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Jail Initiative

Literacy Volunteers of Beaufort County is excited to announce a new initiative with the Beaufort County Detention Center. With the leadership of Lt. Kathryn Bryan, Jail Administrator, the group has started a tutoring program for longer term detainees in improving skills in reading, writing, speaking and math with an emphasis on skills needed to re enter the workplace. Lt. Bryan has identified several detainees who are interested and need assistance. Two pairs of tutor/student have already begun sessions. Abilities range from being 60 plus years old and not being able to read to a young person needing help in math. As the program expands, assessments may show many different learning issues to be met. LVBC tutors can help with improving the skills needed to pass the GED, CRC, ASVAB and other workforce educational requirements.

Under a grant from the Havens Trust, the literacy group has purchased videos to be shown to detainees encouraging learning, good behavior, and workplace skills needed when released.

In December, the group will begin another program with detainees in tutoring them to pass the ServSafe exam. (ServSafe is a food and beverage safety training and certificate program administered by the National Restaurant Association.) Chrislyn Wedderien (certified tester) will assist in this effort along with Lt. Bryan and LVBC.

Books, Books, Books!

Thanks to our association with the Beaufort County 360 Literacy Task Force, we have been fortunate to obtain and house lots of adult books. The first ones came to us as leftovers from the Brown Library Book sale. Recently a large number of books were obtained from a defunct book resale shop. The Noon Rotary was again helpful in moving them and the Partnership for Children is storing them. In our efforts to encourage reading, we are in the process of giving them away in boxes located at places where adults might be waiting. We have shared them with the nursing homes, Social Services, Health Dept., etc., and are on the lookout for more sites. Did you vote in the *Great American Read*? What was your favorite book? Help us share the gift of reading with others in our community. If you know of a location willing to host a book box, please call our office.



Game/Card Party 2018 Scheduled for Sept. 18th—then Oct. 2nd—then for Oct. 16th—and finally to First Christian Church!

Hurricane Florence just about did us in! Thanks to our players for “hanging in with us”! We finally enjoyed fun and fellowship and lots of prizes at the First Christian Church on Oct. 16th. Washington Yacht and Country Club Chef, Colin and his staff served a wonderful meal to 89 participants as the WYCC was unable to get the main dining room ready for play. We are so grateful for door prizes from the following local businesses for their continued support: Secret Garden, Spoon River, Wine and Words, River Girl, Down on Mainstreet, Enchanted Nails, Cottage Junkies, Little Caesar’s, Stewart’s Jewelry, Schmitt’s Jewelry, Art on Market, Parlour Hair Studio, Kay G. Woolard Studio, Washington Chamber of Commerce, Chip Shackelford, Frank’s Pizza, Lemonade Art Gallery, La Ribera, Carol Mann, On the Waterfront, Sue Beck, Backwater Jacks, Sam’s Rustic Shop, Inner Banks Outfitters, Russell’s, Old Town Country Kitchen, Riverwalk Gallery, El Charrito, Colleen Knight, Lone Leaf Gallery, Carolyn Sleeper, LaBella Pizza, Market 32, (Belhaven), South Market Antiques & Little Shoppes, Ruth Petersen, Zaxby’s, Margaret Lee, Animal Adventure Mini Golf, Nauti Life, Pelican Snowball, Arts on the Pamlico, Marabella, The Thrifty Gifter, Ichiban, Bath Lions’ Club, Capelli’s, Dottie Walker, Love Your Nails, Petals and Produce, Blackbeard’s Ices and Slices, Forest Hills Nursery, Highway 55, Blind Center, Patty Cakes Cupcakes, Contemporary Art Exchange, Southern Nest, Dianne Lee Pottery, Southern Grace, Market Place at Olive’s, Vail Rumley, and Ribeye’s Steak House.

Read/Feed Summer Program

Literacy Volunteers again provided readers at the River Road Estates mobile site (30 children) and Quail Ridge Mobile site (15 children) with the help of First Christian Church and the Partnership for Children. The USDA provided meals during the summer for children from 18 months to 18 years of age. The children seemed to enjoy the attention of being read to and this year titles were selected with the Beaufort County Schools curriculum in mind. Some of the books included The Snowy Day, The Listening Walk, Drum Dream Girl and others.

New Board Members/Officers

We are pleased to have Penny Sermons and Jim Reed join our Board of Directors. Ms. Sermons was formerly Director of the Learning Center at BCCC and active in the Literacy Task Force of BC/360 among numerous other civic activities. Rev. Jim Reed is pastor of Asbury Methodist Church and called to our attention the opportunities of the Summer Reading program. We are fortunate to have both to advise us with their varied backgrounds. Kevin Matsil is our new president and will be wearing the new sandwich board at "Smoke on the Water" festival to advertise our services!

Future Projects/Events

February 9, 2019 Wildlife Festival-LVBC will have a soup and sandwich fundraiser

Pizza Inn-fundraiser-Help us raise some "dough" in April, 2019

Financial Literacy- tutoring with Eagles Wings clients courtesy of materials from Larry Lang of First Bank

ServSafe-tutoring project with Crislyn Wedderien (caterer) and Beaufort County Detention Center

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