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Save the Date



Spotlight on Literacy
Award Dinner
Creekside Golf Club

April 27, 2018
6:00pm

Award Winner
Gov. Barbara Roberts

Congratulations New U.S. Citizens

In addition to ESL and GED classes, our volunteer tutors help students prepare for the four-part citizenship interview. The civics test covers U.S. history and government and is conducted as an interview. During the interview, a USCIS officer will ask an applicant up to 10 questions from the list of 100 questions in English. An applicant must answer correctly 6 of the 10 questions to pass the civics test.

Congratulation to Alma Martinez (pictured below), who came by the office with her son and daughter after passing the test.



Our student, Braulio Acosta, attended a special naturalization ceremony on the floor of the House of Representatives. Pictured with Braulio is Rep. Teresa Alonso Leon, Rep. Julie Parrish, and Michael Hickman, Portland field office director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service, who conducted the oath of allegiance during the ceremony.

Test your civics skills! The House of Representatives has how many voting members? (Answer on the back)

A. 200, B. 441, C. 100, D. 435

New Advisory Board Members

Renee Gehring has worked for Valley Credit Union for 16 years and is currently the Community Liaison. She has extensive experience helping non-profits in the community. Renee is also an auxiliary board member at Salem Health. In addition to attending our events and helping secure event sponsorships, Renee also donated book bags to our new students and tutors.



Tony Frazier is a skilled systems builder and negotiator, utilizing influence to expand effective programs in Oregon by attracting state and community resources. He most recently was CEO at Incite, Inc. and is currently CEO of Whiteboard Consulting Partners.

Thank you to our current members:

Vicki Berger, Sheronne Blasi, Ronnie Brooks, Paul Evans, Tony Frazier, Renee Gehring, Debra Giard, Jose Gonzalez, Steven Goto, Terrence Green, Mary Kruger, Susan McNaught, Baltazar Molina, Frances Portillo, Raul Ramirez, Rick Ritter, Edward Sale, Bruce Stefanik, Mitzi Smith, John Teague, Griffin Zollner

Become a Literacy Champion



Danny Santos, Board Member, invites you to join him as a literacy champion.

Your donation will make an impact in the lives of adult students who are learning English, studying to achieve their GED, U.S. Citizenship, or future Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA).

As a sustainer, you will receive special insider news, invitations to special events (such as a special reception with Gov. Barbara Roberts) and annual recognition for your generosity.

Sign up online and select the amount for your monthly or quarterly sustaining donations.

www.midvalleyliteracycenter.org



We recently were awarded Bronze status by GuideStar so you can trust that your donation is being used efficiently.

Tutor & Donor Appreciation Party



Pat Force, CEO of Valley Credit Union, Danny Santos, Board Member, and his wife, Beth Graham

Thank you to all who attended and supported our Tutor and Donor Appreciation Party on

September 30th at Creekside Golf Club. Volunteers, donors, staff, and students shared a wonderful afternoon together.

We heard from a GED student, Jesus Rios, who expressed his gratitude. He is now going to be a coach/mentor to encourage other students. The highlight of the afternoon was

playing a trivia game with real questions from our GED, ESL, Pre-CNA, and Citizenship classes.

Thanks to our event sponsor, Valley Credit Union, for making this event possible. We appreciate their generous support.



Why Workplace English?

Workplace English brings the class to the student who can attend without worrying about finding transportation, extra time, and childcare.



Our trained instructors teach on-the-job vocabulary as well as general language skills.



One of the students at Agricare describes how the classes have helped him in our Workplace video.

"I use it with my son. I have to read...books, stories, they ask me for it. He's little now...but we're going to need (to)

communicate with the teachers and his coach."

Watch the full video and learn more about our Workplace English program on our website.

Upcoming Volunteer Tutor Training

January 20th
8:30am to 4:00pm

Register or request more information at 503-463-1488

Outreach at Conferences

Jim, Jenine, and Vivian presented their paper, "Taking Literacy to the Workplace," at LESLLA's 13th Annual Symposium which focuses on ESOL for low-literate learners. The paper describes the triumphs and struggles of Workplace ESL programs as well as advice on how to implement this type of service in other communities.



Lori Ponec and Vivian Ang at the GED Summit

We also attend workshops and conferences to stay up-to-date in the field. Vivian and two tutors

attended the GED Summit in Portland. They attended sessions on GED Testing Program updates, Literacy Activities for ESL and Workforce English, and proven strategies for motivating students.

Quiz Answer:
435 Representatives