

From the Back of the Boat

By: Bob Garfinkel

Recognition Day 2014, winning the WPS Volunteer Award, and presenting our "Healthy Snacks" program for our students' families at the LC Middle School occurred April 6 – 10th. What a week! I won't spend time and space here reporting on each, since all three are covered in this newsletter. But what a "rush" this has been! Seeing old Friends and meeting new ones has not been exhausting, but fun. Our group receiving the WPS Volunteer Award was immediately cornered to partner up with an agency we've never heard of. I had only been home one hour after the event had ended, and the emails and calls of congratulations began streaming in from all over the state! Volunteers don't do what they do to win awards, but it sure feels good to be recognized.

This newsletter is received by our tutors, board members, supporters and "Friends of Literacy". About 100 people receive this newsletter every two months. If you read "The Star," please share in the achievements of our students, tutors and committees. We couldn't do the fantastic job we are doing without you. Thank you so much!

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Brat Fry

Anne Laurent

On Friday, June 27, 2014, Literacy Partners will be holding a brat fry at Festival Foods East. It's a great time to meet our Board Members, as well as other tutors. We have fun, laugh, and raise money for our literacy programming. If you are interested in volunteering for a shift (9am – 1pm or 12:45p-5pm), please let Bob or Anne know. Bob and Anne's contact information is listed under "Features" on Page 1 of the newsletter.



Welcome our new tutors- Terry VandenPlas and Betty Schleis. Both attended and enjoyed Recognition Day 2014.

Amazon Smile

Anne Laurent

Supporting: Literacy Partners Of Kewaunee County Inc.

About your charitable organization

Literacy Partners Of Kewaunee County Inc
Location: Luxemburg, WI
Categories: Educational Services and Schools - Other
Change your charity

I was ordering some household supplies last week on Amazon when a window popped up. It prompted me to pick a national charity to donate a percentage of my purchases to. I was about to click on any random one, when I noticed "Search for a different charity" underneath the box. I thought to myself, "It's not likely, but never say never...", and sure enough---Literacy Partners of Kewaunee County was an option!

I, like many people nowadays, do a lot of shopping online. I get free shipping with Amazon, and whatever I buy is on my doorstep in 2 days. Sometimes it takes me longer than 2 days just to make it out to the store I need to get to! Now I have an extra incentive to shop on Amazon.com.



The only catch is that you have to start at <http://smile.amazon.com> instead of the normal <http://www.amazon.com>. It's a small change that can make a big difference. Join me in continuing to help Literacy Partners grow and expand!

Is Your Student a Budding Writer?



The County Times is looking for one of our students or a small group of our students to write an article once a month or several times a month *in Spanish* about what's going on in our Hispanic Community. Call Bob if interested ([920-676-2061](tel:920-676-2061)). Writers would be doing this as a community service and will not be paid.

Student News & Writings

"I Ran in the Race for Health"

Ricardo, Tutor Peggy Sankey

Experiences, Friends, Fun. Those are only a few words to describe this great event in my city La Piedad, Mich. When I arrived, there were a lot of people there and they were very excited to be running in this 5km race event. I was really happy because I met many runners and I met my running team there.



After the race, the organizers provided a little breakfast for the runners. It was delicious. Finally we got a few presents. The winner was my friend Carlos (*In the middle of the picture*), he got an iPhone 4s. I got the 8th place and I got a beautiful medal and a trophy. I enjoyed running at this event.

Definitely it was a wonderful experience, having fun with my friends and family with this beautiful message: "To promote the development of sports and health care".

What is the Correct Pronunciation of Conversation?

Bob Garfinkel

Over the almost 8 years we've been in operation, the two concerns that tutors have approached me with the most are, "How close to acceptable pronunciation should my student strive for and how can I get my student to speak English at home?" "Tutors Night Out Workshop at NWTC Luxemburg will be **on May 1, 2014 from 6:00-8:00 pm in Room 114**. Her lively presentations, many examples, and tremendous numbers of resources she has passed on to us has always fire me up and has spiced up my student sessions. Both new tutors and veteran tutors will take away much information from this event.

Please register in advance to Bob by email or by phone **by April 25th** so Shawn can prepare the proper number of handouts. Info about the instructor on the next page.

