



Literally Speaking

LITERACY CENTER OF MILFORD CONNECTICUT
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From the director

While many are still in a vacation mode, things are humming at the Center.

September is National Literacy month and we have a busy schedule planned. Tuesday the first kicks off the Volunteer Appreciation event to thank all our volunteers. Later in the month, awards and recognition at City Hall will once again be hosted by the Junior Woman's Club. Students and their families will celebrate the accomplishments of this last year.

Interviews are currently being conducted for those planning to take the tutor training classes. If you have entertained the thought of becoming involved with this very rewarding volunteer experience, call our office at 878-4800. We never have enough tutors and there are a dozen people waiting for a tutor.

As we transition into fall and all that goes with the seasonal change, refer to our calendar for upcoming events and join us in some capacity as we continue to make a difference in our community.

Joy Stonier
 Director

Summer Raffle

First Prize (Stop & Shop gift card)

Tom Goizueta

Second Prize (Shell gas card)

Roger Carroll

Third Prize (The Bridge House gift card)

Betty Gerner



Thank You

Pam Barquinero

for keeping the gardens in the front of our building looking attractive and weed free.

Allison Mitkowski

for leading the ESL book club as discussion leader for three years. The best to you and yours as you relocate to Arizona

Megan Pelloth

for six years of reading as a junior volunteer at the Beth el Shelter. Good luck as you head off to college

Alcine Panton

for your many years, in many capacities, we thank you.

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“He fed his spirit with the bread of books.”

--Edwin Markham



President's Message:

\$5.00 Matters

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± Think of what President Obama did with \$5.00 donations to his campaign.

(Even if you didn't vote for him, his strategy was amazing)

± Think of all the lunch deals out there for \$5.00 or less.

Imagine what The Literacy Center could do if 100 people sent in a check for \$5.00...

\$5.00 matters

The Center could:

- ± Purchase a scanner and make a down payment on a new computer
- ± Pay the yearly lease on the copying machine
- ± Buy new tutor materials
- ± Pay the postage for 4 newsletters
- ± Pay the printing costs for the newsletter

We know that times are difficult economically. We all feel the pinch. We understand that you might look at our envelope and feel sorry that you can no longer send \$15.00 or \$25.00 or \$50.00. Please don't feel sorry We value your support in any way and in any amount.

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Help us help others. If we join together we CAN change the world one person at a time – and we have. Let's work as one and continue the mission of The Literacy Center far into the future. We can go a long way if we think of ourselves as a community rather than individuals. \$5.00 matters



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ESL Student Book Club

Hartford Trip

2009



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Each year it has been my custom to write a brief introductory message in the student essay booklet.

This year I offer you an unsolicited testimonial from one of our students. Her story tells our story and defines the Center's mission.

*Joy Stonier
Executive Director*

My name is Jin Yang. I have been a student of the Literacy Center of Milford since April 2004. Melinda Karwon was my tutor. After about one year of studying English from her, I decided to go to nursing school in 2005. Along these years, she helped me go through the TOEFL test, studying at Southern Connecticut State University, and the many, many things that I could not deal with. I graduated from nursing program of Southern this May. I still can't believe that I finally received my Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Southern. My husband, my daughter, and my parents all came to the USA in May and attended graduation. Without the support and help from the Literacy Center of Milford, I could not have made it this far. Now, my parents and my daughter are studying English from Helen, another tutor from the Literacy Center of Milford.

I was employed by the Hospital of Saint Raphael in June 2009 and received my first paycheck as a full-time nurse yesterday. I would like to make a donation to the Literacy Center of Milford in honor of my tutor, Melinda Karwon. Nothing in the world is enough to express my appreciation to Melinda, Joy and the Literacy Center of Milford.

Love in Christ,

Jin Yang
July 2, 2009

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Upcoming Events:

- September 1st - Volunteer Appreciation Reception
- September 24th - Awards and Recognition Night
- September 30th - Tutor training classes begin
- November 14th - Annual Wine Tasting
- TBA - Literacy Center Open House

