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LV-MC's Annual Literacy Volunteers Appreciation Dinner

By Vicki Huffman

Wednesday, May 30, 2012 is LV-MC's annual volunteer/tutor/student appreciation dinner. It will be held at the Montello Senior dome next to the Montello Public Library. The buffet dinner will be catered by the Moose Inn of Wautoma. Socializing begins at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6.

If you are interested in attending and didn't receive an invitation (a computer glitch or oversight) please e-mail vjhawk@mwwb.net or call Vicki at 608-297-8900 by May 22.

Active volunteers who have paid their membership and adult students may come to the dinner at no charge. Guests are invited, as space permits, at \$16.00. Reservations required. If you've made a reservation, please don't be a No Show!

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Changes Coming to Newsletter Mailings

By LuAnn Zieman

The board of Literacy Volunteers- Marquette County voted last fall to reduce the number of newsletters published to two per year. In addition, the cost of postage was discussed. It was decided to pay the 2012 bulk mailing fee and do the mailings this year so that all our readers will be aware of the upcoming change.

We will continue posting each May and November newsletter on the website at www.mcreads.org, just as we do now.

If anyone wishes a pdf sent to their email, please contact LuAnn Zieman, editor, at zieman@maqs.net. Those who wish a paper copy may contact her at the same email, or call 608-297-2422, or mail her at W1440 State Rd 23, Montello, WI 53949. The mailed newsletters will be sent at regular postal rates. If we do not hear from you, we will assume you do not wish to receive one. There will be copies available at the Marquette County libraries.

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.

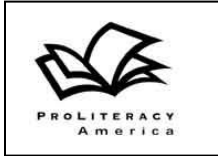
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NEWS & notes

From

President Vicki Huffman

Montello Child Development Days

Pat Johnson and Barbara Church staffed the combined LV-MC and Montello Public Library table at the Montello Child Development Days March 22-23. Literature promoting reading was handed out to parents of kindergartener's-to-be!

LV-MC Website

Thanks to volunteer Jess Bruckner our website mcreads.org has been updated. One can find the current newsletter, pictures from the fund raiser at Mekan River Outfitters, volunteer/tutor/forms and more. Jess, who is a trained tutor, is an assistant librarian in Montello. We appreciate his wizardry on the computer as we continue to update information.

Thanks also goes to Becky Nelson, our original webmaster, who continues to sponsor the website!

Regional Literacy Meeting

On Friday, April 27, Vicki Huffman attended a Southwest/South Central Regional meeting at the WI Institute of Learning Disabilities/ Dyslexia (WILDD) in Madison. The group was led by Georgia Lieber of Wisconsin Literacy, Inc. The meeting covered a variety of topics including liability waivers, background checks, board recruitment, STAR training, the 2014 GED, the November 15-16 state literacy conference in Appleton, and allowed time for networking. Due to the diverse nature of our group (representatives from both small and large literacy organizations, plus Columbia Corrections), the discussion was lively and informative.

Once again the good fortune of LV-MC was made apparent by our successful collaborations within our county as we strive toward purposeful education geared to each learner. And, once again we wish to thank the county libraries, County Health Department, Head Start, UW Extension, Job Center (particularly Sheril Lannoye, ABE instructor) HCE and the entire community that supports our all-volunteer efforts.

2012 Tots to Teens Book Drive

A highly successful 2011 holiday book giveaway, plus a serious culling of our carryover books, has us putting out an early notice for gently used or new books. While we don't have room to store the books until fall, those who enjoy rummage or flea market sales may want to keep an eye out for children's books. Board books are always quick to go, and we thank the Montello Women's Club for making a generous \$250 donation to purchase new ones. Diary of a Wimpy Kid books are also highly sought after, and they can be in any readable condition due to their popularity!

LV-MC's Annual Mekan River Fund-raiser was sold out! Over 100 people attended the February 3, 2012 event and enjoyed a pleasant, relaxing evening, reports Lee Ann Casper, fund-raiser chair. From 5-8 p.m. there was good food, good conversation and a silent auction that was clearly a success. We raised over \$2500 for literacy! The Silent Auction itself brought over \$1100, thanks to the generous bidders who loved the interesting array of items.

The Literacy Volunteers thank everyone for their support. Montello businesses donating items for the auction were Quandt Chiropractic, Holliday True Value, and Nelson & Pade Aquaponics. Items were also provided by Virch's True Value, The Amish Market, and It's a Poppin' in Westfield, as well as Borud's True Value in Oxford.

Individuals who contributed items include Vicki Huffman, Barbara Church, Pat Johnson, LuAnn Zieman, Lee Ann Casper, David Casper, Cathy Becker, Jim and Connie Stuempges, Kathleen McGwin and JoEllen Glunn.



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 was omitted or the category is in error, please accept our apologies and contact Vicki Huffman at 608-297-8900 or vjhawk@mwwb.net. The asterisk* identifies continuing donors.

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Two New Tutors Trained! Joan Richardson and Bette Schneider completed tutor trainings in March and April.

BECOME A LITERACY VOLUNTEERS- MARQUETTE COUNTY MEMBER!

We invite you to become a member and supporter of literacy in Marquette County. One person can make a difference in influencing positive changes. We've accomplished a great deal, but there is so much more to be done. Your services as a volunteer or a financial supporter are critical to our success!

Fill out the form below, including a check for \$15 written out to **Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County** (if you wish to be a member), and mail to **Treasurer-LV-MC, P.O. Box 671, Montello, WI 53949.**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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Telephone _____ E-mail _____

- I wish to be an active volunteer/member and have enclosed the \$15 fee.
- I wish to be an active volunteer, but not a dues-paying member.
- I would like more information on becoming a volunteer.
- I do not wish to be a member, but would like to contribute to literacy.

UPCOMING EVENT

Changes coming to the GED:

GED will be administered on computer, but not online, only at designated Pearson Vue test centers.

Practice tests will be on computer available beginning September 2013. An interactive tutorial will be available July 2013 to prepare for changes.

Sample test questions will be available July 2012 on the GEDTS website.

There will be **two levels of results** with cut off scores for a "standard" GED and a "higher credential" that will help prove college and career readiness. Similar accommodations as for current GED.

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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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