About the Instructor...

NWTC

Shawn Jensen is an ELL (English Language Learner) Instructor at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) in Green Bay, WI and is instrumental in developing a highly successful integrated basic education program with trades called Regional Industry Skills



Education (RISE). She has developed the curricula for ELL RISE Welding, ELL RISE Medical Assistant and ELL RISE CNA. She is currently team teaching her second cohort of ELL RISE Welding and her first cohort of ELL RISE Medical Assistant Program. She has also developed pronunciation curriculum and currently teaches ELL Levels 5/6 and an Online Writing Course for ELL. She is a graduate of UWGB with a double degree in Spanish and Human Development, ESL Certificate. She will graduate in April 2012 with her Master's in Teaching Leadership from Silver Lake College.

Tutor of the Season

S. Mary Anne Albert

Sandy grew up in Park Falls, a small town in northern Wisconsin. She graduated from high school there and moved on to the University of Wisconsin in Whitewater where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Education. She earned her Master's degree at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. She put her education to good use in many ways. She taught business education for 37 years, mostly at Luxemburg-Casco High School, and was also in charge of the gifted/talented program. She



continues to participate at the high school as a volunteer coach in the Community Problem Solving program.

Sandy is married to Dave and has three adult children: Justin, Michelle and Joshua, and four grandchildren. She enjoys spending time with her family at the lake in Park Falls, likes to travel, swim, scuba dive, and be involved in outdoor activities. She also finds pleasure working with young people in the Community Problem Solving program and being involved in the Literacy Partners.

In talking about her involvement in literacy, Sandy says: "Bob introduced me to the literacy program and asked me to be involved. When Bob Garfinkel asks you to be involved, you just have to do it! I am thankful that I am involved and have had the opportunity to help others improve their literacy and communication skills. I learn as much from the students as I am able to teach them. I am happy to be a part of the literacy program and I hope I can continue to be involved."

Healthy Eating Family Fun Night

Anne Laurent

On Thursday, April 10, close to 30 students, their children, and tutors attended our Healthy Eating Family Fun Night at the LC Middle School. The night was filled with five 6 minute informative rotation stations on different aspects of healthy eating (which even included CHOCOLATE!)



After the presentation part, the four groups separated into designated kitchen to cook up some quick, easy and healthy snacks. Kitchen 1 was a fruit salad, Kitchen 2 was a tortilla pizza, Kitchen 3 was an antioxidant rich smoothie, and Kitchen 4 was a cucumber sandwich.



All participants left with a Nutritious Nibbles cookbook, which was created by the Kewaunee County Public Health Department. Students, tutors, children and presenters all had a fantastic time. These events are not only informative, but also a wonderful way to meet others in the organization and have some good 'ole Literacy Partners fun. Please consider joining us next time we have an event!

Literacy Partners Health Literacy Committee would like to recognize the sponsors that made this evnt possible. A huge THANK YOU goes out to:

Greater Green Bay Community Foundation
Shopko Foundation
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What's New in the Resource Center?

Bob Garfinkel

New materials are displayed on a table in the Resource Center through May

In our last tutor survey, tutors had a few concerns about materials we are lacking in our Resource Center. Our Tutor & Student Support Committee met, looked for and found most of the materials. We are still searching for top notch quality math workbooks and software.

REQUEST: Materials to "spice up" Laubach Bks 1 & 2.

SOLUTION: Book for Laubach 1 & 2 containing word finds, fill in the missing letters, crossword puzzles and more for each lesson in Laubach 1 & 2. Students may write in the books and answers are in the back.

REQUEST: My student can't type on the computer. Can you find a program to teach my student how to type?

SOLUTION: We found *Typing Instructor*. It is rated the #1 system for learning how to type. The computer CD is also able to run in Spanish if your student is still at a low level in Laubach. Three copies are available to either use at our Hillcrest Resource Center, or to be checked out and used at home.

REQUEST: You have a ton of high/interest low vocabulary books in the Resource Center. The problem is they are geared towards men. Can you find more easy reading books for both men and women?

