



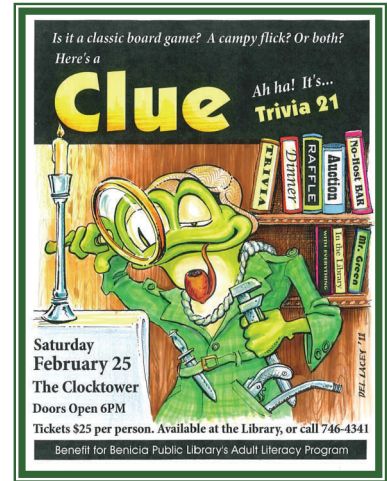
2011 Winners: The Mysterians

Adult Literacy & ESL Program Trivia Bee Plays A Game of "Clue!"

The Trivia Bee is one of the best-loved events that takes place each year, and is the signature fundraising event of the Adult Literacy & ESL Program at the Benicia Public Library. We hope you will join us on Saturday, February 25, 2012 when

Trivia Bee XXI Plays A Game of "CLUE!"

The Bee is a trivia competition similar to the game show "Jeopardy"; in this case, teams must answer the trivia questions correctly. The competition consists of players from local businesses and community groups which vie for the honor of being Benicia's "Top Trivia Toads." The Bee draws an enthusiastic sellout audience to an evening that includes dinner, music, a no-host bar, auction, raffle and the trivia competition itself! Audience members dress to suit the theme and cheer for their favorite teams. Fundraising through team sponsorship fees, ticket sales, bar and raffle tickets goes to support the work of the Adult Literacy and ESL Program.



2011 Champions for Literacy:

Dr. Barry Parish and Benicia Family Dentistry

*When someone goes the extra mile for you, you value it.
When someone goes over and beyond what you least expect, you treasure it.*

Dr. Barry Parish and the staff of Benicia Family Dentistry are true Champions for Literacy! In their third year of providing discounted teeth whitening to the Benicia community, their September 2011 fundraising efforts totaled \$6,250. Benicia Family Dentistry clients and local residents were invited to purchase this discounted service (50% off the regular price) through the month of September 2011, and Dr. Parish's office donated all of the proceeds to the Adult Literacy & ESL Program!

Benicia Family Dentistry believes in the power of literacy, and how strong skills can change a community. "My dad was functionally illiterate until I was in the seventh grade...I watched him struggle back in the day until he got into an adult education program." Dr. Parish understands firsthand how literacy changes lives. We thank Dr. Parish and the staff of Benicia Family Dentistry for their generosity. **You are our champions!**

Literacy Happenings

Happy New Year!!!!

I hope your holidays were merry and bright: a holiday hiatus made for quiet times at the Adult Literacy & ESL Program, but now it's back to business!

In December 2011, Governor Jerry Brown 'pulled the trigger' on anticipated funding for libraries. Eliminated from the 2011-12 budget was **\$3,700,000 allocated to adult literacy programs**, as well as an additional \$12,166,000 for library programs (CA Library Services Act, Public Library Foundation, CA Civil Liberties Public Education Program, and the CA Newspaper Project). Despite these cuts, we are continuing to serve our valued volunteers and our adult learners. We're certainly leaner as a result, but you, your dedication and willingness to continue supporting this program encourage me. Here's a glimpse at what's in store for our volunteers!

For Returning Tutors:

Tutor Roundtables: First Session, Thursday, January 12th at 12:30 or at 5:00 p.m. in the Edna Clyne Room

You have a choice of attending an afternoon or evening session. I want to see and hear from you, so I hope you're able to attend one of the upcoming sessions. *See the back of the newsletter for other Roundtable dates.*

For New Tutors:

Tutor Orientation: Thursday, January 19th at 6 p.m. in the Doña Benicia Room

Tutor Training: Saturdays, January 21st & 28th from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The training is a free, 5-hour investment that can reap amazing benefits for you - and your present and/or future learners. Although the training is FREE, *you must attend all three sessions* in order to be matched with an adult learner. *(Remedial training available upon request.)*

