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# Literacy Volunteers of Beaufort County



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Dear Neighbors,

We help this community by teaching adults, giving them a hand not a handout; Our budget is mainly generated by our fundraising events which we had to cancel.

Our budget includes one part time employee, rent, utilities, the necessary books, and teaching materials. We applied and received money from the Federal Payroll Program. It was a monumental task, but thankfully, it saved us from closing our door.

This newsletter lets the community know what we have accomplished and asks for support with a contribution. **We need your help now more than ever.** Literacy Volunteers has made a difference in people's lives, preparing them for the work force, increasing skill level, and reducing public assistance to name a few.

We have been blessed with caring and talented volunteers that have fostered many success stories, as might be expected, we are very proud of what we do.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin Matsil, President

Literacy Volunteers of Beaufort County

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## Ms. Pam Deese, Program Coordinator, LVBC

Literacy Volunteers of Beaufort County welcomes Ms. Pam Deese as the new Program Coordinator! She replaces Mrs. Jane Weaver who recently retired. Ms. Deese has a master's degree in Education and Learning Disabilities from East Carolina University. She has taught special education and 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes in Virginia and in Beaufort County as well as Pitt County. Her office hours are 9-1:00 pm Monday through Thursday at the office at 113 East 15<sup>th</sup> Street in Washington, N.C.



## New tutors-2020

Left to right: Pam Deese, Sierra Durrand, Cornelia Pleasants, Mary Peterson



These ladies completed the hybrid online version of the Tutor Training Class in June. They were exposed to different teaching methods of the organization, including Language experience story, phonics, sight words, word patterns, and various comprehension techniques. They studied adult learning theory, goals assessment, and how to prepare a lesson plan. We are pleased to welcome them and put them to work when we have a student match. If you would like to become a tutor, please let us know and we will notify you when we have the next class.

## Book Giveaway



During the quarantine associated with COvid-19, LVBC realizing that libraries were closed, hosted 2 Wednesdays and a Saturday where book bins were spaced six feet apart in the parking lots of First Christian Church and the First Methodist Church and encouraged the public to come by and take some books. These book bins are also located in waiting areas of businesses during normal times. If you would be willing to have one in your office, please call our office at 974-1812 and someone will bring one by and keep the titles rotated.

## Student Story

Words from Tutor, Cornelia

As a brand-new tutor at Literacy Volunteers of Beaufort County, I want to tell you about my first student. He wants to get his GED and then go to college. Great goals and impressive motivation, I thought.

Then he explains that he has never been to school--not one day in his 18 years! Well, I assume, he must have been home schooled. "No", he insists. "No school at all! I just watched captioning on TV and taught myself to read."

And so, tutoring begins... What to teach? EVERYTHING! What to hope for? EVERYTHING!

After four sessions, we are on the way. The road is long but hopefully Literacy Volunteers will map the way. I believe his youthful optimism, determination, energized effort, and perseverance will catapult him toward his goal. And as learning progresses, the tutor goes from amazement to amazement

## Office Closed due to the Covid19 virus/Noon Rotary to the Rescue!

The office of Literacy Volunteers was closed for tutoring several months following the Governor’s “stay at home” order. The Board approved a soft opening after Ms. Deese presented the results of an informal survey that she did of the tutors and students. The survey results indicated that, under the CDC guidelines, most would be willing to return to working together. We are now open to serve adults who need help in reading, writing, speaking and math. We are available from 9-1:00 pm Monday thru Thursday at 113 East 15<sup>th</sup> Street or by phone at 974-1812.

With the assistance of Sally Love, sponsor, and Henry Capogna, member of the grant committee, we received a \$250 grant from the Noon Rotary to purchase items such as cleaning supplies, masks, and gloves. Desks were moved to provide more separation to allow social distancing and an extra monitor was added so that the student and tutor could both see the same information. Ms. Deese is disinfecting after each session and temperature checks, hand sanitizer, and masks are provided.

### Yellow Sunglasses Project



Please join Literacy Volunteers of Beaufort County and Dollar General stores across America in honoring and supporting literacy efforts. Dollar General has a long history of supporting literacy beginning with their founder J.L. Turner who could not read or write. The purchase of the sunglasses (\$2) supports grants and scholarships. Our local agency has benefited from their support as have many.

## Literacy Volunteers of Beaufort County

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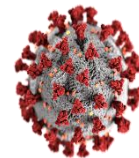
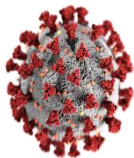
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At First Christian Church  
On October 29, 2020 from 11-4:00 pm  
Lunch served at Noon  
\$25. 00/ person  
50/50 drawing  
Reservations: Card table, 5 ft. round, or 6 ft. rectangle?  
Call **974-1812****



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