



## BETWEEN THE LINES—Our Quarterly Newsletter Literacy Volunteers of Monongalia & Preston Counties

296-3400 United Way Agencies Summer EDITION 2007

### ESL Discussion Group

Volunteer tutor Erin is interested in having a weekly conversation group for our ESL population. If you are interested in attending please contact the office.

### VISTA & AmeriCorps

PCLV is looking for a VISTA member. If you are interested in serving please contact the office.

MCLV is looking for an AmeriCorps member to participate in the UW Healthy Living program. ½ time will be spent serving MCLV and ½ serving PCLV. The focus will be in health issues such as food choices, grocery shopping, obesity, diabetes and heart disease.

### ESL adult learner news....

School is very busy, but tutoring with **Mimi Zhou** has been great. She is an excellent student and I am happy to have a new friend. I have spent 14 hours tutoring her since the end of Oct. We usually meet for an hour and a half to two hours. She graduated with her Master's in Higher Education in December and is in the process of applying to about a dozen PhD programs. So, we have been working a lot on interviews and personal statements. We are also trying to focus more on pronunciation. **Laura Reber**.

ESL adult learner **SILVIA TSAO** will be graduating this AUGUST from WVU with her MBA! Congratulations Silvia!

Basic Reading Adult learner **Ralph Lagatta's** parents celebrated 50 years of marital bliss this month.

### TUTOR NEWS

Tutor **Mathew Cross** is caring for his mom story teller **Betty Cross**. Betty was in an accident. Call the office if you would like to send a card.

You can't keep **Bob Chidester** down—Bob has been in the hospital of late with some sickness. Cards and calls would also be appreciated. You can reach him at 329-1538.

Several new volunteers are taking the tutor training materials and will be on board shortly.

Recently **Ed Lanham, Freda Leishman** and **Jenee Shillito** completed the READ tester training.

We welcome **IONA WOOFER** to the world. She is the new born daughter of **Stacy Clovis-Woofter** and **Keith**. Keith reports that all are doing well.

### Smith wins quilt

**Bobbie Smith** won the PCLV quilt that was drawn at the annual meeting in June. Congratulations **Bobbie**.

### 1st Annual Adult Canning, Crafting and Cooking Weekend

Where: Preston County 4-H Camp, Brandonville, WV When: August 17 & 18, 2007 Cost: Lodging, meals, and some classes are listed in the brochure

WE ARE LOOKING FOR: 1- Any one who would like to participate in this event 2- Any one who has a talent that they are willing to share (i.e. crafting, sewing, dancing, cooking, etc.) 3- Anyone who can pass the word around about this fun weekend If you are interested in attending this event, please call the Extension Office at 329-1391 If you are interested in teaching a class, please respond back to this e-mail or call the office and ask for

**Karen Bright** If you are interested in anything, we have attached the brochure. If you have trouble opening it, copies are available at the office. **Karen L. Bright** Nutrition Outreach Instructor WV-FNP Preston County  
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### Kathleen Plagmann joins Literacy

**Kathleen Plagmann** is the new driver of the Ruby Read Mobile library.

### MCLV annual meeting held

We missed many of you at this year's annual event—you missed some really great food! Basic Reading student tutor team of the year was **Rita Everhart** and **Marcia Schwab**. ESL Student tutor team of the year was **Adrienne Bogusz** and **Ting Zhao**. **Jack Coster** is the volunteer of the year. Administrative volunteer of the year went to the **Christian Missionary Alliance Church**. 2,000 hours of service award went to **Stacy Clovis Woofter**. 5 years of service certificates were awarded to **Norman Howton, Dawn Dawson, Deborah Moore, Janice Tennant, Linda Craig, Karen Luckini, Lola Coster, Roxann Hare, and Lan Hu**. 10 years of service certificates went to **Ellen Hrabovsky, Conrad Pesyna, Julie Quarrick, Guang Chen** and **Shu-Hui Wang**.

