

From the Back of the Boat

Bob Garfinkel

Our Board of Directors Annual Meeting was held at the Luxemburg Village Hall on November 1, 2012, and was visited by a distinguished group from Wauwatosa. Those in attendance will never forget what happened next. Our Board was about 10 minutes into the meeting when my wife, Kathy, and three grandchildren entered the room. Suddenly, the rooms filled with all kinds of people, only two were fairly familiar. A woman emerged from the crowd and introduced herself as Tonette Walker, First Lady of Wisconsin, (Governor Walker's wife!!!). She said that she had initiated a recognition program called, "Wisconsin Heroes" and I was the recipient of the award for October! Tonette read a 5 page nomination submitted by Anne Laurent, our Coordinator. The procession stayed for a total of 15 minutes talking, taking pictures and so on. The caravan of seven vehicles (including state troopers) promptly left the sleepy Village of Luxemburg, and traveled back to Wauwatosa.

I was stunned and speechless for one of the few times of my life! I do remember the last thing I said before having to stop the meeting to talk to the First Lady. I just completed listing the 6 awards Literacy Partners had earned in the last several years and said, "Awards are nice, but a literacy group must be judged by the accomplishments of its students." The accomplishments and personal achievements of our students have been impressive. In my opinion, we compare favorably in student achievements to counties with triple the population and ten times the financial resources. I appreciate this wonderful award, but it must be shared by our students, tutors, board members, donors and sponsors. You are all Wisconsin Heroes!

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Good Bye to Marion Moss

By: Bob Garfinkel

Kewaunee County lost an angel on September 5, 2012. I met Marion about 3 years ago, and will perhaps never meet anyone like her again. Marion tutored for about 13 years for Literacy Green Bay, took a break, called me and wanted to work with one of our students. Never meeting her before, we talked for about an hour about the most random things. Marion was about 85 years young at the time and baffled me about her knowledge of golf, bowling, music, the bible, and she could fly a plane! This amazing woman also worked for the FBI!

Here I was, three years of tutoring under my belt, and I was going to help Marion get started on a program? No way! I was 62 at the time, and she considered me just a kid. After an hour sitting in a fairly uncomfortable chair at her house, I stood up and was stiff as a board. She said, a young guy like you shouldn't be stiff—let's go golfing!

Marion tutored with Literacy Partners on and off for three years. In that time, everyone coming in contact with her was better off than if they hadn't met her.

Literacy Partners donated golf and bowling books in her memory to the Algoma Library. Goodbye Marion, I will always remember you.

Literacy Partners Clothing is BACK...again!

Anne Laurent

We are going to once again be offering Literacy Partners apparel this year. In order to keep prices down, we would like to get a total of 24 pieces ordered before we submit it to Quali T, Inc. **We are starting this ordering process completely over, so if you signed up for clothing last year (when we did not place an order), please re-contact us and let us know what you would like again.**

We will NOT have an inventory of extra clothing. We are only ordering what people commit to purchase. To keep the cost as low as possible, Literacy Partners is making these items available at cost. We will make no profit from these sales. However, we would like our group to be able to collectively wear these at fundraisers and events in the future-so please take advantage!

Pricing Estimate:

Stone Blue T Shirt \$10 (add \$3 for 2x and up)
Women's Polo Shirt \$17.50 (add \$5 for 2x and up)
(Grey or Stone Blue (pictured below))
Men's Polo Shirt \$17.50 (add \$5 for 2x and up)
(Grey or Stone Blue (pictured below))
Women's Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt (add \$5 for 2x and up) \$36.50 (Royal Blue or Heather Grey)
Men's Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt (add \$5 for 2x and up) \$36.50 (Royal Blue or Heather Grey)

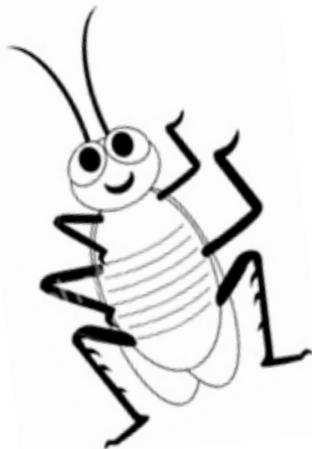
Orders are due by December 3, 2012. Payment will be due upon pick up. We will make picking up your items as convenient as possible. Below is a picture of what the clothing looks like and what the prices are.



To order, please call or e-mail Anne (annielaurent@gmail.com / 920-406-9162) or Bob (Garfinkel.bob@gmail.com / 920-676-2061). Please indicate a color when ordering polos or sweatshirts. Also, please remember that women's sizes are cut differently than men's, and tend to run a little smaller and shorter. The products are excellent. I have washed all of mine numerous times, and they still look awesome.

