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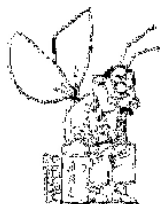
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Spelling Bee for Literacy

The 11th Annual Spelling Bee for Literacy, sponsored by the Morganton Rotary Club, was held April 10th at First United Methodist Church. It was a honey of an evening as the bee teams attempted to out spell each other. By event's end, the First United Methodist team had regained the title of Champion. A total of \$1,877 was donated for council projects.

Heartfelt appreciation to all contestants and contributors! They were great sports and made the evening fun for all. Other teams competing this year were:

- American Red Cross - sponsored by Wachovia
- Blue Ridge HealthCare System
- Blue Ridge Radiology
- East Burke High School
- First Presbyterian Church
- Freedom High School - sponsored by Edward D. Jones
- Morganton Rotary Club
- SAFT America

Thanks also to the following for contributing to the Spelling Bee: Bumbargers, Henredon, Media Play, Mt. View Pediatrics, The Muses and Weir, Smith, Jones, Miller & Elliott.

Thank you to all the people that came to support the teams and our efforts to fund our literacy programs.

Speech Contest

The Burke County Public Schools speech contest was held on February 13, 2003 and both Kathy Garrou and Susan Baumann Berley had the opportunity to serve as judges. Kathy and Susan judged the middle school contestants and were impressed by the creativity and composure of the students.

Fashion Show:

On April 8, 2003 the Burke County Literacy Council held its first fashion show and luncheon for literacy. The event was held at Mimosa Hills Country Club and volunteers from the community modeled spring clothing from Benjamin's & Libba's, The Robin's Nest and 100 W. Union. Over 140 people attended the show and our thanks go out to the retailers, models and supporters for making this a successful event.

Literacy Day Event

On April 12, 2003 the Literacy Council participated in Wal-Mart's "Words Are Your Wheels" literacy day. Wal-Mart and Sam's Clubs across the nation celebrated literacy on April 12th by hosting celebrity readers in their stores and providing children with bookmarks. Our very own Carolyn Icard, Literacy Council board member, appeared at Wal-Mart as a pink bunny and shared with children and parents "Oh, The Places You'll Go" by Dr. Seuss and "The Iddy Biddy Bunny" by Kimberly Johnson.

Rotary Club Program

On April 16, 2003 Kathy Garrou and Susan Baumann Berley were invited to speak to the Morganton Rotary Club. Kathy used the book "Abiyoyo" by Pete Seeger to provide the Rotary Club with a brief overview of what would happen during a typical Motherread/Fatheread class. This was an interactive program in which the Rotarians were asked to share stories from their childhood, sing and participate in the reading of the story.

Tutor Resources

Attention tutors - if you are looking for new ideas to use with your students check out the Literacy Volunteers of America website at <http://literacyvolunteers.org/tutor/>. The site has links to a number of activities and resources.



Program News

The first half of 2003 has been a busy one for our programs at the Burke County Literacy Council.

The number of **adult one-to-one students** has increased. Many Burke County residents are recognizing the need to improve their reading skills to make themselves more marketable when trying to find a job.

Project FLOWER finished a good year at the end of May. All of our students made improvement in speaking, reading and writing English. In addition, they were able to read two simple children's books (which we gave them) to their children. After a summer break, Project FLOWER which now has 2 separate groups meeting on Tuesday and Thursday, will convene in early September. Sandra Taylor is the recruiter/coordinator for this group. We appreciate tutors Elinora Miller, Rose Shook, Jan Stephanides, Tom Homer, Nancy Rankin and Will Wolfgang who are weekly tutors for this program.

Project Citizenship (coordinated by Carol Ware) continues to grow. It seems that for every student who passes the INS examination, a new person enrolls. Carol could use another volunteer to join Jordan Berry, Joyce Campbell, Christina Nantz, Nancy Rankin and John Vue and Gracie Wong-Szeto. If anyone is interested, please call the office at 437-7477.

During the past six months **Motheread/Fatheread** sessions were held at:

- George Hildebrand Family Resource Center (each month)
- Family Connections Teen Mom Program (each month)
- Burke/Catawba Detention Facility (every other Monday)

Motheread/Fatheread continues to be a wonderful strategy for serving parents of young children. Not only does it empower both parent and child, it gives parents more confidence in their role as a parent, and helps them take a more active role in their child's education.

Reach Out and Read book distribution continually increases at the three sites: Mt. View Pediatrics - Morganton, Mt. View Pediatrics - Valdese, and the Burke County Health Department. This summer we have two volunteers, Jamie Deal and Tara Hubbard, who read to children in the waiting room at the Morganton office of Mt. View Pediatrics.

Thank you to all the volunteers who give their time each week to help Burke County residents explore the world of learning.

Training

February 20th through 22nd Kathy Garrou and Susan Baumann Berley attended a small group training workshop in Concord, NC sponsored by the NC Literacy Association and Pro Literacy Worldwide. The workshop provided tips and ideas for tutoring in small group settings, which will be useful in Project Flower and Project Citizenship.

Susan Baumann Berley attended a Motheread training institute in Lenoir, NC June 2nd through 5th. Motheread combines the teaching of literacy skills with child development and family empowerment issues. The approach teaches the "why" of reading as well as the "how" and uses books to strengthen the bonds between parent and child. Susan will now be able to assist Kathy Garrou, an existing certified Motheread instructor, in implementing the Literacy Council's Motheread program.

With Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Veronica Grossi, former Board President, whose husband, Charles Grossi, died in May, 2003. Veronica asked that memorials be sent to Burke County Literacy Council. We send our sympathy to the family and acknowledge with grateful appreciation this kind remembrance to our agency.

Council Receives Donations

The Literacy Council is sincerely grateful to the following for their donations given between December 16, 2002 and June 30, 2003.

Individuals

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CCB
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Staples Foundation for Learning
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Diana Clifford's 8th grade homeroom
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The Muses

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New Volunteers Welcomed

One-to-One Tutoring

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Brenda Howell
Linda Lowe
Mike Lowe
Betty McConnaughey
Patty Rankin

Project Citizenship

Jordan Berry
Shirley Brown (substitute tutor)
Joyce Campbell
Christina Nantz
Nancy Rankin
John Vue
Gracie Wong-Szeto

Project Flower

Tom Homer
Christina Nantz
Nancy Rankin
Jane Stephanides
Will Wolfgang

REACH OUT AND READ

Jamie Deal
Devon Gentry
Tara Hubbard
Lee Moody

Office Volunteers

Briana Gregory
Stephanie Tallent

Council Wish List

- Construction paper
- Electric pencil sharpener
- Juice boxes, mini soft drinks, chocolate chip cookies, Oreo cookies, Doritos - for Project Citizenship class
- Magazines (gently used)
- Office supplies

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