### PCLV celebrates annual meeting in the rain

**Bobbie Smith** presented the student reading and did a great job. Student tutor team of the year was **Kurtis Shaffer** and **Adam Bogan**. Volunteer of the year was **Jeff Poole**. Administrative Volunteer of the year was **Brenda Teets** and **Preston Parts**. Community partner award went to the **Kingwood Public Library**. The 1,000 hours club new members include **Helen Chidester** and **Beverly Tasker**. The true survivor award this year went to **Bob Chidester**.

### Essay Contest

Suave, Dollar General and American Idol Fantasia Barrino are partnering to raise awareness for Education and Literacy!

Literacy Volunteers is thrilled to inform you about something very exciting going on with Dollar General and Suave—the 2007 Suave/Dollar General Education Essay Contest! This is the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that Dollar General has partnered with Suave on this great contest, and this year, they have made it even better! Some highlights of this year's program: Over 2,000 prizes will be awarded, no purchase necessary to enter, easy online entry at [www.suaveessaycontest.com](http://www.suaveessaycontest.com) You could win a \$10,000 Educational grant or savings bond! Enter your story about how your mom, teacher or other mentor helped you to improve your life through education

And as if that's not enough, Fantasia Barrino, winner of American Idol season 3 and star of The Color Purple on Broadway, has signed on as the spokesperson! The top 4 winners

will not only win a scholarship, but they will all be flown to New York City to meet her and receive VIP tickets to the show!

Please share this exciting opportunity for school-age youth and adult learners with your friends and colleagues, so that they can encourage their students to participate. Please visit the contest on line at [www.suaveessaycontest.com](http://www.suaveessaycontest.com)

### **QUILT TRIP**

*Literacy Volunteers Quilt Group of Preston County is sponsoring a bus trip to the PA National Quilt Extravaganza in Harrisburg, PA on Sept 7. There will be more than 600 quilts and garments on display. The show also features a Merchant's Mall offering the best in fabrics, notions, machines, wearable art and everything for the quilter, textile artist and home sewer.*

*Trip cost is \$77.00 per person. A deposit of \$35 is needed by July 5 to Bev Tasker. A minimum of 30 must be signed up by this date. The balance is due by August 4. Cost includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, driver's gratuity, admission to the quilt show, and snacks. Meals are not included, but stops will be made for meals en route. Lunch is on your own at the show. Make checks payable to Mountaineer Country Tours. Please call Bev Tasker at 304-892-2853 to sign up for the quilt trip.*

### **Improve your employment skills**

Jeniffer Graham is at the Kingwood Public Library on Saturday morning from 10am to noon. During that time you can learn to: **LEARN TO TYPE**—at your own pace—A computer software typing tutorial program,

**GED practice tests**—at your own pace—On computer as well as the state of the art

**KeyTrains** program—at your own pace—that assesses your employability skill level for a job.

How to use [www.learningexpresslibrary.com](http://www.learningexpresslibrary.com) for test practice for various tests including the CDL, to Beauty School, to ACT or LSAT.

The software for this class was provided by a grant from the Dollar General Foundation as well as support from Literacy West Virginia.

MCLV could use some E.S.L.O.A. testers for new adult learners entering the program and for post testing.

### **FREE INTERMEDIATE COMPUTER CLASS with Jodi Collins (285-1390)**

Monongalia County Literacy Volunteers, a United Way Agency, will be offering a free computer literacy and training class at the Literacy Volunteers office at 977 Tyrone Road Morgantown.

Class will be from **3:30-5pm** beginning on Tuesday July 31, The 5 week class will be held on Tuesdays = July 31, August 7, 14, 21 & 28 **Course instructor is Community Volunteer Jodi Collins.**

The course will use the "Intermediate Computer" curriculum. The \$10.00 fee for the manual has been underwritten by a grant from the Dollar General Foundation. **Pre-registration is required.**

**10 SPELLEBRATE Shirts are left. The cost is \$6.50 each. If you want one please call the office at 296-3400—take to annual picnic**

### **PRESTON COUNTY BOARD MEMBER HUNT**

Preston County Literacy Volunteers still needs board members. If you are interested in serving please call the office at 296-3400.

### **FUND RAISING**

I would like to donate to Literacy Volunteers

\$10  \$25  \$50  \$100

I would like more information on volunteering

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to volunteer to help on the Golf Tournament

I want to help with the annual fund raising letter

I want to help with the Greatest Garage Sale on Earth!