Included in the two-day Tutor Training Sessions:

- **GED "Boot Camp Training"- 9:00 -11:30 a.m.** Napa College Teacher of the Year, Damon Tinnon, will facilitate this part of the session. With many learners hoping to complete the GED (General Education Diploma) in order to move into better job opportunities, this is critical training for any tutor.
- **"Successful Small Group Leadership"- 11:45 a.m.** Sue Balala will share important steps on how to lead small group sessions to be able to lead our weekly conversation, math and writing groups at the Library. Sue is a former teacher with 39 years of experience that she has successfully transferred into guiding our adult learners in a weekly conversation group.

TRIVIA BEE XXI PLAYS A GAME OF "CLUE"

The **2012 Trivia Bee** is right around the corner. With budget eliminations making such an impact, this fundraiser is a critical source of funding for our program. If you are wondering how you can help, consider donating a raffle or auction prize! (Artwork, glassware, trips, wine train passes...the list is endless.) Or get a few friends together and form a team. The 2012 Trivia Bee takes place on Saturday, February 25th at 6 p.m.!

There are numerous ways that you can help us. Here's to a wonderfully successful 2012!

Lynne Price
Literacy Program Supervisor



Literacy 2011 Happenings

Volunteers fill a large role in the life of the Literacy program! A glimpse at the work of some of them:

Dave Logan is our liaison for eye examinations and prescription eyewear, free of charge to our learners. Working with Lions Club International (who provides free vouchers for services), Dave ensures learners make their appointments and eyewear fittings. Dave also lends a hand each week in our Mango Language lab. Thank you!

A special “Thank You” to **Benicia Lions Club International** for making eye exams and eyeglasses available to our learners that would otherwise go without.

Richard Coleman has volunteered in our Computer Lab weekly since April 2010. He works with learners that want to learn English using Mango Languages, the GED and Citizenship online programs and still makes time to tutor his learner, Noemi as she prepares for her Citizenship exam.

Ana Maria Exconde and **Dale Alexander** are preparing to become tutor trainers! After completing their Tutor Training sessions, they expressed an interest in assisting with our quarterly literacy trainings.

Sue Balala, Aggie Jackson, Jan Eldridge, Sean Wood, and Adrian Vilchez all volunteer as group leaders with the conversation, math and writing workshops. Be it building conversational skills, learning math concepts and writing essays in preparation for future opportunities, they are committed to helping our learners move ahead in life!

Volunteers are at the core of what we do. They give many hours of their time helping a fellow adult with their reading, writing, comprehension and conversation skills. We can't do it without them.

Thanks to our current group of volunteers; your time and efforts make all the difference in our program and in the lives of our learners.

Jerry Ahlering
Dale Alexander
Sue Balala
Sue Bonebakker
Matthew Borden
Nancy Carey
Richard Coleman
Jean Colomy
Jan Eldridge
AnaMaria Exconde
Martha Fertado

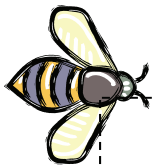
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2012 Training and Orientation Dates!

Begin a new chapter in your life and volunteer with us! Upcoming Orientations and Trainings are listed below. Learn strategies and skills to help beginning, intermediate and advanced adult learners. Learn about preparing a learner to take the GED and Citizenship test and how to lead small groups. You must attend all three sessions in order to be matched with an adult learner.

Orientation

January 19 at 6 p.m.
March 15 at 6 p.m.

Training

January 21 & 28 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
March 17 & 24 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

We have a number of ways that you can become involved with literacy. Who knows - one may be just what you were looking for!

Tutor Roundtables

January 12th 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Or 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
March 8th 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Or 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
May 10th 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Or 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Call Lynne at 707.746.4341 or email lprice@ci.benicia.ca.us to reserve your space!