



# Literally Speaking

Literacy Council of Washington County, Inc.



June 2010

# Welcome

*our newest Tutors!*

*They've completed our Spring 2010 Tutor Training Workshop.*



BACK ROW: Karen Vaucrosson, Nancy Showe, Joey Pasterkiewicz, Dalia Abreu,  
Barb Creager (Trainer) Caroline Gaver (Trainer)

MIDDLE ROW: Satyendra De, Sister Corda Mullenix, Teri Johnson, Wayne Kell, Becky Hein (Trainer)

FRONT ROW: Elaine Younker, Jenni Allnut, Michelle Perry, Frances Wallace, Wanda Dittmann

*We thank each of you for your hard work and dedication while training.  
Good luck with your tutoring!*

Our **Annual Meeting** will be Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Lappans Road. We'll enjoy a potluck dinner, discuss Council news, and elect Board of Director Officers for the next 3-year term. We invite and encourage each Tutor to join us. If you'd like to invite your Student, please do! We'd love to hear about your experiences together. Last year, we had a great time in a relaxed setting with good food and good company. To see a few photos of our last Annual Meeting, go to [www.literacyofwcmd.org](http://www.literacyofwcmd.org), click on NEWS, then April-June 2009. An RSVP is appreciated but not required. To RSVP or get more info, please contact the office at 301-739-4208 or [office@literacycouncilofwashingtoncountymd.org](mailto:office@literacycouncilofwashingtoncountymd.org).

## From our Administrator...

### A NOTE OF



For the past 10 years I have had the great pleasure to work with many wonderful people in the community relating to my position as Administrator of the Literacy Council of Washington County. They have been students, tutors, staff members and friends. All are aware of the need of the Council and in some way work for the accomplishment of the goals.

*THE STUDENT* -- They get the courage to call asking how to improve their way of speaking thus getting along better at home, work and community. Sometimes this may be a long period of time and different tutors. Again, it may be shorter with one tutor the entire time. Success comes in many different ways.

*THE TUTOR* -- Following lots of thinking and planning, they take the training. It is exciting and full of the unknown and known. They reach success and begin an exciting new experience in their lives. There is nothing as personally rewarding as helping an individual learn to read or to improve their reading skills.

*THE STAFF* -- These are the members of the Board of Directors and many volunteers who help out in numerous ways each and every day. Each board member is given responsibilities and they are great by doing them well. They do not know the meaning of the word "no." There is always a helping hand for the asking.

*THE FRIENDS* -- They are everywhere. They are not only members of Trinity Lutheran Church where the Council has its office, but there are others who have heard about or been in contact with someone who has had a positive experience with the Council.

*THANKS* again to all who have helped make my past 10 years a wonderful experience and a part of my life I will never forget.

Blessings to all,  
Bill Price

### Tutors & Students

*We currently have 34 pairs of Tutors and Students working together. We have five Tutors who have more than one student!*

*There are 23 Students waiting for a tutor and 14 Tutors waiting for a student.*

*A big Thank You to every one of you!  
We appreciate you!*

### Washington County Library News

Have you checked out [www.washcolibrary.org](http://www.washcolibrary.org) lately?

You can go to CALENDAR and click on each separate activity to read more about it. In June, you can try Breakfast/Brunch Recipe Swap & Tasting Party, Lose Weight & Feel Better seminars, Family Movie Nights, and a Sun & Solar System Observation. Sounds pretty cool!



## Council News



### BOARD MEETING

*THANK YOU* to the Nora Roberts Foundation for their generous donation.

We're currently seeking new **Board Members**. Our Board meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month. If you'd like to be more involved in the Council or would like more info, please contact the office at 301-739-4208.

We've added several service organizations to our mailing list in the hopes you will post/circulate our **Newsletter** in your office. If you feel your agency doesn't need it, please let us know at 301-739-4208 or [office@literacycouncilofwashingtoncountymd.org](mailto:office@literacycouncilofwashingtoncountymd.org) so we can update our mailing list. Thank You!

## Community News

**Angel Food Ministries** is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing food relief and financial support to those in need. Each month has a different menu. The \$30 Signature Box should feed a family of four dinner for a week. The food is the same quality purchased at a grocery store, but is off brand. There are no second-hand items, out-of-date goods, day-old breads or overripe produce.

Angel Food Ministries also participates in the Food Stamp program, but everyone is encouraged to participate. There are no qualifications, minimums, income restrictions, or applications. Orders and distribution are handled by church host sites. To find the closest to you, go to [AngelFoodMinistries.com](http://AngelFoodMinistries.com). Please share this info with your student and anyone else who may be interested.

## Links to Help You...

Here's a few websites that our Board VP Barb Creager recommends:

- **Superpages.com/adultlearners** -- An interactive lesson for your student to learn how to use the online phone book.
- **FloridaLiteracy.org** – This website has so many excellent literacy resources that you'll need to take your time and explore it thoroughly. If you click on:
  - Teacher/Tutor (left side); you'll be at the Topics menu. I chose Tutors Tips, and found helpful info under Rubber Bands and Vowels, Game Ideas, and How to Encourage ESL Learners to speak English. I also checked out Health Literacy, a student resource with photos to help the ESL learner to prepare for a doctor visit.
  - Under the Student tab, there's great info in "Activities for ESL Students" and "GED Practice."



A little Trivia for you...

Who created the words "eyeball," "madcap," and "unreal"?

(Answer on back page under stamp.)

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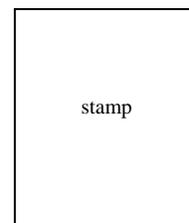
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William Shakespeare.  
“Eyeball” first appeared  
in *A Midsummer Night’s  
Dream*; “madcap” in  
*Love’s Labor’s Lost*; and  
“unreal” in *Macbeth*.

*Our next **Tutor Training Workshop** will be  
October 16 & 23, 2010.*

*Please contact our office to reserve your spot if you’ve:*

- *always wanted to tutor or teach,*
- *still have one day of training left to do,*
- *would like a refresher,*
- *want to give something back to your community,*
- *want to help someone because someone helped you,*
- *want to make a positive difference in someone’s life.*

*No teaching experience is necessary.*

*We have a constant list of Students waiting for Tutors.*

*Your future student can’t wait to hear from YOU!*

