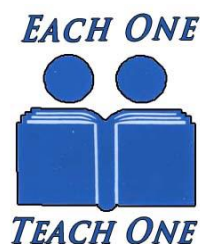


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*Trains and supports volunteers who provide
free, student-centered ESL tutoring to adults
seeking to learn English and to understand U.S. culture*



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The Prez Sez, “Communication is the keystone of all human cultures and success...”

Welcome to all the new tutors who joined us at the workshop on January 27! It's inspiring to know that so many people are interested in tutoring ESL, and that so many residents want to LEARN English!

Phone calls and emails continue to pour in so we are already preparing for the next workshop on April 14.

Please contact any of us at any time if you have questions. We hope to help you have an enjoyable and rewarding tutoring experience.

Louise Vien, Board Co-President

More LLVC News Below.

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DONATIONS

LLVC wishes to thank the following companies and individuals for their support from December through February of this year. We can't do it without you. Thank you very much.

Financial donations were received from: Joan Handzel, Stella and Hillary Ling, Barbara Meister, Rose Marie Miller, Jane Nakasone, Peter and Kay Rush, Danielle Timrott, Barbara Wagner, and Keith and Claudette York.

In-kind contributions were received from: Marianne Flam, Linda Lambert, Joyce Thomsen, Amy Trejo, Louise Vien, and Barbar Wagner.

You can also provide support by specifying us as your nonprofit to share in the Ralph's Community Program at communityprograms@ralphs.com; LLVC is NPO #82697. Note: Those of us who participate in this program need to re-registe each year after September 1. That can also be done at the Ralph's website.

Another way to support us is by selecting LLVC as your nonprofit when ordering at Amazon through www.smileamazon.com

Thanks.

WELCOME NEW TUTORS

There were 15 attendees at the January 27 tutor training workshop. The following received their certificates of completion: Marie

Briguglio, Bonnie Carter, Mayte Duenez, Lawana Godwin, Bettie Hallett, Alan Hammerand, Kathy Hammerand, Lisa Kincaid, Antonio

Martinez, Alicia Montoya, Catherine Russo, Sally Shumaker, Sabrina Shenker, Allison Thomas, and Nada Wall.

Welcome to all of you and a special welcome back to Bettie Hallett; thanks to all for joining us!



Pictured above are the graduates from the January 27 tutor training workshop.)

FUTURE TUTOR TRAINING

Our next training opportunity for new tutors will be on April 14 (9:00 AM – 4 PM. We'll be presenting information about cultural awareness, how adults learn, second language acquisition, lesson planning, tutoring materials and tips and tutoring practice; all of you are invited to attend as a refresher or to take the opportunity to meet one on one with any of our trainers. Please call (805) 385-9584 or email at info@laubachventura.org to have us save a space for you and provide directions. Please let your friends know about

this opportunity; as always, there's no charge for the training and materials for those who tutor.

FROM OUR TUTORS

- 1. Felipe has finished the online Microsoft Word and Excel course and is beginning a Flower arrangement course. (Ed Lynch, Ventura tutor)**
- 2. I introduced Angie to the Duolingo app on her phone (free) which reviews Spanish to English. She is now up to 76% fluency! (Wendy Anderson, Ventura tutor)**
- 3. To update a bit, I was in the gulf of Texas for 2 1/2 months with FEMA, ending the work there just before Thanksgiving. Don was still working with FEMA in Puerto Rico (see photo) so we coordinated his taking a break and us meeting up in the San Francisco area. We were able to get together with family and had a great time.**

Then Don flew back to Puerto Rico and I returned to our apartment in Guatemala. However, Christmas was now just around the corner so I joined Don in Puerto Rico for the holidays. We've recently reapplied to serve with the PC in Guatemala and are "under consideration". (Leslie and Don Nelson, former Ventura tutors)



- 4. I'm in Tel Aviv currently and will be going to BeerSheva in a few days. I will be helping with the props for the touring company of the Light Opera Group of the Negev who are doing The Music Man in English at 8 venues around Israel. Just finished volunteering at Ichilov, Tel Aviv's main hospital. Instead of teaching English to children in the school in South Tel Aviv as I've done in previous years, I served breakfast to geriatric rehabilitation patients and they taught me Hebrew. I was surprised how much I enjoyed being in a hospital setting. I had never done that before.**

I'm also busy visiting friends and of course my son, daughter-in-law and Yael (5 year old granddaughter) and Itamar (2 year old grandson). (Marianne Flam, Tutor Liaison/Data Manager)

5. Jesus Hernandez and I met for our final session on January 4. He is about to finish his high school diploma and intends to apply to a nursing program to get out of farm work. I think he will accomplish this goal as he is diligent, compassionate and bright. We ended our time together very amicably and in agreement that his English language skills are sufficient for him to continue his education and function in an English speaking world. (Marvin Tepper, Oxnard Tutor)

FROM OUR STUDENTS

1. Good Afternoon, I want to say thank you very much for having this program. My tutor is Rose O'Neil. She is a great person and helps me a lot with my English. (Rosario Castro, Oxnard Student)

2. Adult learner, Dorjee from Tibet, using his Laubach mug.



ADDITIONAL TUTORING SITES

The following sites are used by the County's READ Literacy Program which generously has offered them to us as well. Please contact the site before use to confirm availability, which is sometimes offered after regular hours.

