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## LV-MARQUETTE COUNTY, INC. NEWSLETTER

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### LV-MC ANNUAL MEETING

Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County will hold its annual meeting Thursday, September 8, at 7 p.m. at the Montello Public Library in the community room. This gathering provides an opportunity to meet board members, tutors and volunteers while hearing about our non-profit's accomplishments during the past year.

We welcome new faces as well as our currently active members!



One of the items on the agenda is an upcoming change in dues. Last newsletter we informed our membership that our dues will be increasing to \$15, subject to a favorable vote at the annual meeting. Since we have given members the benefit of attending the

### SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

annual appreciation dinner free and dinner prices have risen, we need to raise our dues to help cover the cost.

The policy under discussion is LV-MC Policy 1:1, which presently reads: "Membership dues for this organization shall be \$10 per Program Year (which runs from September 1-August 31 of the following calendar year) or any part thereof." We would strike \$10 and replace it with \$15 in the revision.

We are also looking for ways to reduce other costs. Over the next few months we will be paring back the mailing list for this publication. This newsletter is currently posted on our website for reading/printing. At present, it is published in the middle of the following months: August, November, February and May.

If you have an opinion on this change, or wish to have your name removed from our mailing list, contact Vicki at [vjhawk@mwwb.net](mailto:vjhawk@mwwb.net) or 608-297-8900 or LuAnn at [zieman@maqs.net](mailto:zieman@maqs.net) or 608-297-2422.

This newsletter is a publication of Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County (LV-MC), a non-profit organization that provides free and confidential tutoring to adults and families who want to improve their reading, writing, math, and other skills. Volunteer tutors provide individualized instruction.

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LV-MC is once again partnering with county agencies to take part in Kid Stuff on Tuesday, August 30, from 3-7 p.m. at the Oxford Elementary School gymnasium located at 222 Franklin Ave., Oxford.

We are looking for volunteers to read to the children as they take part in interactive family activities. If you are interested in helping, please call Vicki at 608-297-8900.

Kid Stuff Program partners include Head Start, Marquette County Health Dept., Marquette County UW-Extension, Marquette County Human Services, Marquette County EMS, Westfield Family/School Liaison, Oxford Law Enforcement and the Oxford Fire Dept.

**Check us out at [www.mcreads.org](http://www.mcreads.org)!**

## NEWS & notes

From the President  
Vicki Huffman

**Website Update: [www.mcreads.org](http://www.mcreads.org)**

Don't forget that the following forms are available to be printed out directly from the website: automobile mileage log, expense voucher, monthly tutoring report, school volunteer hours, other volunteer hours, volunteer intake, and new inquiry record.



Thanks again to Rebecca Nelson of Nelson and Pade for recreating the forms; thanks to Jess Bruckner who is keeping our website up-to-date, and thanks to the volunteers who diligently report their volunteer time!

## DON'T FORGET

**Pick N Save**

For those of you who shop at a Pick N Save® store, don't forget to register (LV-MC's # is 458240) and use your Pick N Save® card when you shop. We receive 1% of sales as a charitable donation.

**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

On Thursday, May 19, 2011, LV-MC held its annual volunteer appreciation dinner at Underwood Café in Montello. Thirty-five volunteers, tutors, collaborators and board members enjoyed discovering what everyone has done during the past year—and the wonderful food, of course! Georgia Lieber from WI Literacy, Inc. was also able to attend.

# Scenes from the Dinner



## Tutor Training Report

LuAnn Zieman, Tutor Trainer

Tutor trainings were scheduled using the Independent Tutor Training based on Tutor 7 as a text. Jess Bruckner and Beverly Butcher were given packets containing the text as well as each week's assigned reading and exercises plus additional information sheets the week before our first meeting. Both Jess and Beverly attended the first meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Beverly was unable to complete her training at that time due to a family emergency. We will reschedule when and if she is able.

Jess attended the second and third meetings on May 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, completing the training, and has since been assigned a student. He indicates they are progressing well.

## Program Committee Report

Barbara Church

Barb Merwin continues tutoring her adult student in Westfield. Jess Bruckner has picked up Barb Rowe's Westfield HS student, and is meeting with him regularly.

There are presently no adult Basic or ESL students receiving tutoring. Two students were on summer hiatus.

Bette Schneider, a new volunteer, in collaboration with Julia Metcalfe of the Oxford Library, has established a "boot camp" for middle school age students in need of reading help. This program is running Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the summer.

WI Bookworm™ will once again be sponsored by the county HCE, which will be providing book sets for over 64 Head Start children this coming fall. The program will be housed in Oxford instead of Montello. LV-MC will continue supplying activities to go with the books.

**Tots to Teens Book Drive**, which is held in the late fall, and supplies books for the county social services Christmas gift giveaway, was the recipient of several books that Vicki, Andrea of the Montello Public Library, and Sue Hunter pulled from the recent Friends' Book Sale. We will be announcing the start of the book drive later in the season.

# Volunteering

1. Volunteers are not paid—not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.
2. We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give.—Winston Churchill
3. Those who are not looking for happiness are the most likely to find it, because those who are searching forget that the surest way to be happy is to seek happiness for others.—MLK, Jr.
4. Volunteering creates a national character in which the community and the nation take on a spirit of compassion, comradeship and confidence. —Brian O'Connell



**Volunteers are a treasure!**

We honor you on International Literacy Day.

**LV-MC's International Literacy Day Event:  
Pick up entry forms at your local library!**



Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County is sponsoring an essay contest to raise literacy awareness in our community.

Explain "Why I love to read" in 150 words or less by August 31 and win a \$15 Barnes & Noble or Book World gift certificate plus publication in the Marquette County Tribune during the month of September: International Literacy Month.

Age divisions:        18 and over  
                              12-17  
                              11 and under

Submit entries to your local library or send to LV-MC, PO Box 671, Montello, WI 53949 by August 31.



*Literacy takes you higher.*

**BECOME A LITERACY VOLUNTEERS- MARQUETTE COUNTY MEMBER!**

We invite you to become a member and supporter of literacy in Marquette County. One person can make a difference in influencing positive changes. We've accomplished a great deal, but there is so much more to be done. Your services as a volunteer or a financial supporter are critical to our success!

Fill out the form below, including a check for \$10 written out to **Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County** (if you wish to be a member), and mail to **Treasurer-LV-MC, P.O. Box 671, Montello, WI 53949.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

- I wish to be an active volunteer/member and have enclosed the \$10 fee.
- I wish to be an active volunteer, but not a dues-paying member.
- I would like more information on becoming a volunteer.
- I do not wish to be a member, but would like to contribute to literacy.