SOLUTION: The committee found books for men and women that are easy to read. We ordered 2 copies of each. If they are high in demand, we will order more. Titles include:

In from the Cold; Reading Level: 4.0, Rose and her daughter Hazel are on the run in a big city. Hazel is starting to miss her friends and her school. Will she stay with her mother in hiding or return to her old life? (74 pgs)

Home Invasion; Reading Level: 2.0 - 3.0, Kathy and Jack Brown awaken to two masked strangers in

their bedroom. What do the strangers want? Can the Browns escape to safety? (69 pages)

The Stalker; Reading Level: 4.0, Mike owns a kayak tour business. This weekend, he'll be taking a tour group around the island. Shortly before the trip, Mike receives chilling phone calls from a mysterious caller who continuously warns him to stay home. Who is the stalker? (74 pgs)

Barrio Kings; Reading Level: 2.0, Rosario Gomez gave up gang life after his brother was killed in a street fight. Now all he wants to do is finish school, work hard, and be a good father. When an old friend shows up, Rosario realizes he can't run away from his past. (125 pgs)

The Way it Works; Reading Level: 2.5, Walter Davis is homeless after medical expenses left him destitute. Can his drive to succeed bring him back from despair? (111 pgs)

The Spider Bites; Reading Level: 2.0, After being accused of taking a bribe, detective Rick Montoya sets out to clear his name. In a strange twist of events, Rick realizes someone has been living in his city apartment. Before he can find out who it is, the apartment goes up in flames. Who was killed in the fire? Was the firebombing meant for him? (131 pgs)

Dive; Reading Level 1.0-2.0, While scuba diving Franco spots an old sunken ship. Curious to look inside, he swims to the wreckage. Suddenly, a big black and pink arm grabs his leg and pulls him into a dark hole inside the ship. Can Franco break free? (50 pgs)

Camp; Reading Level 1.0-2.0, After a long day of hiking, Franco and his family head back to camp. All of a sudden, the smell of smoke is strong and the sky is dark. It's hard to breathe. What's happening to the forest? (50 pgs)

River; Reading Level 1.0-2.0, The Silva family is excited to take a boat ride along the Amazon River until they meet the drunken captain. Can the captain lead them to their destination? (50 pgs)

Crash; Reading Level 1.0-2.0, Franco and his family are on a flight to California when a terrible storm hits. Lightning illuminates the dark night sky. The lights go out and the plane begins falling. Can the pilot make a safe crash landing?

Neptune; Reading Level 1.0-2.0, Franco and his family spot a small boat in trouble while on a deep sea fishing trip in Alaska. The captain throws the boat a line and is shocked when three men storm the ship. Where are they taking Franco and his family? (50 pgs)

If you cannot get to the Resource Center, let Bob know and he'll get you what you need!

REQUEST: Can you find a grammar guide that is complete and easy to use?

SOLUTION: The committee found Grammar Wise Book 1 & Book 2. Student will not be able to write in the books due to price, but may write the answers on paper. You name it, it's in there! One book of each may be checked out.

REQUEST: Can you find a good book that builds vocabulary?

SOLUTION: Word Strategies—Two copies of high beginning, and one book low intermediate.

REQUEST: Are there any books that would deal with workplace vocabulary?

SOLUTION: "Key Vocabulary for a Safe Workplace." We have 1 copy plus a Teacher's Edition. This is about a Level 2-3 reading level book.

As stated before, you won't have to search for these titles. They are displayed on a table in the Resource Center until the end of May. Also, there are 6 copies of Student Writings left over from Recognition Day in case your student could not attend, or you/your student want a 2nd copy.

United Way Donations

Anne Laurent

Do you or someone you know donate \$1 per week out of your paycheck to the United Way, or to a specific non-profit organization? Did you know that Literacy Partners is listed under the possible United Way recipients? We have recently had a Kewaunee County resident donate \$1/week in 2013. We were contacted by the United Way, and notified of the \$52 check coming our way. Every little bit counts! We appreciate your support if possible!

Recognition Day 2014

Anne Laurent



On Sunday, April 6, about 130 tutors, students, supporters, and their families gathered together at the Kewaunee Elementary School for Recognition Day 2014. It was a day filled with lots of fun, laughter, accomplishments, pride and *great food!*

At 1:15 pm, Bob took the mic in hand and began the program that he so often puts his heart and soul into. Supporters were introduced and thanked...and the beginning recipients of this years gem—The Thumbs Up Award—were announced.

