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BACK ROW: Tom Doty, Kevin Fox, Martin Cole, Melinda Summers, Richard Long, Caroline Gaver (Trainer)

MIDDLE: Becky Hein (Trainer), Maria Kummerfeldt, Beth Watson, Samantha Walker, Elizabeth Mitchell, Melissa Dickinson, Sarah Warthen

SITTING: Betty Schmidt, Julie Miller, Barb Kulusic, Kanika Wilkins, Marie Guedenet

MISSING: Holly Graybill, Cindy Hockenbury, Pastor Queen, Juanita Salazar

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**on completing our Tutor Training Workshop!**

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ January 23 – **Board Meeting**, Trinity Lutheran Church, Memorial Hall, Hagerstown
- ❖ March 24 & 31 – **Tutor Training Workshop**, C. Burr Artz Library, Frederick
- ❖ April 14 & 21 – **Tutor Training Workshop**, Trinity Lutheran Church, Hagerstown

## Our Condolences



*To our tutor  
Don Lochary  
on the loss of his  
wife, Louise.*

## Tutor Responsibilities

Please keep us posted of your status. It's a full-time job keeping our Tutor/Student database current. If tutoring has stopped, you have address/phone/email changes or any other updates, please let Brenda know. She also needs your tutoring hours each month. Thanks!

## From our Tutors...

We have three tutors who meet their students at Easter Seals -- Kitty has been with us for two years, Mary and Mary finished our tutor training last May. The three met for lunch to discuss tutoring, share ideas and help each other. Below is a note Kitty wrote and sent to us about their meeting:

*We three tutors, Mary, Mary, and I met at Always Ron's for a mentor luncheon on September 1. We met, talked, and ate for about an hour and a half.*

*The three of us felt our students were all progressing in their readings skills as they continue to work toward their goals to be able to read. We all shared how we supplement the reading materials provided by the Literacy Council with books purchased inexpensively or borrowed from the Washington County Library that match our student's interests.*

*In addition to improving their reading abilities, all of our students have additional positive impacts: an increase in self-esteem and confidence and the benefit of another person in their lives who cares about them. We agreed that we love the support and freedom provided by the Literacy Council as we work to help our students gain reading skills. We also appreciate Easter Seals for providing a place where we can meet and work with our students, all of whom have limited resources and travel capabilities.*

*Thanks to the Literacy Council staff for meeting the needs of these folks. We feel this is truly a ministry, one that is very rewarding for us. We can observe the changes in our students as we make a difference in their lives.*

*Thanks,  
Kitty, Mary E. and Mary D.*



THANK YOU Kitty, Mary and Mary for tutoring with us! We appreciate you!

## Tutor Tips

At first glance, *freeology.com* may seem appropriate only for K-12 teachers, but the site contains many free downloadable worksheets of the alphabet and numbers, nouns and verbs, telling time, calendars, etc. There are also games to help your student practice these skills.

## Tutor & Student Stats

We have **42** pairs of  
Tutors and Students working together.

There are **8** Students waiting for a Tutor.

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

## A Little Help....

Need help making changes in your life?  
Breaking a bad habit or starting a new habit can be tough. I use Habit Forge to help me. Just go to HabitForge.com and sign up. The website will ask you what habit you want to work on and will send you a daily email for 21 days asking if you were successful. If you click on NO, your counter goes back to Day One and you start all over again. Give it a try!

Submitted by Brenda Vanover



Our tutor, Mary, is thrilled to share a photo of her student, Sharon, receiving her Diploma for finishing Book 1. Mary reports *"I am really proud of her. She works really hard on her homework, brings in words she does not know to show me and ask me about them, and even turned down a shopping trip last week so she wouldn't miss reading class."*

We're proud of you too, Sharon!  
Keep up the good work!



Barb & Milt Creager (our retiring Board VP and President) are presented with a clock by our current Board President, Cindy Hockenbury, as a *THANK YOU* and recognition for their years of service.

## Thanks!

Thank You to tutors Nancy Showe (who created a Personalized Dictionary for her student) and to Kitty Harbaugh (who created a Bingo Game.) Both items use words from Book 1 but can be modified for any book.

Nancy and Kitty have graciously allowed us to copy and provide these resources to our other tutors. They're in the TUTOR SUPPLIES file on the back counter of our office. Please stop by sometime and have a look!

*Promise me you'll always remember –  
You're braver than you believe and stronger  
than you seem and smarter than you think.*

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*Our next **Tutor Training Workshop** will be  
April 14 & 21, 2012.*

*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!*

