organization members will be making and donating pies for us to sell a la carte with the pork plates. Our only request is that it cannot be custard, meringue, or pumpkin pie, as it will be the end of July, and those pies will melt. We would like some kind of fruit pie, as those keep the best in the summer. If you would like to make a pie, please

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Again, **Thanks in Advance.**

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## Health Literacy

2011 is going to be a healthy year for Kewaunee County families! I am sure that you have all received your invitation letter to the 2011 Healthy

Families' kick off tutor event on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please do make an effort to attend this event. At this event our health literacy committee will be introducing a program that is going to benefit our students and their children tremendously. In fact, I bet YOU will learn a lot about health, too! This meeting is very important, as there are aspects of our health literacy program that need to be addressed and will impact future health literacy programs this year.

Our program is going to begin with an event for our students, their families, tutors, interested Kewaunee County residents on April 9, 2011. This event is going to be held at the LC High School in the cafeteria, and will focus on healthy eating and dental health. Participants will learn quick and healthy recipes for themselves and their children. They will also be instructed by 2 local dentists on proper preventative dental health techniques. All families will receive new toothbrushes, toothpaste, and plenty of information to help them strive for better dental health in 2011. We will also work in some fun—so be sure to have your students and their families sign up!

# Student Success

Please send your student success stories to Bob, [garfinkel.bob@gmail.com](mailto:garfinkel.bob@gmail.com) or PO Box 203, Luxemburg, WI 54217

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## ***Jan Zenner shares her experience of witnessing the success of her student.***

When I first started tutoring my student, I had to frequently use her daughter to explain and translate what I was trying to get across. Her younger son, who was only two years old at that time, was starting to talk, so I encouraged my student's daughter to talk to him in English as well as in Spanish.

In the four years I've spent with my student and her family, I feel we've become friends as well as tutor and student. I have very little need to use her daughter for help because my student understands a lot of my English now and speaks it more freely. In her own words, she's "less nervous" when she speaks English now.

Her son is in pre-kindergarten class this year and during one of our tutoring sessions, he was sitting at the table with us while we read a story aloud in English. After the story, I quizzed my student about the story by asking questions to see how much she had understood about what she had read. As soon as I had the question out of my mouth, her son answered the question, correctly!! We had no idea he had even been listening to the story or our conversation. We all laughed and congratulated him on his correct answer. His mom (my student) was very proud of him and of herself, because she has been speaking English with him, and practicing new words and their meanings using books and flash cards, which is helping both of them. It was very gratifying to see that they've both come so far.

The other wonderful thing that has happened since the beginning is how comfortable we've become during our conversations. If I arrive early, before my other student has arrived (I tutor 2 women who just happen to be neighbors and friends) my first student and I no longer sit quietly and point at this or that in an amateur kind of sign language. We actually have real conversations like two friends just sharing stories of our lives with each other, and we laugh a lot.

I'm really happy I decided to become a tutor, I enjoy it very much.

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***The following essay is part of the Level 4 evaluation. It was especially well done, so I asked tutor Joan Dalebroux to get her student's permission to use it in the newsletter. Bob.***

### **Someone I Admire**

The people that inspire me are people who help others. People who want to help even if we don't speak the same language find a way to communicate. One of them is Mr. Frank Laubach. He did not mind what language you spoke, your color, culture, or if you were rich or poor. He was a man with a dream, a man who wanted to make a difference. He did help many people learn to read and write, and to this day, people are teaching with his method.

Frank Laubach was a man of faith and had a beautiful dream of teaching others. He is a man to be admired.

Thanks to him and people who know his method, I'm learning to read, write and speak the English language.

## The Trainer's Corner

Barb Baldwin

Have you ever wondered why our Laubach materials skip the vowels and introduce only the consonants at first? Here's a blog that explains why being able to correctly pronounce consonants is more important than vowels.