While ALL of our student's yearly accomplishments are noteworthy (and I personally got to read each and every single one while making the certificates), I would like to highlight a few that we singled out to honor this year.



Pictured above are Romualdo Barajas and Darlene Popp. Both of these literacy students worked hard and passed their GED examinations in 2013. Romualdo's tutor is Kate Phillips and Darlene's tutor is Bob Garfinkel. Congratulations to both the tutors and the students. It's definitely a journey for both parts of the team, and we are proud of everyone involved.

S. Lorraine Aspenleiter was the fourth Literacy Partners tutor to be engraved on the *Literacy All Stars* plaque. Her 750 volunteer tutor hours are an amazing accomplishment, and we can't thank her enough. She is in elite company, joining Sr. Mary Anne Albert, Barb Baldwin and Bob Garfinkel on the plaque. Next up for this bunch—1000 Hours!



ABOVE: S. Lorraine Aspenleiter, 750 hrs

LEFT: Kate Phillips, recipient of the Frank Bernard Award for Tutor Excellence

BETWEEN: Robin Nelson (R) accepting the award on behalf of Kate Phillips from Addie Bernard (L) at Recognition Day 2014.



2014 WPS Volunteer Awards

Anne Laurent

On Thursday morning, April 10, Bob Garfinkel, Maureen Kinnard, Mary Novak, Anne Laurent and Renee Koenig arrived at the KI Center for the 2014 WPS Awards breakfast event. Little did they know that in less than an hour, a room filled with over 700 volunteers and supporters from all over Northeastern Wisconsin would be cheering for them as they stood on stage and accepted the award for the volunteer award in the small group category!

The WPS Volunteer Awards accepted nominations from hundreds of volunteer organizations across Northeast Wisconsin. There are 7 categories, with 1 winner and 1 runner up designated for each category. Categories are: Large Group, Small Group, Youth, Adult, Education, Leadership, and Lifetime Achievement.

The Bellin Health Small Group Award (a core group of less than 10 people) was awarded to the Literacy Partners Health Literacy Committee for their work in Kewaunee County over the last 4 years. This group has made strides in the fight against health illiteracy not only within our organization, but throughout the county as a whole. The HL Committee has held workshops, programs, clinics, and has been a part of the annual Back To School program for the past 4 years. At this program, the committee and their volunteers educate participating families on the importance of dental health, including teeth brushing and dental visits, etc. Each child and adult have received toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, and other necessities to keep their oral care in check. To date, the HL Committee has impacted over 1625 Kewaunee County residents and put on 11 health literacy related events.



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Local Events and Happenings!



Hispanic Resource Center of Door and Kewaunee Counties, Inc.
invites all of Northeast Wisconsin to:

Cinco de Mayo A Mexican Celebration

**Saturday, May 3, 2014
12:00 noon-12:00 midnight**

**Knights of Columbus Hall
692 Tacoma Beach Road, Sturgeon Bay**

Come join us -- Share our celebration and have a good time!

Menu choices -- Adults: \$10.00 / Children: \$5.00

Serving 12 noon-9:00 pm

- 2 Chicken Tamales with Spanish rice & beans, salsa, chips
- ½ Chicken with molé, 2 corn tortillas, rice & beans, salsa, chips
- 4 Beef Flutas w/lettuce, sour cream, salsa, rice & beans
- Tamales: \$20/dozen (*must order ahead*)

To order ahead or take-out orders, call 559-1878 (after 5 pm)

- Imported Mexican Beer: \$3.00
- Domestic Beer: \$2.00
- Soda, Water or Coffee: \$1.00
- Desserts (chocolate flan, 3-leche cake, colored jello): \$2.00

12:00-9:00 pm - Raffle (8 tickets for \$5.00) *don't need to be present to win*
3:00-5:00 p.m. - Bean Toss Game and Mexican Bingo (\$1.00 each w/prizes)
5:00-6:00 p.m. - Piñata breaking



**Dance: 7:00 p.m.-12:00 p.m.
\$5.00/person**

*A fundraiser supporting the Hispanic Resource Center
of Door & Kewaunee Counties, Inc.*

