



Literally Speaking

Literacy Council
of Washington County, Inc.



September 2011

You're INVITED to ANNUAL MEETING!

Mark your calendar – 6-8pm on September 17th at St Mark's Episcopal Church on Lappans Road.

Each year we hold Annual Meeting to discuss old and new Business and to elect new Board members. We also get to meet each other and share great food.



**Don't Be Bashful...
JOIN US!**

Here's the breakdown.... Around 5:50, we'll meet you at the door to say Welcome and help you find a seat wherever you're comfortable. (Don't worry; there's five other people at your table so you won't be responsible for keeping the conversation going.) At 6:00, our Board President will tell us to get in the buffet line, fill our plate and enjoy our dinner. We'll sit at small round tables, introduce ourselves, our spouse and our student, make a little small talk about how or why we became involved with the Literacy Council, brag about our student, swap tutoring suggestions, and try to find out who made that *delicious* food in the yellow bowl and would you please excuse me while I go up to get some more.

About 6:45 or so, we'll lean back in our chair, stuffed from dinner, as our Board Prez starts the business meeting. He'll thank everyone for their Council involvement, discuss council business, vote on new board members and hand out door prizes. By 8pm, you'll be driving home saying to yourself "*That wasn't so bad. Those Literacy Council board members, tutors and students sure are nice people. I'm glad I came.*"

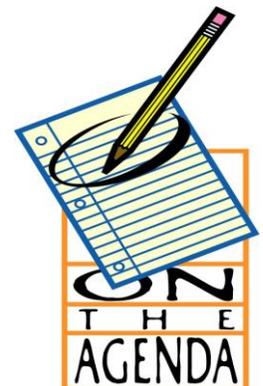
So come join us! Bring your significant other, your student(s), and a dish to share. For pictures from a previous meeting, go to literacyofwcmd.org, click on News, click on April-June 2009.

UPCOMING ELECTION

The election of Executive Officers for the Literacy Council of Washington County, Inc will occur at the Annual Meeting on September 17, 2011. Each term of office is 2 years.

The Council members will be voting to fill the positions of President, Vice President and Secretary. The Literacy Council's nominating committee proposes the following slate of officers: Cindy Hockenbury – President, Kevin Fox - Vice President and Lois Dreisbach - Secretary. Nominations from the floor may also be made at Annual Meeting.

Please attend and cast your vote!



Meet our Board Members

Becky Hein, our Tutor/Student Coordinator, has been with us for about 20 years. She originally trained with Caroline Gaver and Joyce Routzahn (from the Frederick County Literacy Council) in 1991. She's tutored many basic students, ESL students, some mentally-challenged students, and a few math students.

Becky taught in Washington County Schools for 17 years, teaching PreK, Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 3, and Special Ed. She also taught Adult Special Ed at MCTC (the prison) for over 2 years. Presently, she volunteers with Habitat for Humanity as a House Leader, with Benevola United Methodist Church (heading up oyster dinners and other fundraisers), and with the Literacy Council. She also helps to care for her parents when she can. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her husband, her two daughters and their husbands, two granddaughters, and her extended family.

At the Literacy Council, Becky evaluates each student, pairs tutors and students, and trains new tutors. Reading was difficult for Becky as a child so she has felt good about helping many adults read better.

Becky says, "I'm happy to support the Literacy Council and the tutors as they in turn help so many people learn English or learn to read."

New Board Members



Kevin Fox
and
Susie Salvagni

We're glad you
joined us!

Tutor & Student Stats

We have 51 pairs of Tutors and Students working together.

There are 11 Students waiting for a tutor.

A big **THANK YOU** to every one of you!

THANK YOU to our Board President, **Milt Creager** and our Vice President, **Barb Creager** for your many years of hard work and dedication. We appreciate the time you've spent overseeing Board matters, handling office issues, working our booths at Reading Day and Convoy of Hope, driving to other Literacy Councils to pick up furniture and materials, training *many* new tutors, offering 1000+ good ideas and suggestions, sharing a shoulder to lean on and an ear to listen, for caring so much about our organization, and for the million other things you've done over the years. We wish you much happiness on your retirement (even though we don't want you to go) and we understand that you'd like to stop and smell the roses. Happy Retirement! – Where every day is Saturday!

Please keep me informed if your tutoring status, address, phone or email changes.

I also need your tutor hours every month; don't forget to include your travel and prep time.

Thanks for your help! -- Brenda



Tutor Tips

Would your student like to find out where their last name is most common?

Go to worldnames.publicprofiler.org, type in the surname, your email address and gender. Once you click "search," the website shows a world map with colored areas indicating where that particular name has a low, medium or high frequency.

Information is based on a large analysis of name records from those particular world regions.

ProLiteracy just launched a New Readers Press page on Facebook. You can find sneak peeks, product demos, special offers, useful links and much more at newreaderspress.com/facebook.

Go to englishforeveryone.org for a wealth of printable ESL and GED worksheets.

Ignore all the ads at the top of the page and click on the links in blue on the left side of the screen. Then scroll down to view and print the worksheets.

We send our condolences

To the families of tutor **Rita Hutzell** who died in May, tutor **Kitty Harbaugh** who lost her mother in June, and **Bill Price** our former Administrator who died in June.

Thanks!

To new tutor Sandy Krieger, who did a great job helping me prepare the materials for our Spring 2011 Workshop.

– Brenda

We need Tutor Trainers!

Did you enjoy attending our 2-day Tutor Training Workshop and being trained to be a Tutor? Would you like to be the person standing up in the front of the room training new tutors? It's very rewarding!

If you'd like more info, please contact Barb Creager at 301-797-3293 or jbcreeag@myactv.net



Upcoming Events

- ❖ Sept 17 – **Annual Meeting** 6-8pm, St Marks Episcopal Church, Lappans Road
- ❖ Sept 17 & 24 – **Frederick Tutor Training** (C Burr Artz Library, Community Room)
- ❖ Sept 19 – **Board Meeting** 6:30pm, Memorial Hall @ Trinity Lutheran Church
- ❖ Sept 24 – **Convoy of Hope**, Hagerstown Fairgrounds. Stop by our booth to visit!
- ❖ Oct 15 & 22 – **Tutor Training Workshop**, Fellowship Hall @ Trinity Lutheran Church
- ❖ Oct 17 – **Board Meeting** 6:30pm, Memorial Hall @ Trinity Lutheran Church

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Trinity Lutheran Church (open Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30)

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*Our next **Tutor Training Workshop** will be
October 15 & 22, 2011*

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

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

*No teaching experience is necessary.
Your future student can't wait to hear from YOU!*



New Students are always welcome.

If you know of someone who struggles with reading, have them call the office.