

## Spring 2017 Literacy Volunteers-HBPL News

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WELCOME to the SPRING EDITION of the Literacy Newsletter. You'll find interesting and informative articles about our activities since we last published, as well as information about upcoming events you're sure to want to participate in. Put on your reading glasses (if you need them) and enjoy this spring edition.

*Susie Hodge*  
*Board of Directors President*

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### **Walk! Run! Read! on the Horizon**

ATTENTION WALKERS, RUNNERS and READERS!! We're about to embark on our 5th Annual 5k event! We have runners, but we have plenty of folks who take their time and walk the course! Join us in HB Central Park on Saturday, April 8; we will start at 8am.

REGISTER TODAY! Get \$5 off and select your t-shirt size IF you sign up by MARCH 22. Register online at our [WalkRunREAD! website](#), or drop by the literacy office to pay with cash or check. The HB FIRE FIGHTERS will be there {if they can} to cook you a fabulous PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Take home a book from the Library's BOOK SHACK--free! No library card necessary. KIDS FUN RUN, just \$5, will be followed by STORYTIME! And of course, there will be a RAFFLE where, for \$1 a ticket, you could win a valuable prize.

Those who would like to help with setting up or cleaning afterwards may call Akemi in the literacy office: 714-375-5102.

Join us for our 5<sup>th</sup> annual 5k & Kids Fun Run  
**Walk, Run, READ!**

Saturday, April 8, 2017 8 a.m.

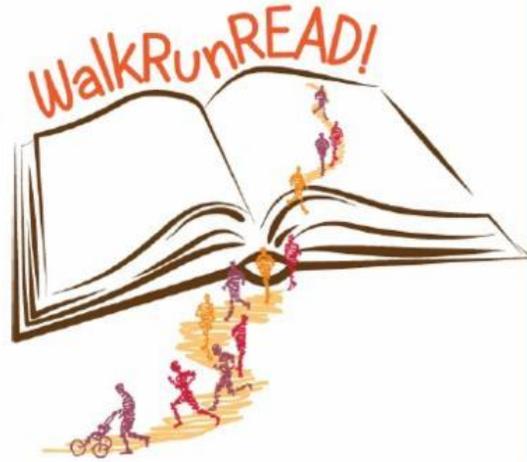
Spend your morning at

Huntington Beach Central Park

off of Edwards Ave. to

help raise funds in support of

Literacy Volunteers HBPL



**Book Shack!**

**Story Time!**

Register now at [walkrunread.com](http://walkrunread.com)

\$35 by March 22<sup>nd</sup> \$40 starting March 23<sup>rd</sup> \$5 Kids Fun Run



SIGN UP TODAY! WALK (OR RUN!) WITH YOUR FRIENDS, RELATIVES,  
OR NEIGHBORS!! EVERYONE WELCOME!

**"Writer to Writer" Awards Brunch**



The 17th annual "Writer to Writer Challenge" Awards event took place on February 25, 2017, at the beautiful Radisson Hotel in Newport Beach. Learners from 16 southern California library literacy programs submitted letters they had written to the author of a book they'd read. Of those 85 entries, winners were chosen by peer-judges and the top 4 were invited to read their stories to the audience, who hung on every word. Their courage and sincerity won everybody over and not many dry eyes were left. "This 'competition' is a full-on-tutoring bonanza," stated SCLLN Treasurer and Committee Lead Carrie Scott. She pointed out the often year-long preparation can include reading, writing and-the mother of all challenges-speaking in front of a large crowd.

The inspirational and enthusiastic California State Librarian, Greg Lucas, spoke of his passion and dedication to libraries and literacy programs. SCLLN president Diane Moseley commented that the organization was thrilled he attended, proving the event worthy of statewide recognition. We all agreed that the spectacular brunch served included everything from the best breakfast fare to a heavenly lunch.



Entrees from Huntington Beach included:

- **Central:** Chan Park, Patricia Zapata, Frieda Huang, Jenna Moon and Loretta Bui.
- **Oak View:** Elizabeth Perez

A booklet containing the winning letters was given to the attendees, and can be found in the Literacy Office. Stop by to read and experience these open and sincere letters, which will melt your heart and give you a reason to believe there's hope for the world.

