

Literacy Links

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a newsletter for volunteer tutors

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Changes to Literacy Links

Kris Magaurn, Portland Literacy Council Chair

I'm very excited to tell you that Literacy Links is entering the new decade with a new online format to complement our "Going Green" (see Fall 2010 lead story). One of our goals is to bring tutor news to you more often, so look for a monthly e-mail with the latest adult literacy news. We plan to highlight programs of interest to ESL and adult education tutors throughout the Portland metropolitan area. We will continue to tell the human interest stories of various students and tutors, provide tips for tutors, and give short reviews of web sites, books, and other tutor tools.

As you may know, I have handled editorial duties for Literacy Links for some time. Our primary audience is tutors, and I am pleased to hand off editorial duties for the newsletter to a new board member, Peggy Murphy, a volunteer literacy tutor at PCC Cascade. Peggy also facilitates citizenship classes for Multnomah County Library, and recently organized a fundraiser for PLC's GED Test Scholarship Fund. Please feel free to contact Peggy at PEGGYL.MURPHY@GMAIL.COM if you have comments or input for Literacy Links.

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Scrabble Fundraiser Sweetens the GED Fund

by Peggy L. Murphy, PLC Board Member

With visions of a Q_{10} , Z_{10} , or even an X_8 on a double-double word floating in the air, lexical enthusiasts swarmed the Gotham Tavern on N. Interstate Avenue, Saturday, October 16 to play Scrabble[®]. Presented by Tuesday Scrabble[®] players and sponsored by Portland Literacy, the all-volunteer event sweetened PLC's GED fund by about \$600.

Tournament players came for fun and to help hard-working adults earn GEDs. Adult learners often are off the radar for many people, and players know how low literacy impacts lives. "I can read," said Thelma Butler. "Our ability or inability to read affects every area of our lives. I am thankful that my participation in PLC's Scrabble Benefit will in some small way help one person experience what I have enjoyed all my life-the ability to read."



Next to wall: Attaword! (Gilda Lewis & Thelma Butler)
vs. Clabbers (Debby Pollack & Betty Friedman)

Twelve teams played two 60-minute games and were ranked by combined scores for the two games. The tournament used standard game rules with two exceptions: players could donate \$1 to the GED fund each time they asked for a word look-up or returned a "threepeat" (one of three identical letters) from their rack, without losing their turn.

Prizes donated by local businesses and services were awarded to the three highest scoring teams, with the remaining prizes awarded by drawing names.

- Highest Score: 812 - Clabbers with Debby Pollack and Betty Friedman
- Second: 807 - Attaword! with Thelma Butler and Gilda Lewis
- Third: 791 - Biff and Bam with Barry Shatzman and Luisa Bauchrowitz

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A special award was made for Best Team Name to Vowel Movement (Robin Christian and Cathy Kaufmann). And, Biff and Bam earned 99 points and a prize for “G₂L₁O₁M₃M₃E₁D₂,” by placing it on a triple word score.

Organized by Peggy Murphy and Donna Hughey, volunteers supporting the event included Tuesday Scrabble players Sandy Allen, Betty Friedman, Debby Pollack, Barbara Hershey, Alan Jakobs, Thelma Butler, Gilda Lewis, and Barry Shatzman. PLC sponsored the event, and board members Emilia Gilroy-Sander, Audrey Lee, Kris Magaurn, Jay Morgansen, Gary Marschke, and Troy Hickman assisted. Selina Hickman also pitched in and helped make the event successful.

Local businesses and services generously donated prizes, and can be thanked in turn by your patronage. Special thanks to the Gotham Tavern and Barry Powelson and Julie Deters for providing a comfortable, relaxing venue, as well as happy hour food and drink prices. Prize donors include Auténtica Mexican Restaurant, Beaterville Café, Bikesaurus, Cascade Cycling, Costello’s Travel Cafffé, Curves fitness clubs, Exodus Spa & Salon, First Cup Coffee House, Gibran K. Ramos (ND, L.Ac.), Gotham Tavern, Juls (jewelry and coffee shop), The Naked Sheep Knit Shop, Patricia Owens (LMT, L.Ac.), New Seasons Market (Arbor Lodge), Portland Metro Arts, and Shawn Postera (bike fashion wear).



Standing: Alan Jakobs, Barbara Hershey, Peggy L. Murphy, Donna Hughey. Seated: Debby Pollack, Betty Friendman, Sandy Allen.

PLC extends its thanks to everyone for their support of the GED fund and the overwhelming success of the tournament.

Announcements

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Save the Date

Mark your calendar for the following events.

- March 19, 2011 Tutor Conference

Check the portlandliteracy.org website for more information.

Preregistration will be online. Paper registration will be mailed to those without access to a computer.



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