

Spring, 2002

Hooray, Spring has sprung!

My how time flies! It's amazing how many things have happened since the last newsletter when we were just settling into our new location in January. Things have definitely improved since our move. Our visibility is way up and so is the number of learners awaiting tutors.

The first thing on the list is to give a great big and well deserved "**Thank you!**" to a couple of our very own tutors who have devoted extra time and effort to provide LVCC with invaluable contributions. Michael Sullivan put on a Benefit Concert for LVCC on February 15, 2002. It was a wonderful event featuring music, poetry, dance, fine art, and food. He offered to make this a yearly event in our honor. We encourage everyone to attend next year! David Grandon is the artist extraordinaire who painted the mural, "Helping Hands", that was recently hung outside our building. Have you seen it yet?! We would also like to say "**Thank you**" to Vennie White for the articles and photos she created for us to promote our various activities this Spring. She has been a wonderful addition to our growing list of volunteers.

We had a "Bee-autiful" and very successful Mountain Spelling Bee in early May. Wal-Mart won the grand prize by spelling the word a-n-a-b-i-b-a-z-o-n correctly. The attending crowd was sometimes rowdy and sometimes silent, but everyone had a really fun time. The event raised \$4,329 this year compared to \$1,368 last year. Our goal is to double the amount again next year.

Don't forget that we have two computers with internet access for use here in the office (during office hours) for tutors and learners alike. We have also just completed a new web site where learners can go to practice English free on the web. Tutors may also find some useful information about various teaching techniques at one of the links. It would be a great place for the two of you to learn together. Please visit www.infomagic.net/~lvcc/lvcchome.htm and let us know what you think! This site is in its infancy and we have plans to expand the available links in the future. Your feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Friday morning drop-in English conversation classes for beginners are offered here in the office from 9:30am-10:30am. Please tell your learners.

We have other volunteer positions available in addition to tutoring. We are looking for a new Learner Liaison since Elizabeth just had a bouncing baby boy, Oscar Emiliano on May 5th. He's beautiful! The Learner Liaison must speak Spanish, have some competence in English and be familiar with how an office works. He or she would work about 5 hours a

week. Do any of your learners have these qualifications? We are also looking for volunteers to work on our newsletter, update our new website, and contact the media to promote our events.

LVCC is now an Americorp site. We are currently looking for two part-time Americorp Volunteers to assist the tutoring program. Both positions give the volunteer credit toward education expenses, one offers a living stipend as well.

Important Tutor Reminders

- We no longer have a PO Box. Our correct address is:
715 N. Humphreys
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
- LVCC wish list: knives, spoons, and forks, ice tea jar, picnic table, framed pictures or posters for our new wheelchair accessible bathroom
- If you have attended at least one in-service workshop in addition to your training then you should have received a Certificate of Completion and green card. If not, please let Laura know.
- Please send us your email address. We'd like to save some trees by electronically sending newsletters and reporting monthly hours to all who are interested.
- The upcoming Tutor In-Service Workshops include:
July 13, 2002 from 11-3 Potluck Picnic for tutors,
learners, and their families and friends.
August 22, 2002 from 6:00-9:00pm- Topic TBA

We need more tutors! Please tell your friends about how much fun and how rewarding your tutoring experiences have been for you.* There are 2 June sessions.

Session I Part 1: Saturday, June 8, '02, 10am - 4:00pm

Part 2: Saturday, June 15, '02, 10am - 4:00pm

Session II Part 1: Tues./Thurs. June 4 and 6, 6:00 - 8:30pm

Part 2: Tues./Thurs. June 11 and 13, 6:00-8:30pm

Orientations will be held immediately before the first meeting of each session.

**If you are not satisfied with your tutoring experience, let's talk and find the right match for you. We have plenty of motivated students awaiting a tutor.*

Finally, if you are 55 or older, you qualify for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). RSVP enhances the volunteer experience socially and financially. Give us a call.

Enjoy your spring into summer, and keep in touch!