It's never too early to start on the road of Reading & Responding, which is the Writer to Writer Challenge. Choose a book together and read in the tutoring sessions. Have the learner write their thoughts as they go along. Then when they're finished, compile the thoughts into a letter the author would appreciate getting. This is not a book report but a true reflection of how the book affected the reader. See office staff for the timeline and to discuss possible books.



## Mary DeSloover

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of long time Literacy Volunteer and previous Board of Directors President, Mary DeSloover, who passed away recently in Huntington Beach. Mary joined Literacy Volunteers in 1987 and took on many roles beyond tutoring, remaining active over the years.



Mary was a computer lab volunteer and fundraising chair. She spoke on behalf of Literacy Volunteers at city council meetings; she obtained books for the



literacy library and equipment for the computer lab; she worked on grants to keep the organization running; she helped with the Trivia Contest, and she went on outings with literacy participants.

Mary will be dearly missed, and we extend our deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

A memorial service will be held in March or April. We will have details in the office as we learn them.

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## Welcome New Tutors!

Congratulations to the volunteers who recently graduated from Tutor Training. We are pleased they have begun on the remarkable journey to being a tutor and know they will find it rewarding. From Oak View, our new tutors are:

- Phyllis Amy, Monica Caballero, John Payne, Mirta Seitz and Patrick Upstill
- Liliana Castaldi as a tutor for Leamos



## Albertsons Field Trip

When was the last time you went on a SCAVENGER HUNT? Ten years ago? Never, you say? Well, now's your chance to make up for lost time and have some fun while you're doing it. Everyone is invited to join in the merrymaking on Tuesday March 28, for the SCAVENGER HUNT at ALBERTSONS, Seacliff Village. Power up your camera/phone and we'll see you there!



## SCAVENGER HUNT AT ALBERTSONS!

Tuesday, March 28, 2017  
10am - Noon

- \* Meet at the store and get a list of items to be "hunted"
- \* Take pictures of what you find with your device
- \* Gather at the food court
- \* Discuss what you found, and who you talked to.
- \* Prizes will be awarded!

Albertsons, Seacliff Center, 7201 Yorktown Avenue, HB 92648.

The tour is free and ample free parking is available.

Sign up in the Literacy office today!

## What we do Matters...

- Mina & Maricela spoke at "Wine & Words" in front of more than 150 people! They were wonderful--as well as brave. Great job!
- Patricia read "A Black Man in a White Coat" and submitted an entry into the Writer to Writer contest.
- Angella has begun teaching classes at her church.
- Tiffany has become confident enough to open her own business-a hair salon.
- Hoang is reading {our tutor} Barbara Robinson's book, "The True Story of Tuffy the Squirrel."
- Samar watches YouTube tutorials on hyphenated words and the enunciation of short and long vowels.
- Nancy met her reading goal and then wrote a letter to the author of "The Secret Garden."
- Raquel finished the Career section of her online COHS studies.
- Jorge, Angelica, Cristina, Sandra, Irma, Libia, Marta, Maria, Blanca, Ranulfo, Alma, Laura, Paola, Lilia, Marina, Avelino & Gerardo have participated in recent Citizenship Classes.
- Janeth not only passed the citizenship test this summer but volunteered to help other learners in the Citizenship class.
- Janeth has gotten a new job!
- Paula recently got a new job!
- "John" is confident enough with his skills now to say "Yes" when his young nieces and nephews ask him to read to them.

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## Congratulations to...

- The six adult learners who accepted this year's writing challenge and wrote to the author of a book that deeply impacted them. *Names listed in the "Writer to Writer" article in the newsletter.*
- Julita on the birth of her son, David.
- Maribel on the birth of her son.



## Knit for a Cause

Many thanks to everyone who has donated their time, talent and materials to *Knit for a Cause*, and to Paula who is spearheading the effort at Oak View Branch Library. A lovely group of literacy tutors and learners came together with members of the public to knit and crochet more than 100 hats, which were then donated to CHOC.