As mentioned before, items will be at cost. If we receive a larger order the cost will go down. *If we do not receive a large enough order to place it at a decent price, we will once again cancel the ordering process.* Thanks!!!

La Cucaracha



says...
**Sister Lorraine & Meg Naysmith--
get better soon!**

Thanks for the Memories

Marietta Kenzik and Barb Porath decided not to run for re-election on the Literacy Partners Board for 2012-2013. Both Marietta and Barb served from our early years to the present. They were instrumental in setting policy for the organization, active at fundraisers and committee work. Barb served as our first Treasurer and set up accounts and policies that we will continue to use for years to come. Marietta & Barb, our Board will miss you. Marietta will continue to tutor and Barb says she will take tutor training in the future.

We are proud to announce that Ingrid Weitzel will be our new treasurer. Ingrid works at Union State Bank, and is no stranger to Literacy Partners of Kewaunee County, Inc. Coming from Germany, Ingrid started with us as a student with tutor Jerry Waara to improve her English speaking and writing skills. Ingrid was interested in US Citizenship, so she worked with Jerry and passed the US Citizenship Test on her first try! Ingrid was interested in giving back to the community after all the help she had received and took tutor training. Ingrid was certified as a tutor last year



Ingrid Weitzel is the newly elected treasurer.

Her first student passed his citizenship test and is now she's teaching her second student how to read and speak English. Jerry and Bob nominated Ingrid in 2011 for the Wisconsin Literacy's English Language Learner of the Year. She won over some very impressive nominees, and Governor Scott Walker proclaimed October 19, 2011 as Ingrid Weitzel Day in Wisconsin. With Ingrid on board, the future of Literacy Partners remains extremely bright!

✚ Health Literacy—First Aid Programs ✚

Anne Laurent

It has been a wild and crazy fall for the Health Literacy Committee and Healthy Communities groups. Rounding out our summer fun was the Back To School Program which was fantastic. But that was just the beginning! The fall had so much more excitement in store for us....

The first fall program was a great experience for Literacy Partners. We were able to partner with the Luxemburg-Casco PTA group for a presentation. Cindy Kinnard, RN, presented a first aid program to 36 members of the LC PTA. It was focused on first aid in the home, and was thorough, interesting, and very pertinent information to all families in our community. The hour long presentation flew by with questions, lots of interesting facts/information, and even a few laughs! Participants were given a dry erase marker board (with Literacy Partners logo and contact information on it) to write down emergency information for their family. Participants also got to keep a colorful, user friendly first aid pamphlet that Cindy created. The marker boards are magnetic and meant to stay on the refrigerator. Over half of the participants also received a fabulous first aid kit (we had a drawing). It was a successful night. We hope to partner again with them, as well as other county organizations/groups in the future!



On November 5, Literacy Partners had Cindy Kinnard, RN, present the same first aid program to our students and tutors. The event was held at the LC Middle School, and was again a huge success. This information will help our students be better prepared in the event of a minor injury, as well as know when additional medical assistance is needed. All participants left with a marker board and a first aid kit (in addition to the colorful, user friendly pamphlet that Cindy created). Children of the families who could not find childcare were entertained in a separate room by two high school girls (Cindy's daughter and friend). They did a wonderful job keeping the children occupied so their parents could enjoy and learn from the presentation. A special thanks to Danielle Metzger, who interpreted the entire program!



Of course, both first aid events could not have been possible without the financial help from the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation, the Shopko Foundation, and the United Funds of Kewaunee County.

New Tutors

Literacy Partners certified five new tutors in the fall training sessions.



From left to right is Bob Garfinkel, Jennifer Johnson, Mona Buresh, Barb Baldwin (trainer) Marge Weichlet, Judy Delain, and Nancy Lamack (trainer). Not appearing in the picture is Nancy McKay and Maureen Kinnard,(photographer).

Of This and That...

1. Congratulations to Sue Weisser and Doak Baker (as well as their students) for completing a level in Laubach.
2. Thank you to the volunteers helping us make the brat fry at Stodola's IGA a success.
3. Joan Dalebroux's student is working with the Catholic Diocese on her Deferred Work Permit. If she gets it, she'll be able to renew the document every two years. If your student is 31 years of age or younger and would like to get a work permit, call Bob soon.
4. Thanks to "Buy Local" for helping Literacy Partners fix up our Resource Center during "Buy Local Cares" day.
5. Thank you to Maureen Kinnard, Judy Delain, Marietta Kenzik and Sue Hingst for volunteering their time at the Literacy Partners' booth for the Kewaunee County Wellness Program.

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