

## LV-MARQUETTE COUNTY, INC. NEWSLETTER

## Annual Tots to Teens Book Drive

Over 1600 books were given away by Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County again on December 12<sup>th</sup> during the annual Christmas gift distribution held by the Marquette County Human Services. This year's new venue was Trinity Methodist Church. The literacy volunteers who helped at the book giveaway were pleased with the locale.

Thanks to Joan Falkenstrom who organized the collection and distribution of books.

## LV-MC's Annual Literacy Volunteers and Friends Appreciation Dinner

The 24<sup>th</sup> annual Literacy Volunteers and Friends Appreciation Dinner will be held Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Montello Senior Dome. Socializing will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a buffet dinner at 6 p.m. Lynn Bult of Peppercorn Catering will once again be serving.

Volunteers and friends who are planning to attend should return their reservation forms by May 24 at the latest. If you are interested in attending and didn't receive an invitation (a computer glitch or oversight), please email or call at vjhawk@maqs.net/ 608-297-8900 by May 24. Active volunteers who have paid their membership, and adult students, may come to the dinner at no charge. Guests are invited, as room permits, at \$22.00. Reservations required. If you've made a reservation, please don't be a No Show!

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This newsletter is a publication of Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County (LV-MC), a non-profit organization that provides free and confidential tutoring to adults and families who want to improve their reading, writing, math, and other skills. Volunteer tutors provide individualized instruction.

#### Program Committee Report

Barbara Church, Chair

School-age students are being tutored individually at Forest Lane Elementary in Montello. Five volunteers are currently tutoring: Pat Johnson, Rita Socha, Linda Armbruster, Sharon Samuelson , and Cathy Franks. LuAnn Zieman is tutoring 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> graders at St. John's Lutheran School.

Basic Literacy Students are tutored by Chuck Bornhoeft. He has one student in Montello and one in Oxford.

Books left over from the Tots to Teens book giveaway in December have been added to the Women Infant Children (WIC) carts in Montello and Westfield. Books have also been given to the Marquette County Food Bank, and delivered by our board member Sharon Samuelson, who volunteers there. Sharon also delivered books to Hope House. In addition, more books were donated to the Montello Schools through a project undertaken by Gerrit Minnema.

#### Family Adventure Day Vicki Huffman

Sharon Samuelson and Vicki Huffman read stories to young children and passed out over 150 gently used books to children at the Family Adventure Day on Saturday, May 14, 2016. The event featured hands-on activities which highlighted a variety of useful community resources and organizations.

Thirty-four interactive exhibits covered a multitude of topics. The event was

hosted by High Marq Environmental Charter School of Montello and Family Connections Coalition, of which LV-MC is a member.

There is no such thing as too many However, there is such a thing as not enough room.

#### 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Hors d'oeuvre Buffet at Mecan River Outfitters—February 4<sup>th</sup>

This is our annual fundraiser—featuring a delicious hors d'oeuvre array as well as a silent auction. This year total ticket sales and silent auction receipts brought in a total of \$2,739.50. In addition, there were an additional \$1,024.00 donated that evening.



Literacy supporters gathered for food and friendly conversation, as well as bidding on a variety of auction items.



#### Thanks to Our Supporters

Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County could not exist without its financial backers. Individuals, companies, and organizations who have supported our efforts at promoting literacy in our community during the past year are greatly appreciated. Successful bids at our silent auction are **not** included in the totals. If anyone is omitted or the category is in error, please accept our apologies and contact Vicki Huffman at 297-8900 or vjhawk@maqs.net.

The asterisk \* identifies continuing donors.

#### **In-Kind Donations Last 12 months**

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LV-MC wishes to acknowledge the support we have received during the year from our state organization Wisconsin Literacy. We received funds from them for Chuck Bornhoeft's health literacy training at Head Start in Oxford. Thanks also goes to our regional consultant, Trena Anderson, for her assistance and advice.

Special thanks to volunteer and board member, Anne Oelke, who updates our website mcreads.org. The website includes our current as well as past newsletters, pictures from the latest fund raiser at Mecan River Outfitters, as well as volunteer/tutor forms, literacy brochures and other items of interest.

# A huge thanks to Becky Nelson, our original webmaster, who continues to sponsor the website!

Thank you for your years of service, Lee Ann Casper and Joan Richardson, who have both resigned from the board. We will miss you both!

#### READ Dog Program Received Donation From Marquette County Literacy Volunteers (excerpt from Tribune article)

Literacy Volunteers Marquette County, represented by LeeAnn Casper, donated money to the Westfield Ethel Everhard Public Library for the Reading Education Assistance Dog (READ) Program. The READ program at the Westfield Library meets with six children from Westfield Elementary School each Wednesday morning. The students read books to the dogs. READ is an evidence-based program that improves reading skills of children.





Vicki, our fearless leader, finds time to eat at last! The soup was delicious!

February 2016 Mecan Fund Raiser





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**I** do not wish to be a member, but would like to contribute to literacy.

## UPCOMING EVENT

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When: June 1, 2016 Where: Montello Senior Dome Time: 5:30 p.m. socializing 6 p.m. dinner catered by Peppercorn Catering

Reservations required by May 24. Contact Vicki Huffman at 297-8900 or vjhawk@maqs.net.

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#### LV-MC MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County, Inc. is to improve the quality of life by promoting increased literacy and lifelong learning in Marquette County, Wisconsin. We encourage and aid individuals through public awareness and through volunteer teaching of literacy skills as well as English for non-native speakers.

### Check us out at www.mcreads.org!

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