Buena High School Library, Ventura (805-701-1323) on Mondays and Wednesdays from

4:30 – 7 PM.

Simi Valley Library, Community Room (805-256-5122) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4:30 – 7 PM.

Ray D. Prueter Library, Port Hueneme (805-340-1724) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 – 7 PM.

CONVERSATION CLASSES

Conversation English classes are conducted in Camarillo, El Rio, Ojai, Oxnard, Santa Paula, Saticoy, and Ventura. The classes in Camarillo, El Rio, Oxnard, Santa Paula, Saticoy, and Ventura are open to all on a drop-in basis.

At the Camarillo Library on Tuesdays from 6:30 – 8:00 PM, Wednesdays from 1:00 – 2:30 PM, and on Fridays from 10:00 AM – noon. (the contact is Lee Woodward: 805-482-4005).

In Oxnard, at the Soliz Library, 2820 Jourdan Street, (El Rio) on Wednesdays from 10:00 - 11:15 AM. At the Rio Plaza Elementary School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 – 10:45 AM. And at the Salvation Army Center (622 W. Wooley Road) on Tuesdays from 10:30 AM - noon.

In Santa Paula, at the Rodney Fernandez Gardens Community Center: ESL 1 on Monday from 1 -2 PM and Wednesday from 9 – 10 AM, ESL 2 on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 – 10 AM, and for Citizenship on Monday from 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM (the contact is Yoko Mansfield, yokomansfield@hotmail.com).

At the Saticoy Library at 1292 Los Angeles Avenue on Mondays and Wednesdays at 3 PM (the contact is Louise Vien).

At the Avenue Library, 606 North Ventura Avenue, Ventura on Mondays at 11:00 AM (the contact for the Ventura class is Louise Vien, louisev99@juno.com). Any tutors who would like to help with this class can just drop in.

The class in Ojai has a specific roster of attendees, but contact can be made for Ojai with Linda Lambert (ojailamberts@sbcglobal.net)

TUTOR TIPS

Want to help a farmworker improve their English? Email Alex Castilla (azaharplace@cabrilloedc.org).

Thanks to Lee Weiss, we now have a complete copy of the Scottish Rite Hospital Literacy Program designed to help people with learning difficulties. If you have a student that you think might benefit from some specially designed help, contact Barbara at: barbarawagner37@yahoo.com to obtain a copy of the program or a portion of the program that might be helpful to them.

Crossroads Café was a PBS program about an eclectic group of characters experiencing everyday happenings in the venue of a small café. There's tutoring material available in the form of books with photo's of the characters dialoguing briefly and a workbook with comprehension related exercises. This material is available in DVD form. Call us at (805) 385-9584 if you're interested in more information or obtaining copies.

A number of our tutors have reported success with their students using *News for You*. This is a weekly newspaper that has a variety of international articles including hard news, entertainment, and sports along with a crossword puzzle. It comes with a Teacher's Guide and is also available in hard copy, but the online version allows the reader to listen to the stories while they read. They can listen over and over again to help with their aural comprehension. Please take a look yourself and share with your students; call us at (805) 385-9584 to get the password.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 15: Board meeting at 6:45 PM at the Barristers Executive Suites, 1500 Palma Drive, Ventura (second floor conference room).

March 23: Tutor Talk at 10 AM at the Barristers Executive Suites, 1500 Palma Drive, Ventura (first floor conference room).

April 14: Saturday (9 AM – 4 PM): Tutor Workshop, 1500 Palma Drive, Ventura (second floor conference room).

April 19: Board meeting at 6:45 PM at the Barristers Executive Suites, 1500 Palma Drive, Ventura (second floor conference room).

April 23: Tutor Talk at 10 AM at the Barristers Executive Suites, 1500 Palma Drive, Ventura (first floor conference room).

As you know, we try to get as much mileage as possible out of our tutoring materials. If you have any books you're not using, they could be put to use by other tutors. Please give us a call at: (805) 385-9584 so that we can make arrangements to pick them up. This will help us stretch our funding to its greatest value. Thanks.

If you believe this is a public service that is important, support this work by donating online at [Laubach Literacy Online Donation website](#). Or, send a check made out to "Laubach Literacy of Ventura County" at: 1500 Palma Drive, Ventura, CA 93003. Thank You For Your Support!

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