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ANNUAL FUNDRAISER SUCCESSFUL

Lee Ann Casper, Event Chair

A large crowd enjoyed an evening of delightful food and conversation at the Literacy Volunteers hors d'oeuvre buffet fundraiser held February 3, 2011, at Mekan River Outfitters.

The annual event was clearly a success, with over \$2200 raised to underwrite the work of the literacy volunteers.

The silent auction alone brought in well over a \$1000, thanks to the lively bidding on the book baskets, items from many countries, wine and much more.

 **THANK** *you!*

The Literacy Volunteers wish to thank everyone for their support. Montello businesses that donated auction

items were Quandt Chiropractic, Holliday True Value, Nelson-Pade, Inc., The Garden Center, Scott's Liquor Mart and Underwood Market.

Items were also provided by Virch's True Value—Westfield, The Amish House & Market—Westfield, Borud's True Value—Oxford, and Watertower Wines & Edibles—Coloma.

LV-MC members and others who contributed silent auction items included Vicki Huffman, LuAnn Zieman, Lee Ann Casper, Pat Johnson, Marj Cox-Fabian and Jean Roidt.



(Pictures here and inside on page 3 by Mary Faltz.)

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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HEALTH LITERACY AWARENESS PROJECT

by Vicki Huffman

The last of LV-MC's health literacy curriculum discussions was held at Forest Lane Elementary on January 13, 2011 in conjunction with Head Start Parent Night. Bad weather moved the date back twice! Mary Oakes and Florence Penafior, representing the Marquette County Health Department, fielded questions and explained various issues concerning healthcare. Vicki Huffman acted as moderator. The post test was administered and the parents did well.

The curriculum is geared toward helping adults understand how the health care system works, when to use it, and how to understand and communicate with doctors and other health care professionals. LuAnn Zieman, LV-MC publicity chair, created a brochure on health literacy to be used by the

public. She can be reached at zieman@maqs.net.

Many of our volunteers are also available for individual sessions if needed. Contact Vicki at vjhawk@mwwb.net or 297-8900 for information. WI Literacy, Inc. provided the training, materials and curriculum for this project.

HEALTH MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

by Pat Johnson

Twenty-one children's books on general health as well as four parent health guides titled "Staying Healthy" were distributed in Marquette County. Recipients were Montello Family Medical Practice and Alexander Dental in Montello and both The Crossroad and Westfield dental clinics.

ACTIVITY PACK SESSIONS

by Vicki Huffman

On December 7, 2010 an activity pack session was held at the Montello Public Library. Marj Cox-Fabian, Bette Whitrock, Pat Johnson and Vicki Huffman were joined by new volunteers Debra Gossett and Bev Butcher to assemble several activities to accompany books provided to Head Start children through HCE's Wisconsin Bookworm™ program. The last three activities will be assembled in the upcoming weeks.

Look for an email announcing the date and time for our next session. If you are not on the email list that receives notification of these sessions, and would like to be, please contact Vicki Huffman at vjhawk@mwwb.net or 297-8900.





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 \$10 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 _____

CITY, ZIP CODE _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

- I wish to be an active volunteer/member and have enclosed the \$10 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

Our next event will be the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

We will send a letter with more details closer to the event, which is usually held in late May! The date has yet to be determined.

Any individuals or businesses interested in funding "Read For Joy!"—a book given to all 1st-time mothers in Marquette County—please contact LV-MC at 608-297-8900 or vjhawk@mwwb.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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