### **DOLLAR GENERAL EDP Scholarships available**

Are you interested in getting your EDP = External Diploma Program? PCLV has scholarships available to help you meet your goal!

### **Golf Committee update**

The golf committee did a great job with our first tournament. They are looking for more people to serve on the golf committee. If you are interested please call Ellen at 296-1887.

### **CALENDAR\*☺\*\*CALENDAR\*\*☺\*\*CALENDAR**

#### **JULY 2007**

Annual fund raising letters

Confirm Eagles for Breakfast with Santa December 1—officers are elected in July

10—United Way agency relations

#### **AUGUST 2007**

4—Saturday--UW Greatest Garage Sale on Earth

6—Monday PCFRN Meeting Kingwood 11:30

13—Golf Committee meeting 10 am office

16—Morgantown UW Hot Dog Sale

17--DOG GONE IT'S FRIDAY HOT DOG SALE **August 17, 2007 11:00 A.M.—2 P.M.**

**Preston County Chamber of Commerce Office in Kingwood Dogs: \$1.00; Chips: .50; Pop: .50; Dessert: .50** Come and enjoy lunch served by the Preston County United Way agencies. **Music by Karen Bright.**

#### **September 2007**

Buckwheat Festival—Ruby Read in Friday and Saturday parades, display

7-8 Fri and Sat Strategic Planning for MCLV board @ Mon General hospital.

9—Sunday—First Book ([www.firstbook.org](http://www.firstbook.org)) is a national nonprofit organization with a single mission: to provide new books to children from low-income families participating in existing community-based tutoring, mentoring, and family literacy programs. We are planning the first annual Walk For Literacy at the WVU Track on Sunday, September 9, 2007 at 5pm. Sincerely, Lara K. Omph Co-Chair First Book-WVU Chapter

Literacy Volunteer Tutoring Hours **July 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007** Meeting Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**TUTOR:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL HOURS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**STUDENT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL HOURS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**YES NO**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Are you still working with your student? If not, please call the office ASAP
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Would you like an additional student or a new student BR? \_\_\_\_\_ ESL? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Do you need materials? 1-800-LVA-8812 to get a copy of the catalog.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Do you need to discuss your student?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Have you called in your volunteer hours from the last quarter?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Have you or your student attended any other trainings this quarter? Please List: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Did you and your student read and receive Local Newsletter?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Did you and your student read and receive the National Newsletter?

We track student volunteer hours, please help your students learn this new skill. Helpers volunteer time should go in the next to last column.

Week of	<u>Student Volunteer Time</u>	<u>Student Other volunteer hrs</u>	Tutor Student Prep Time	Tutoring and or TESTING	Tutor Student Driving	Other/Training/ Administrative/ Helper Volunteer Hours	TOTALS
July 1-7 Closed on the 4 <sup>th</sup>							
July 8-14 11-12-13 Volunteerism Conference							
July 15-21							
July 22-28							
July 29-31							
Aug 1-4 4= Sat-- UW Garage Sale—need help							
Aug 5-11							
Aug 12-18							
Aug 19-25							
Aug 26-31							
Sept 1							
Sept 2-8							
Sept 9-15							
Sept 16-22							
Sept 23-29 –Buckwheat Festival							
September 30							
<b>TOTALS</b>							

**Please call (296-3400) in your volunteer hours for April-May-June**

Special Accomplishments to report this quarter:

**(Mark all that apply)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Improved Basic Skills
- \_\_\_\_\_ Entered other education
- \_\_\_\_\_ Registered to vote
- \_\_\_\_\_ Parenting Skills
- \_\_\_\_\_ Obtained external diploma
- \_\_\_\_\_ Learned the Eng. Language
- \_\_\_\_\_ Obtained job/better job
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gained computer Skills
- \_\_\_\_\_ Passed GED
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rec. US Citizenship
- \_\_\_\_\_ Left public asst.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Library Card
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other
- \_\_\_\_\_ Passed entry exam/attempted
- \_\_\_\_\_ Passed state licensing test/tried

Other for Adult Learner or Tutor Accomplishments:

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