<http://WWW.englishcafe.com/blog/English-vowels-and-consonants-22460>

# Introducing Our Tutor of the Season

Mary Naumann, mother, librarian, gardener, knitter, reader

By helping my student, I am trying to do a small part to make a difference and to give back to the community. I decided to volunteer with the literacy program because I love to read. I cannot imagine a day without a book. I wanted to help those who struggle with reading. I had no idea I would be helping someone learn a new language and helping her to work her way through the difficulties in understanding and being understood by others. It has been a wonderful experience. My student has taught me as much, if not more, than I have taught her. She is an amazing woman. She works very hard to earn money for her family, to raise her family, and she works incredibly hard to master our difficult language. She has a great sense of humor and remarkable artistic abilities. When she cannot find the words to explain something, she will draw a picture. I feel very fortunate to have found the literacy program and to have met such dedicated people and am truly blessed and humbled to be able to tutor.



I was born and raised in Green Bay. In 1972 I married Harvey Naumann who was from Jacksonport. In 1975 we built a home near Dyckesville as it was in between Green Bay and Door County. We never regretted it. We raised three daughters, numerous dogs and cats, pigs, calves and horses on our land. It was a good life. My husband died in an accident in 2008 and the community opened their hearts and their arms to my family and to me. I will never forget how wonderful the people in this area were at that time and continue to be even today.

I was employed at the Cofrin Library at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay for 38 years. I retired in 2006. I love to garden, to read, to knot, to play bridge, to travel, to learn new skills, but most of all to be with my children and grandchildren. They are growing up way too fast.

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## Of This and That

- Thank you to CenturyLink, Algoma Lions, Kewaunee Fabrications, BayLake Bank and the Green Bay Packers for continued financial support.
- Congratulations go to tutor Mike Urmanski for his student passing the reading test to enter the NWTC welding program. Good work guys!
- Thanks you to Ingrid Weitzel, one of our students who earned her US Citizenship in 2010, for her work preparing another student for the Citizenship Exam. This is truly a success story.
- Literacy Partners won a grant to get our message out four times a day on four radio stations. You might hear us on WBDK-FM, WRKU-FM, WRLU-FM and WSBW-FM during March and April. Thanks goes to Anne Laurent for writing an exceptional grant application.
- One of our students just passed the real estate exam. Good going Oksana!

- Tutors please attend the Health Literacy Workshop on March 31 and encourage your student and his/her family to attend Dental Day on April 9. Pre-registration is required
- If you are a fan of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, you might consider calling your congressional leaders and ask them to continue its funding. Congress is preparing to take these programs away by cutting funding: Senator Herb Kohl: 1-800-247-5645, Senator Ron Johnson: 1-414-276-7282, Representative Reid Ribble: 1-920-380-0061
- Congratulations to Joan Dalebroux and her student for completing Level 4 in Laubach.
- Thank you to those who are dropping off their Denny's (in Algoma) receipts in the Kewaunee Literacy slot in their entrance. We received our first check of about \$17.00. Keep up the good work!

## 2011 Calendar

- March 15      **Tutor Training Class #2**  
 Time: 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm      Location: Hillcrest School, Kewaunee
- March 22      **Tutor Training Class #3**  
 Time: 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm      Location: Hillcrest School, Kewaunee
- March 24      **Tutor Training Class #4**  
 Time: 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm      Location: Hillcrest School, Kewaunee
- March 31      **Tutor Meeting** (Healthy Families)  
 Time: 6:30 pm      Location: Luxemburg-Casco Middle School
- April 9      **Dental Program for Students, Tutors, & Community**  
 Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm      Location: Luxemburg-Casco High School Cafeteria
- June 4      **Luxemburg “Dairy Days Dash” Fundraiser**  
 Time 8:00 am      Location Kewaunee County Fairgrounds  
**Volunteers Needed!** Call Bob at (920) 845-2516
- July 23      **Pig Roast with HCE** (Home & Community Education)  
 Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm      Location: Nancy Lazanski Shelter – Kewaunee Harbor  
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