



Literacy Lite Newsletter

Fall 2013

Empowering Local Adults Since 1985

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings,

I would like to share with you some upcoming changes in adult education. Central Carolina Community College estimates that about 500 adults have begun to take the 2002 version of the GED test. Those who do not pass all 5 tests by the end of the year will take the new 2014 version. On January 2, 2014 the new GED 2014 test will be in effect. The new test will be more closely aligned with the core curriculum efforts of the public schools with emphasis on skills for today's modern world. The test will only be offered on the computer and will cost \$24.00 per test. Each retest will cost \$24.00. The students who do not pass all 5 tests by January will have to start all over again in 2014. We would like to offer as many students as possible a chance to complete their GED this year.

Harnett County Literacy volunteers can help adult learners get prepared to

take the parts of the GED test they need to pass. The GED test opens doors to college, better jobs, and satisfaction of earning a high school credential. HCL needs more tutors...can YOU help? Please call me at the office if you are interested in empowering a fellow community member.

Our volunteers are the strength of our agency. As the holidays approach us, please take time to help someone who is in need. We have many opportunities listed in this newsletter such as tutoring, selling raffle tickets, joining the grant committee, and collecting items for the student supply bags.

Also, if you need help with reading, writing, math, or computers, feel free to contact our office. Our mission is to empower adult learners. Please call Sharon Syck at 910-891-4111 if you are interested in our services.

Sharon Syck, Executive Director

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

HCL is pleased to announce there are four new Board members for the 2013–2014 year. All four are accomplished people who will bring a variety of experiences to the agency. Introductions are in order. Meet our new board members.

Frankie Moody, as well as being a long time supporter, has fulfilled at least 10 years of tutoring with HCL and is a retired State Trooper. He is presently serving as an HCL Board Director and Co-Chairs the Fundraising Committee.

Mary Mungo has a BS in Business Management and a BA in Liberal Studies and went to Mexico as part of a delegation representing Harnett County. She is retired from AT&T and worked for Harnett County Schools and as an instructor for CCCC. She is serving as an HCL Board Director.

Myrtice Alvarado is one of our star students who recently completed her GED. She has plans to further her education and is presently tutoring some of our ESOL students. She is serving as an HCL Board Director.

Barbara Crowley is one of our tutors and data entry volunteer. Barb has an AS degree in Business Administration and a BS in Management. She has over 30 years experience as a secretary and buyer. She is serving as Board Secretary. **WELCOME ABOARD ALL!**

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Each one, teach one

Just a reminder...

The Harnett County Literacy office will be closed on Nov. 11, 27–29, Dec. 24-26, & Jan. 1.

Win a 32" LCD TV

HCL raffle tickets are now on sale!!!!!!!

Tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5

Raffle to be held

Dec. 19

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The next Board and Members meeting featuring Board member installation will be **Thursday, Nov. 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.

910-891-4111

Computer Lab

Computer literacy is a must in our modern world.

Supervised Lab hours are:

Thursdays 1:30 to 3 PM

Fridays 10:00am–12:00pm

We are collecting the following items for our student bags:

No 2 pencils, erasers, sharpeners, pencil case, calendars, thin spiral or bound composition notebooks

Please bring them to the office for distribution
Thanks !!!!



VOLUNTEER NEWS

Congratulations to Brooke Shoaf who won this year's Angela Moore Trogdon Volunteer/Tutor of the Year Award. This is a state-wide competition, making this award a significant achievement. Brooke has been with us for about two years and has accomplished much in tutoring, coordinating the ESOL program, grant writing, and the duties of Secretary of the Board. She will be leaving us, but she has promised to continue to be involved in grant writing by way of email. We are indebted to you, Brooke!

We are truly blessed with outstanding volunteers. **Another valuable volunteer is Josephine Gibbs.** You may know her as the person who often answers the agency phone. Not only does she perform many office duties, but she also tutors. Josephine donates many hours of her time and always volunteers to pitch in when needed. She recently "held down the fort" when Sharon was out of the office. Kudos to you, Josephine!

Still another awesome volunteer is **Barbara Crowley.** She is a tutor and our data entry person. She has recently taken an online course to learn how to do student assessments. She has started to help Sharon with this task which is very time consuming. She has also consented to become a member and Secretary of the Board. A HUGE thanks to you, Barb!

Betty Currin is presently preparing to take the online course for student assessments. Thanks for offering your time and talents Betty!

There are many opportunities for volunteers to work in the administrative pieces of the agency. Call Sharon at the office if you are interested.

Volunteers are the backbone of Harnett County Literacy !

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

AGENCY FUNDRAISING NEWS

Grant Writing Report The committee has been busy researching grants to cover the costs of various components of the agency. We hope that we can secure more funds to meet the present needs of the agency. Anyone interested in assisting in this research can contact the HCL office and the committee will contact you.

Raffle info !!

Fundraising Report The fundraising committee is rolling out a raffle for the Fall season. HCL is raffling off an Element 32" LCD TV. The tickets are on sale now at \$2 a ticket or 3 for \$5. We hope that all our supporters will be able to sell several tickets to make this raffle a success. The tickets can be picked up at the office or you can call the office and they will be mailed to you. Drawing date is December 19, 2013.

As always, we need everyone—tutors, students, and volunteers—to be active in our fundraisers in these critical economic times. Thanks for your support!