



Literacy Lite Newsletter

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NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Each one, teach one

Just a reminder...

The Harnett County Literacy office will be closed on

Good Friday April 18

HCL Scrabble Benefit will be April 17—Sign up now as a player or supporter!

Greetings,

HCL's 2014 Scrabble Benefit is April 17th and will be a wonderful fun night. I look forward to the event next year! Our goal is to raise \$5,000!! Come out and support us and have a Great Time!

April is National Volunteer Month. HCL is indebted to those volunteers who dedicate themselves to taking action. I applaud our dedicated volunteers! Our volunteers spent 4460 hours last year either tutoring students or volunteering in other ways. As the director of an educational organization that cannot do its work without them, I say thank you to every one of our volunteers who are giving back to their community and making a difference. Our volunteers are what keeps us running!

So as we celebrate National Volunteer Month, let's recognize those who give of themselves to help others. Let's motivate others to join the effort. And let's stay focused on how volunteerism can continue to evolve to bring maximum value to our community.

We are proud to have helped 94 students so far this year. Knowing there are thousands in our area who need help, we cannot slow down. You can help us in many ways to change adult lives! Here are some of the ways anyone can help us:

Invest your time. Volunteer as a tutor, visit your neighborhood church, talk to friends and neighbors or people at work and spread the news. Chances are you know potential tutors and students.

Share your talents as a volunteer tutor, serve on an events committee, on the board of directors, assist us in the office, or in some other way. *Invest your dollars* in the fight against illiteracy. Make a donation today!! Encourage others to do the same. 100% of your donation dollars stay in this community!!!

Give us a call, drop us an email, or visit us on Facebook.

Thanks for your Support!

Sharon Syck, Executive Director

ANNUAL SCRABBLE BENEFIT



Our annual **Scrabble Benefit** is upon us. The Benefit will be held **April 17** 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. Player participation is as follows: Students \$15, Individuals \$25, Teams (table of 4 players) \$100. We also accept gifts of \$20, \$25 and \$50 for sponsoring players. Registration as a player should be submitted by April 12.

We are currently accepting auction items at the office. Business sponsors are a must for this event. Do you know of any local business that would like to support HCL? Call the office for more business support information.

Looking forward to seeing all our supporters in attendance as either players, sponsors, auction participants or spectators.

The next Board and Members meeting will be Thursday, May 15 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:

Thursdays 1:30 to 3 pm

Fridays 10:00am—
12:00pm

Please Help!!!

We are collecting the following items for our student bags:

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

Please bring them to the office for distribution.

Thanks !!!!



VOLUNTEER NEWS

Volunteers are the backbone of Harnett County Literacy !

The month of April is **National Volunteer Month**. HCL would like to take the opportunity to **thank all of our volunteers** for their committed service. Our volunteers are tutors, board members, fundraisers, and office assistants. A HUGE THANK YOU to all of you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

One of our most dedicated volunteers, Josephine Gibbs, recently received the Harnett County RSVP Volunteer of the Year award for her committed service to HCL. She has been instrumental in keeping Harnett County Literacy's office running smoothly. In addition to her tutoring eight students, she answers the telephone, waters the plants and cleans the office. Josephine has taken the time to attend computer classes and practices her skills when time permits. Congratulations, Josephine!!!!!!

Another dedicated volunteer is Mattie Bailey. She has been our top fundraiser over the years. Also, she is always there to print recent items for HCL in the local newspaper which is significant in maintaining a presence in the local communities. Mattie recently celebrated her 90th birthday and is still going strong. All who know her realize that she is an inspiration to us all. Thanks for all you do for HCL Mattie !!!

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

AGENCY FUNDRAISING NEWS

Grant Writing Report We are presently searching for staffing funds to allow us to hire more staff. Anyone interested in assisting in grant searches can contact the HCL office and the committee will contact you.

Fundraising Report Our **Membership Drive** is currently in progress. Students and tutors are invited to become members to allow us to continue purchasing learning and training materials to keep the agency on track to fulfill our mission. This is a special level of support for those who are actively involved in HCL. A donation of \$10.00/year will result in having your name in HCL's website and Facebook page, a mention in the newsletter and a membership card. Don't miss this opportunity to support the agency!



Also, the **Scrabble Benefit** is coming up soon. April 17 is the date. We are looking for sponsors, players and auction items. These are critical pieces that will determine the success of the event. See page one for further details and contact HCL soon to tell us how you will support this effort. Secure a sponsor, sponsor a player and participate that evening. See you there!