

# LVCC Reader

Winter 2003

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## Upcoming Events

*Shop New Frontiers*  
Wed., Jan. 15, 2003

*New Tutor Orientation*  
Tues. Jan. 21, 2003

*New Tutor Orientation*  
Sat. Jan. 25, 2003

*New Tutor Training*  
First 2 Saturdays in Feb.

*Valentines Day Concert*  
Friday, Feb. 7, 2003:

*Mountain Spelling Bee*  
Thursday, May 1, 2003

## All Aboard the Polar Express!



The Polar Express was a huge success! In less than a month we were able to coordinate 30 volunteers. They each spent an evening reading the book, *The Polar Express*, written by Chris Van Allsburg, on the train to the North Pole over the course of 1 week. Everyone did their part, and a few wished that they could do it again! Others have said that they wished that they called a little bit earlier so they could be a reader too. Most of our volunteers had a great time and some even received tips for reading from very enthusiastic passengers.

We'd like to give a special *'Thank You'* to the following volunteers who read on behalf of LVCC:

Michael Bork, Marilyn Caples,  
Nita Richey, Brian Cooperrider,  
Vivi Rogers, Jean Hockman,

Ana Flores, Helen Merrill,  
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Mary Towle, Ann Beck, Jim Novak,  
and Vennie White.

Thanks to all of your efforts, LVCC has been asked to come back and read again next year. We plan to do this, and the details will be forthcoming. Your efforts also resulted in a donation of a copy of the book to each reader, 6 train tickets and \$750 from Grand Canyon Railway. This is a win/win relationship for both organizations, and we look forward to participating next year.

## Mark your calendars!

**Wednesday, Jan. 15th, 2003-All Day**

LVCC has been selected by the popular vote of associates in the Flagstaff store to become the recipient of 5% of total sales on Wednesday, January 15th, 2003. (*this week!*) Please help our cause by shopping at New Frontiers on that date. We need someone to represent LVCC at an info booth from 11:30-1:30 and/or 4:30-6:30 at the store on Wed., If interested, please call the office at 556-0313 ASAP.

**Friday, Feb. 7, 2003 7:30-9:30**

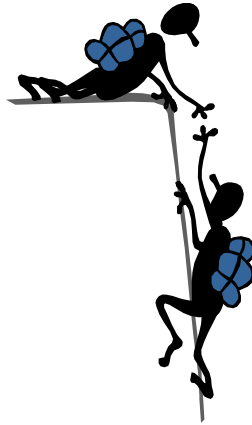
Please join us for the 2nd annual Valentine Fundraiser at NAU. Don't forget to bring your learners, friends and loved ones for a special night of music, art, and poetry. This production was dreamed up last year by one of our very own tutors, Michael Sullivan. It is a wonderful presentation! Admission is free and donations are always welcome.

## 'What is it Like to Live in United States without knowing English?' by Julietta Herrera

Julietta Herrera came to our program in Feb., 2001. She has worked diligently with her tutors, and one year later, she went through our tutor training program and is currently matched with a new learner. Julietta wrote the following story, which describes her experience. The letter is being presented here in its entirety with Julietta's permission.

*It is so hard to endure. You can't talk to anybody. If you are walking somewhere, you are afraid to break the law, because you don't know it. If somebody greets you, you can't answer, because you aren't sure what that person said. Although people are friendly with you, you don't know how to give back that amiability. The worst thing is that you always depend on the person that brought you here. But what about if he is not at home during an emergency? What could happen if this person leaves you a long time and you need to go to the doctor, to the store, drive your car, or ask for something very necessary for you or your family?*

*All those questions were answered by people who care, who are aware that a lot of people live in the United States who don't know English very well or not at all. They really care, and they give help without asking for pay or*



*recognition. I got a tutor from LVCC, which is a station for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. I have studied with her for almost 1 year and a half. She has helped me to learn English in a very easy way, always patiently showing me the best way to study. She loaned me a lot of books to study, some were from her, some from the library. She always encourages me to read and study more and more. I feel so happy when she gives me compliments about my work that I always try to do the best.*

*At this time, I am able to go to the store by myself. I can talk with anybody with confidence, ask the doctor if something is wrong, and talk with my daughters' teacher. But the most important thing: I'm becoming independent.*

*I owe all this confidence and independence to my tutor and LVCC/RSVP. She is such a lovely lady that I am proud to say she is my friend too. At the same time, I think that if all the tutors are like my tutor, soon there won't be any illiterate person in USA, because all of them work very hard.*

*Thanks LVCC/RSVP for your program.*

### Do you know Anyone Who Would Like to Tutor Someone Like Julietta?

We are always looking for new tutors! We are finally able to get some of the learners off the waiting list that was started in August; however, we still have approximately 30 potential learners still on the list. If you know of anyone who is interested in tutoring, please share the following information with them or have them call our office.

