



Our Fall 2016 Tutor Class!



The following new tutors completed our Fall Tutor Training. Welcome to Literacy Volunteers!

LVT 2016 Fall Graduates

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| <i>Joanne Brady</i> | <i>Linda Heyman</i> |
| <i>Catherine Casella</i> | <i>Melissa Ray</i> |
| <i>Carolyn Colaprico</i> | <i>Michelle de Savigny</i> |
| <i>Nancy Costa</i> | <i>Virginia Stillman</i> |
| <i>Carol Coteus</i> | <i>Luisanna Villa</i> |
| <i>Mindy Hartman</i> | <i>Victoria Weisel</i> |
| <i>Priti Khatri</i> | <i>Melissa Winton</i> |
| <i>Susan Leffler</i> | <i>Eve Zilm</i> |

Thanks to the volunteers who helped train our new class: Anna Li, Claire Davis, Promila Saxena, Ben Hunter, Nancy Kaufman Panagacos, Kathy Kee, Barbara Cohen, Sharon Hart and Marilyn Ghilardi. Presentations included information on tutoring materials, learner-tutor matching, survival kit preparation, Warner Library materials, LV materials and tutor advisors. Thanks to John Lough for collecting the workshop fees and filling in for serving refreshments.

We are grateful to Peter Marrinan for the Dunkin Donuts discount extended to us. Thanks also to our refreshment hosts: Geraldine Mahoney, Claire Coughlin, Aisling Geraghty, Ben Hunter, Kathy Kee and Sharon Hart.



President's Report
Mary Jane Driscoll

Literacy Volunteers of the Tarrytowns is still going strong in spite of the fact that we have not had access to our tutoring center since the end of November. Thank you all for your patience and flexibility while the library completes the third floor renovations. Be assured that renovations are progressing well, and we will be able to move back into our freshly painted and carpeted center soon. Keep reading this newsletter to see when!

The construction forced us to move our holiday party to a new location. The library graciously allowed us to gather in the Reading Room for refreshments and good cheer the afternoon of December 4th. The food and drink provided by the board of directors were festive and delicious. We loved the change of venue!



After the holiday party, our affiliate sent a fund raising letter to all active members and friends of Literacy Volunteers. The response to our request to build a pool of unrestricted funds to date has netted us over \$1000.00. I am very grateful to all who donated to our affiliate, and to Kathy Kee and Sharon Hart who designed and executed the mailing. We endeavored to make it as easy as possible for anyone still wishing to donate by clicking the “Donate” button on our website: <http://www.lvtarrytown.org/donate.html>.

If you are shopping on Amazon for Valentine’s Day or any upcoming occasion, there is a link on the same page for *Amazon Smile* where you can shop as you usually do, but designate Literacy Volunteers of the Tarrytowns as beneficiary of a percentage of your purchase.

Attendance Awards!

The following students received the *Lucille and Ted Hutchinson Attendance Award* for attending at least 15 hours of tutoring lessons in a two-month reporting period:

JULY/AUGUST

Silvia Polamco	Tutor – Maria Gorordo-Daly
	TA – Maria Gorordo-Daly
Sonia Tlapa	Tutor – Susan Brennan
	TA – Marilyn Ghilardi

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Sonia Tlapa	Tutor – Susan Brennan
	TA – Marilyn Ghilardi
Maria Florencia Chuchuca	Tutor – Claire Davis
	TA – Promila Saxena

Digital Recorders

LVT purchased more digital recorders with the funds that the Rotary Club of the Tarrytowns provided to our affiliate. Tutors can borrow the recorders to be used by both students and tutors as part of their ESL instruction and practice. Please contact Promila Saxena to borrow a recorder.

New BEST Plus Tester

Ben Hunter has answered the call to become a BEST Plus tester. This means we once again have a team of three active testers, but there is room for one more! If you would like to be trained in New York City to become a certified BEST Plus Tester and are able to volunteer during the week and/or on weekends to test our LVT learners, please contact us at info@lvtarrytown.org.

Learner-Tutor Matching

Nancy Kaufman Panagacos

At year-end 2016, we had 59 learner-tutor pairs and 54 applicants on the waiting list for an LVT tutor. While it is gratifying to see so much activity, there is clearly still a need for additional tutors to satisfy more of the requests. Some of these new learners have been waiting more than six months for a tutor.

It would be more efficient if we could lower the turnaround time from application to matching with a tutor. If anyone can accept a new learner, please email info@lvtarrytown.org or leave a note for Nancy in the LV mailbox. Be sure to include your contact information as well as the days and hours you are available to tutor.

Director, Tutor Advisory Services

Marilyn Ghilardi

We currently have 61 active tutors and 41 learners.

Thanks to all the Tutors who signed up their Learners for the Best Plus test in November-December!

IMPORTANT!

Tutors: The ESLOA test should be given every 6 months. Both you and your Learner will benefit from this testing. You will be able to see where your

learner needs help and your learner will be able to see the progress made. The first ESLOA test is given in order to fill out the Initial Student Report. Thereafter, email the date and score to your Tutor Advisor. There is no need to hand in the ESLOA score sheet.

If you have any questions about the ESLOA testing, contact your Tutor Advisor. Tutor Advisors can forward the results to me.

Director of Teaching Materials
Promila Saxena

We will be ready to move our tutoring materials from the Tech Office of the Library back to the Tutoring Center after March 1st. We need volunteers to help with this move. Please contact Promila if you can assist us on *Sunday March 5th*.

Spring 2017 Tutor Training



The Spring Tutor Training Workshop is starting

soon! Our first session is **March 25th**. Please share this newsletter and your enthusiasm with anyone who might be interested in helping someone on our waiting list to learn English. Applications are available in Warner Library and on our website: <http://www.lvtarrytown.org/join-now-.html>.

Workshop dates and times are on the website and at the end of this newsletter.



EVENT!

Tutor Chat

LVT will have a tutor Chat on **March 9th** at 7:15 PM. Please come and share your questions, advice, tips and tricks with fellow tutors. If you have friends who are interested in becoming a Literacy Volunteer – please invite them to join us.

See the LVT 2017 Calendar on next page...

2017 Calendar

LVT SPRING TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP	March 25 April 2 (Sunday) April 8 April 29 May 13 May 20	SATURDAYS 9:00 AM – 12 Noon 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM 9:00 AM – 12 Noon 9:00 AM – 12 Noon 9:00 AM – 12 Noon 9:00 AM – 12 Noon	MEETING ROOM B
TUTOR CHAT	March 9	THURSDAY 7:15 – 8:30 P.M.	Meeting Room B
BOARD MEETINGS	March 13 May 8	MONDAYS 5:30 – 7:00 P.M.	Meeting Room C
ANNUAL IN-SERVICE	June 10	SATURDAY 10:00 A.M.	Meeting Room B
ANNUAL MEETING	June 10	SATURDAY 11:00 A.M.	Meeting Room B
BOARD MEETING	June 10	SATURDAY 12:00 Noon	Meeting Room B