



OPEN DOORS NEWSLETTER

Literacy Volunteers—HBPL

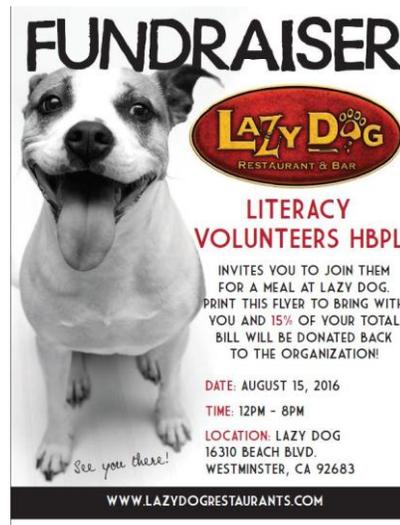
July/August 2016

**Eat at Lazy Dog Restaurant,
Huntington Beach!**

This MONDAY, August 15!

**Enjoy a great meal while you
support a great cause--your literacy
program!**

*Print this flyer, or pick up one in the office,
and take it to Lazy Dog on Beach Blvd on
Mon, 8/15. Thanks for your support.*



Blast into Reading!

Timestamp: June 30, 6:30pm.
by Susie Hodge

75 learners, tutors, literacy staff and friends of literacy gathered at Central Library to celebrate and acknowledge accomplishments during the past year. The room was decorated in traditional red, white and blue to evoke both the BLAST INTO READING theme, as well as the upcoming 4th of July holiday. Tutors received 5, 10, 15, or 20-year pins in recognition of their volunteer years, with Dionne Cox, former tutor and board member and current Library Board Trustee, was honored for volunteering 20 years with literacy services. Dionne continues to be active with the program by spearheading the Duck-a-thon. Thanks and congratulations to her and all the tutors who give so freely and generously of their time and expertise.

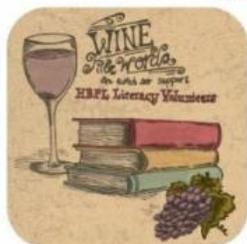
Learner awards included special pins and journals for those whose learners who worked extra hard throughout the year, participated in SCLLN's Writer-to-Writer Challenge, or earned their citizenship.

Literacy Volunteers 2016-2017 Board of Directors was introduced, with new and second term members voted on. John Heeren and Barbara Robinson will start a 3-year term; completing the 2016-2017 board is: Jan Murphy, Herb Niles, Kierstin Misterek, Karen Topolewski, Jennifer Lewis, Ed Bonk, Scott Sherman, Heather Miller, Audrey Richards, Diane Bentley, Jen Shim, Julie Hyden and Susie Hodge. A special farewell was given to outgoing board member Heekyong Lee, who served as Secretary for most of her 6-year term. Outgoing board member Wendy Kielsmeier was also recognized for her efforts on the board.

The annual June celebration of achievement culminates a year of hard work and dedication of tutors and learners alike. Goals are achieved in the form of getting a job, obtaining citizenship, reading a book or writing to an author. Literacy Services continues to strive forward as new tutors join the program with determination to transform one life at a time. A huge hug of thanks goes out to tutors and to their learners, whose lives are changed the moment they step over the literacy threshold.



Fourth Annual Literacy Volunteers – HBPL
Wine & Words Fundraiser



October 21, 2016
Meadowlark Golf Club
16782 Graham Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

Please share with your friends and neighbors as we strive to make this our best event yet. This fundraiser not only supports our efforts, it also helps spread the word about literacy. In addition to hearing inspiring stories from learners we have an interesting guest speaker. John Dahlem is a retired principal and mountaineer who has traveled the globe climbing the world's highest peaks.



From the Office



If you have been in the Literacy Office at Central lately, you might have noticed that some of the materials on the shelves have moved around. We have removed the old cassette tapes, and are in the process of clearing out other outdated materials so you can find and utilize up-to-date materials.

The old materials are on the back counter and labeled FREE! Learners and volunteers are all welcome to take home the materials, use them, write in the workbooks, etc. We want them to go to good homes!

Also, look around the office at the displays on the counters, take materials from the bins, and have fun in tutoring sessions. And let us know if you have ideas for display topics. We are here to help.

Computer Lab Volunteering

We are still looking for volunteers who have a couple of hours a month to keep the lab open after 5pm and on Saturdays.

If you have an extra 2-hours a month, call or email the office, 714-375-5102 ~ literacy@surfcity-hb.org, or contact Susie (susan.a.hodge@gmail.com) for more details or to sign up for the C-Team training. Thanks!!



Contests

In June, Emelina, whose tutor is Connie, was the winner of the contest and \$25. **Congratulations, Emelina!**

There were 12 entries in the July contest, with Martin winning \$25. His name was drawn from the pool of the 5 correct entries. **Congratulations to Martin** and his tutor Patty.

If you would like a copy of the answers for either month, please contact Ed or staff at Central and we will be happy to provide that for you.

Ed is taking a break in August, so watch for the contest to resume in September. The contest is open to all tutors and learners, and we hope that it's educational as well as fun.



Important Dates

- **Monday, 8/15**, Literacy Fundraiser at [Lazy Dog Restaurant](#).
- **Monday, 8/22**, Annual Awards Event, Family Literacy Program
- **Friday, October 21st, 7pm**, "Wine & Words"

Full calendar available in the office or click [August 2016](#).

Newsletter Feedback

If you have a comment, question or a suggestion about an article or idea for the Open Doors Literacy newsletter, please send it to ebonk68@gmail.com or literacy@surfcity-hb.org. We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter and always welcome your feedback.
