

Summer, 2001

Introducing...

our new Spanish speaking Learner Liaison, Ingrid de la Hoz. Ingrid joined us just a couple of months ago, and is a real asset to our organization. Ingrid writes.....

My name is Ingrid de la Hoz. I'm live in here for 2 year and 4 months with my husband and my son of 2 years. I'm from Argentina in I think this is a lovely country. I have things so special there. My 6 sister, my mather, other persons so lovely for my and everything. Im be my culture, my tradition.

But now Im here in I so open for every thing I can to learn. When I come here I don't speak English in his time is the more dificul time in my live, (I love speak and I love have communication with other persons). In one day my frend drive my to Literacy Volunteers to get the tutor in naw I can speak not perfect bat I can speak and understand. When I see my progress I feel very, very good. For this reason I love work for Literacy volunteers and to help people want to learn English. I work Tuesday 9:00am-12 and Thursday 12:30pm - 3:30pm.

Mommy, read me a story!

LVCC will be offering the award winning Motherread/Fatheread® program this fall for mothers, fathers and adult caregivers who want to be able to respond to this delightful request. The course is free!

The Motherread/Fatheread® course is conducted over 8 weeks using children's books to teach literacy and parenting skills. Each class centers around a theme represented in books like *Where the Wild Things Are* to promote discussion and reading strategies. Parents and caregivers learn about activities they can use with their children to address important issues like sibling rivalry, responsibility and independence, and fitting in.

The evening course will be held Wednesdays starting September 5 at the Federated Community Church. Children's programming and a pizza supper will be provided. Best of all, each participant will receive the entire collection of books to use at home.

This is a small group program, so space is limited. If your learner is interested, call now! 556-0313.

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A special thanks goes to Harriett Brown this month. She had originally trained in Basic Literacy and has been working with a student for several months. When she learned that one of the tutors was moving away, Harriett made the extra effort to complete the ESL tutor training sessions in June and take on a second student in ESL.

Harriett, you are a gem!

EMAIL HOT LINE FOR TUTORS: lvccutor@yahoo.com

Mountain Spelling Bee 2001

The 2001 Mountain Spelling Bee fundraiser was held Thursday, May 3rd at the Radisson Woodlands Hotel. The fundraiser was a great success with **blithesome** fun and laughter for spellers and audience members alike. The evening began with an **evanescent** dinner in a **riant** banquet room of black and yellow bee decorations by Sutcliffe Floral & Gifts.

Spelling Teams participating in the **corybantic** Bee were: Coconino County, Flagstaff Live/ Mountain Living, Friends of the Library, The Guidance Center, North Country Community Health (Sponsored by David and Jean Hockman), NAU Department of Education (Sponsored by Success by Six), Sutcliffe Floral & Gifts, Museum of Northern Arizona (Sponsored by Wal-Mart) and Teva Sports Sandals. Thanks to witty announcers Patrice Horstman, Cindy Carpien, pronouncer Mary McGroarty, Ph.D. and **rhadamanthine** judges Liz Archuleta Lulu Santamaria and Jeremy Young, the Bee flowed **propitiously**.

Dr. Gwendolyn Swan, with support from Leslie Conti and Melissa Renick, led the Guidance Center team to victory spelling "**kaumographer**" correctly. Participants on the winning teams received the official 2001 Bee t-shirt designed by local artist, Mike Frick, dinner coupons (Buster's, Los Abrigados, or Cottage Place), and a massage (BodyWorks, In-Touch massage or Kate Phillips), as well as a \$25 gift certificate to Target. The Museum of Northern Arizona team came in second. Their disappointment was sweetened by a gallon of Mountaintop Honey and the official Bee t-shirt. Several attendees were able to take home the flower and bee arrangements provided by Sutcliffe Floral.