The group continues to meet at Oak View Branch Library the first Friday of each month at 11am. Do you have yarn you can donate? We are looking for bright colors!



## Contests

Congratulations to the winners of the 4 contests since our last publication.

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- Nancy Chang & her tutor Jennie Austin
- Chan Park & her tutor Jean Erstling
- Carolina Madariaga and her tutor Donna Swenson
- Rocio Galeno & her tutor Coni Craig



Each winner received \$25 cash, after their name was drawn from all the correct entries for the month-and there were many each month. This month's contest is available in the office or by email.

## Chat Time

"Chat Time" is an opportunity to practice speaking English beyond the weekly tutoring session. Learners have a choice of attending either Tuesdays from 12:30-2pm or Fridays from 1:30-3pm.

This class offers an opportunity to practice listening to others; reading about and

discussing holidays, US history, and geography; increasing vocabulary and practicing pronunciation of words in context.

Tutors are welcome to visit to see this exciting class for themselves and perhaps get a few tutoring ideas. This is a welcoming, fun, interesting group that is open to all learners. Stop by the Balboa Room during the next session to see what all the CHATTING is about.

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### **From the Office**

There are so many great ideas, it seems like we (Amy and Diane) are always finding something new to enhance tutoring sessions. In this section, we will be spotlighting materials to be used in tutoring sessions and beyond. Watch for descriptions of books on the shelves, apps on the iPads, software on the computers, or handouts to be shared. Tutors, be sure to share information with your learner.

We start this new section with information about Book Packs, which are books one can listen to as well as read along, and that can be found at both Central and Oak View.

#### ***Book Packs***

Would you like to read a good book? Or would you prefer to listen to a good book? Literacy Volunteers has added an exciting new resource to our collection, "Book Packs." Listening to a book while you read that book is a good way to increase word recognition skills and improve pronunciation.

We are pleased to announce that we now have Book Packs in our resource library at both locations, and they available for you to check out and enjoy. Choose from classic books like *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen or *Curious George and Other Stories*, or select one of the newer releases like *The Maze Runner* by James Dasher. Please stop by the office to review the complete list of titles and make your first selection.

Each Book Pack includes a copy of the book and comes with an MP3 player *already loaded with an electronic recording of the book content*. Each MP3 player includes the convenience of controls to allow you to increase or decrease the speed of the recording to better match the speed of your reading.

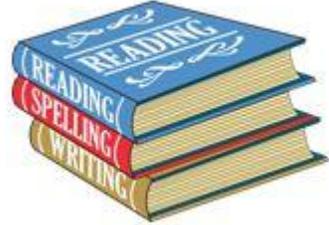
Now you can choose to read or listen to a good book, or you may choose to read AND listen.

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## Tutor Tip

To determine how your learner feels the lessons are progressing, ask open-ended questions such as these:

- What has been the most significant thing you've learned today?
- Do you have any questions after today's lesson?



Spend time discussing how they will tackle the work to be practiced before the next session. Remember: your learner may not have time to do extensive, time-consuming homework, or indeed may not have the inclination to do so! Discuss the importance of spending at least 15 minutes a day practicing their literacy skills by completing practice work they've agreed to, reading an article or other text, or writing in the dialog journal. Get their agreement ahead of time and you'll be more likely to see consistent work during and outside of your tutoring sessions.



## IMPORTANT DATES!

- Annual Walk for Literacy! Join us to Walk or Run, and then Read! Kids Run! Saturday, April 8. Central Park.
  - Tuesday, March 28, Scavenger Hunt
  - Wednesday, March 22, Scrapbooking
- Fridays, Knit for a Cause

Full calendar available in the office or click [here](#).

## In Closing...

That's almost all she wrote, folks, other than one last comment. This one is about **Wine and Words**, which took place last October at the beautiful Meadowlark Golf and Country Club. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and the 4th turned out to be our best event yet. Thanks go out to everyone who attended and to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make it a success, especially Ring Leader Herb Niles, and Diane Bentley.



We had such a good time, we've already booked Meadowlark again for Friday, October 27, 2017! Join us there!