#### New Tutor Orientation:

Tues., January 21, 2003 6:00pm—8:00pm

OR Sat., January 25, 2003 10:00am-12:00pm

#### New Tutor Training:

Part 1: Sat. Feb. 1, 2003 10am-4pm

AND Part 2: Sat. Feb. 8, 2003 10am-4pm

## Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

On Saturday morning, Dec. 7th, the LVCC office was filled with lots of volunteers sharing good cheer and good things to eat. Ann and Laura took this opportunity to show LVCC's appreciation to all appreciate all our volunteers on behalf of LVCC.

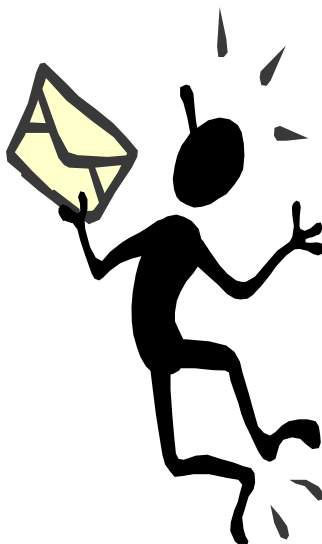
Each of the following volunteers received a Certificate of Appreciation and a poinsettia for their special contributions.

### Charlie Anderson

*'For Bringing LVCC Technology Into the 21st Century'*

### Katy Bippus

*'For 'Doing it All' including: tutoring 1-to-1, drop-in conversation classes, becoming a tutor mentor, and*



*I am Appreciated!*

*a new tutor trainer'*

### Harriett Brown

*'For getting things organized and done around the office'*

### Cathy Dierks

*'For timely reporting and overcoming new tutor jitters enough to take on a small group'*

### Margi Erhart

*'For being a high-performance, low maintenance tutor'*

### David and Jean Hockman

*'For home improvements and beautification at LVCC'*

And last but not least...

The 'Great Idea Award' goes to

### Michael Sullivan

*'For the Annual Valentine Concert Fundraiser'*

## Don't Forget These Upcoming Workshops...

### Get Familiar with the Reading Manipulatives and Other Resources at LVCC

Harriett Brown

Saturday, February 22, 2003 10:00am – 1:00pm

### Documenting Progress with Specific Goals, Timelines, and Portfolios

LVCC staff

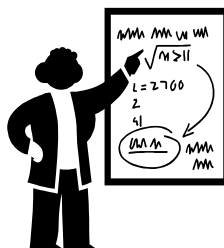
Wednesday, March 12, 2002 6:00pm – 9:00pm

### More on Reading Comprehension and Reading Fluency with Dr. Cockram

April date TBA

## LVCC is Looking for Tutor Trainers

The first 'Tutor Trainer Training Workshop' is set to begin at the end of January. LVCC is looking for current tutors to participate in this workshop. Are you interested in sharing your expertise and enthusiasm with others? These new trainers will observe other tutors in action, facilitate at New Tutor Orientations



Tutor Trainer  
Training 101

and New Tutor Trainings, which are currently offered about 3 times a year, and ... take a written test. The curriculum is already in place, and the trainers will work in pairs to present the information to the class. Call Laura for info.



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- *Forest Highlands Foundation*
- *Grand Canyon Railway*
- *Mountains and Plains Booksellers*
- *Raymond Educational Foundation, Flagstaff*
- *United Way of Northern Arizona*
- *Wallace Family Foundation, Scottsdale*

LVCC would also like to recognize the following businesses for going the extra mile for the organization.

- *Arizona Engineering*
- *Direct Impressions*
- *Mosher Communications*

