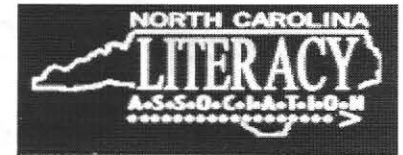
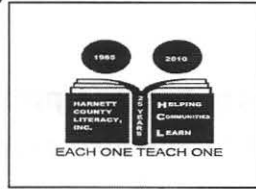




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**Scrabble Benefit: April 19, 2012**

March/Spring 2012

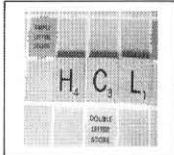


*From Our Executive Director . . .*

As the new Director, I am delighted to have joined such an important organization as Harnett County Literacy. I have greatly enjoyed learning about the activities of HCL, and my personal thanks go to each one of you who have helped me learn and for making my transition into the role such a smooth one. I'm touched by the hard work and dedication that our volunteers contribute to Harnett County Literacy. Since I have joined HCL I have seen an amazing job that our tutor volunteers and office workers do.

I am very excited about our upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Scrabble Benefit for April 19, 2012. This is going to be an event organized by our Fund Raising Committee. Please join us in efforts to generate funding needed to achieve our objectives. We welcome all contributions and donations for the silent auction and many door prizes. There are various tasks to be done and the committee will appreciate helpers now and on that date.

We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude. I want to say thanks, thanks, and thanks again to each and every one of you for all you do for HCL! . . . *Sharon Syck*



*Scrabble Benefit: Thurs. April 19, 2012* **Organizational Tasks And Committee Efforts**

**5:30 PM Registration & 6:30 PM Play Begins ~ Triangle South Banquet Room - Dunn, NC**

Registration forms due by April 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Registration forms are available now from HCL office!

Helpers are needed to contact sponsors for donations. Call Claudia Farr : 910-814-0272 and ask or tell her how you can help. Get teams of four people/players to sign up early. Many volunteers are needed! Individuals: \$25 Teams: \$100/table of 4 players Spectator: \$20 - Different levels of competition - Refreshments & Fun!

*Volunteer Tutor Training: Friday, March 23, 2012*

Triangle South, Room 106 Call: 910-891-4111

Orientation 101: 9:15 – 9:45 AM

New tutor training 102: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Learn about HCL's mission with basic reading programs and much needed community service.

*Welcome to New HCL Volunteers . . .*

Welcome to Danny Blackman, Roger Brown, Adena Cosby, Metrice Eason, Brooke Shoaf and Linda Sturdivant who were participants in our January training session. Volunteers are truly the backbone of HCL and help us accomplish our mission. We thank each of you for volunteer services. We look forward to a meaningful relationship. Our adult students are very grateful! Perhaps you know someone who would like to volunteer, too. Your help in getting them to sign up for training is appreciated.

*'Munch and Learn' for Tutors . . . Share Experiences*


A 'Munch and Learn' sharing session is planned for Wed., March 28 at 10:00 AM in Room 106 at Triangle South in Dunn.

HCL tutors will discuss learning topics.

There will be opportunities for tutor stories and learning helpful techniques. A presentation, Tutor and Student Learning Styles, a review of library resources and internet websites will be interesting activities conducted by Claudia Farr. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to enjoy time with other tutors while sharing 'tutor wisdom' and refreshments, too! The more people the merrier!!!! If possible, let Claudia know that you plan to attend. Call her at 910-814- 0272 or leave a message at 891-4111.



*HCL Board Meetings . . . Dates and Dues*

Regular quarterly Board meetings: March 8   
June 14 September 13 Dec. holiday gathering date will be announced. Room 106 ~ 7:00 PM ~ Triangle South Building. All HCL friends are welcome to attend!

Membership dues donations are \$10.00 per year. Your membership is very important. Make checks to: HCL. Our HCL office will be closed Fri., April 6 and Mon., April 9.



**Student Spring Assessments will begin in April and be completed by the end of May.**

**Committee Reports:**

Policies and Procedures Committee has completed job descriptions for our office staff and volunteers. Members have also created an organizational chart, statement of confidentiality, and a promotional release form. They have begun to compile a list of places to canvas and list as sites for tutors to meet with adult students. A Technology Team has been created. The 'tech team members' had a recent meeting. They are promising some new and exciting things coming soon.  
... submitted by Sharon Syck

Board Governance Committee was created as part of HCL's Strategic Plan for 2011-2012. This committee, made up of Board members, volunteers and staff workers, has worked on several tasks/items. These items were an effort to further assure the Board's effectiveness as leaders of the agency. Some of the framework items that were updated are the By-laws and calendar of Board meetings. The By-laws have been updated to more clearly define the role of Board members in the agency. The board will now be meeting quarterly rather than monthly. The dates for 2012 are as follows: January 12, March 8, June 14, and September 13 and a Holiday gathering in December. The meetings will be held at the office building in Room 106 at 7:00 PM. All those volunteering for the agency are cordially invited to attend. We changed the schedule to follow a model that other literacy councils follow. The quarterly meetings will allow the Board members to be members of the various committees necessary to run the agency. These committees usually meet in the weeks between the quarterly Board meetings. Again, we welcome all friends of HCL to attend the quarterly meetings as we value and encourage your insights and concerns. The committee also researched and filled vacant Board positions and devised a new Board member orientation. Future plans include monitoring these updates and making any adjustments which may be needed. Two new Board members, Mr. George Williams and Mr. Roger Brown, have agreed to serve and they participated in an orientation session held on February 1, 2012.

... submitted by Claudia Farr

Nominating Committee for Election of 2012-2013 Board Members will meet in March and present a slate of members to be elected before the end of June. If you can serve on this nominating committee, please let Sharon Syck know soon.

... submitted by Tresa Wheeler