Thanks to all the donors who made the event possible, especially our Honey Bees - the Kurosaki family, Outrageous Tees, New England Business Service and Ralston Purina. Want to be involved next year? Please call 556-0313 (**Words in bold came from the 2001 Howard-Scripps National Spelling Bee list, Paideia, and were used to stump the participants in the Bee.**)

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Our *new* office is still located in beautiful downtown Flagstaff on the second floor of the Macmillan building at 3 N. Leroux. Come and see us in Suite 211, Tuesday through Friday from 9-5. (Same phone: 556-0313)

To donate 10 cents to Literacy Volunteers of America visit Famous Amos website <http://www.famous-amos.com>

Welcome new tutors!

Marjie Withrow David Grandon
 Dawn Armfield Consuelo Fernandez
 Dede Weage Rosemary Hodges
 Frances Kabotie Pamela Cady
 Michael Bork Mary Towle

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 Please send us your email address!

And while you are on line visit: literacyvolunteers.org

DON'T FORGET!

Just a reminder that once you complete the 12-hour tutor training program and attend one 3-hour workshop, you will receive a green card that confirms that your tutor training is complete. This LVCC tutor card can be used at Hastings to receive a 10% discount on your purchases.

There are no in-service workshops scheduled until September. At that point, we intend to present one workshop every month. If you have suggestions for a workshop, please don't hesitate to share your ideas with us.

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A Tutor's Story, Margie Earhart

It's Stephanie's eighth birthday. A Barbie piñata hangs from a tree, a great big pink cake waits on a picnic table in the shade in Bushmaster Park. We sing Happy Birthday, then Stephanie's father, Juan, tells her to take a bite of her cake. She leans over. She must know what's coming next. Her younger brother, Rolando, pushes her head down into the cake and she comes up laughing, with a mask of frosting.

Stephanie's mother, Carmen, and I have been working together since January. This is the second birthday party I've been to, and I hope there will be more. Two days a week we work at her home, while her three kids run in and out. I see them bringing home English from school, becoming fluent, and I know in the end they'll be the ones to teach their mom this new language. I'll start her off, but they'll keep her up-to-date in the idiom. The other day Rolando taught her the word "gross," and I notice now she uses, with complete accuracy, even down to the shrug of the shoulder, the word "whatever." These are not part of our lessons, but they're part of the atmosphere of learning that I bring to the house. English is fun, English is an adventure, English is useful, and in this country gives power to those who speak it. At the birthday party, it was not by accident that we sang Happy Birthday in English. I was the one who asked to sing it in Spanish too. Learning never goes in one direction, after all. I can now say, comfortably, in Carmen's language, "*Gracias por todo. Me tengo que ir. Hasta mañana.*" Thanks. Gotta go. See you tomorrow.

Send your calendar via email

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Omar's First Computer

I remember the day when Omar. My older son asked me if I can buy him a computer. I told him maybe one of this days but you have to ask God if he can help us.

He asked me, "you really think he can help us to buy the computer.?"

I explained to him. If we live everyday it is because God lets us live. Or if we are healthy every day is because God helps us.

He told me, "OK I'm going to ask him."

The same day Ovidio's (Omar's father) uncle called in home and ask Obidio if he wanted a computer for Omar. I was in the living room and I hear. "a computer." I ask Ovidio how much he asked for the computer. Ovidio's uncle was explaining to him that it was free because he got a free computer from the school in his place of work. That afternoon Ovidio's uncle brought the computer home. Omar was so happy because God answered him. Omar played with his computer. The computer has a lot of games, and I like it because he plays at the same time as he learns.

Omar asked me one day why does he have a old computer? I told him why and he said, "I wish to have a new computer. Why I do not have a new computer." I asked him, "did you tell God that you wish to have a new computer." He said, "no I forgot to ask for a new computer I only asked for a computer." I said to Omar, "well is your fault." He said, "I know next time I will remember. When I ask God for something I have to explain everything to God."

By Hilda Chairez, ESL learner; Tutor, Jean Hockman

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July 1st marks the beginning of our new fiscal year. This is the time when we put together our budget for the rest of the year. So far this year, we have been very fortunate to receive funding from United Way of Northern Arizona, The Raymond

Educational Foundation, The Boeing Employees Community Fund, Arizona Commission on the Arts and the Flagstaff Arts and Science Commission. Thanks to all who support our programs.