



Literacy Lite Newsletter

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Empowering Local Adults Since 1985

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Each one, teach one

Just a reminder...

HCL Scrabble Benefit!

**Save the date April 25.
This is our annual
fundraiser !!!**

**Registration and sup-
porter information is
available at the HCL
office.**

**Opportunities in-
clude: Play, offer \$
support, attend auc-
tion and/or help at
event- see pg. 2 for**

This is the time for growth and opportunity for Harnett County Literacy. We have already served 18% more students this year than in 2011-2012. We look forward to expanding our services in the year ahead. Due to this growth, we have recently added a new tutoring space in Triangle South.

Creating awareness of our services is a priority this year. We have partnered with Aspirations and Miracles Community Support, LLC to tutor some of their clients. We want to welcome them aboard.

We have joined the Dunn Chamber of Commerce and the Lillington Chamber of Commerce. We look forward to more visibility for our organization throughout the county with this move.

We have expanded our ESOL program by offering another ESOL class in the Dunn office. We look forward

to expanding it into more locations.

Our Scrabble Event will be held April 25th this year. We invite all of our tutors and students to “play for literacy.” Our goal this year is \$5,000. Please help us to raise adult literacy awareness and support throughout our community by joining us.

Because Harnett County Literacy is funded solely through grants and donations, I hope that you make a contribution to sustain and expand our successful program. Your donation, no matter what amount, will help break the cycle of poverty by ensuring that adult learners have access to the reading, writing, math and computer instruction they need to qualify for better jobs.

Sharon Syck, Executive Director

NEW COMPUTER LAB!!

HCL announces the opening of the newly upgraded Computer Lab. Think about how computers impact our lives. Job applications, workplace duties, social media, banking and more require a level of computer literacy. We want our students to be able to meet their goals whether it be communicating with grandchildren or attaining a GED. It is time for tutors to discuss computer literacy with their students. There are computer software programs available to augment our learning series. Using this software combines reading and computer literacy at all levels of ability. This is a great opportunity for beginners as we have 1:1 learning experiences. See page 2 for lab availability or call the office with questions.

~Our students deserve this opportunity~



The next Board and Members meeting will be Thursday, March 21 at 11:45am in Triangle South in Room 106.

You can purchase lunch for \$8 or bring your own. Please call the office to request a lunch to purchase.

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ALL WELCOME!

Computer Lab

Computer literacy is a must in our modern world.

Supervised Lab hours are:

Mondays 3 to 5 PM

Thursdays 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Quote from one of our students

"I like my tutor. She helps me to learn to speak English. She makes me feel proud. I learn new English everyday. I help my son learn to speak English." Rosalia M.



VOLUNTEER NEWS

We welcome the following new volunteers to our coveted volunteer team!

Karen Blackmond
Ryan Blackmond
Joanie Bragg
Shavonnie Deans
Marckita Garrison
Raquel Gonzalez
Judith Hewett
David Hudson
Betty Trustman
Carolyn Western



We depend on our team of volunteers to accomplish our mission. We believe that "Volunteers are love in motion".

Thank you for joining the team.

Welcome aboard!!!!

If you have any newsletter items to share, please contact the HCL office.

AGENCY FUNDRAISING NEWS

Grant Writing Report The committee has been busy writing grants to cover the costs of various components of the agency. To date, we have received money to complete the computer lab update complete with up-graded hardware and learning software. Two other grants have been submitted and we are awaiting the outcome. At least three more are in progress. Say a prayer for success as these difficult economic times are making it more difficult to secure this type of funding.

Fundraising Report Our annual **Scrabble Benefit** is upon us. The Benefit will be held April 25 at the Banquet Room at Triangle South in Dunn. Registration is at 5:30pm and the games begin at 6:30pm. There will also be a Silent Auction which is very popular with those who prefer not to play. A huge variety of items are available – something for everyone. The 50/50 raffle is always a hit. Refreshments are yummy. Please help us recruit players and sponsors and join us at the event. More information is available at the office.

Other fundraising opportunities include the **HCL Cookbooks**. They are available at the office for \$10. If anyone still owes the proceeds from books you took to sell, please hand in your proceeds to Sharon at the office as soon as possible.

Candy Bars are available as well. The candy bars are \$1 a piece. They are an easy item to sell—pick some up at the office and sell !

We need everyone—tutors, students, and volunteers—to be active in our fundraisers in these critical economic times.

Thanks for your support!