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Student News to class for discussion!

Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury



Tutor News



Winter 2011

LVGW is an Equal Opportunity Agency

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Festival of Cultures

Saturday, April 16, 10:30 a.m.

Location: The Howland Hughes Center
140 Bank Street, Waterbury



Don't miss this important event for LVGW tutors and students! You will receive an invitation in the mail, but be sure to put it on your calendars now. Sponsored by The Savings Bank of Danbury. See "Student Achievements" on page 5 for more information.

WATERBURY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

37th Annual Awards Dinner

Sunday, April 3, 2011
1:00 p.m. at the Aqua Turf
Mulberry Street, Plantsville

Honoring
Literacy Volunteers
of Greater Waterbury
Organization of the Year

Be a part of this momentous occasion!
Call 754-1164 by 3/18/11 for tickets (\$40).



ESL student *Brunilda Espinal* and her tutor, *Peggy Salsbury*, with *Peggy's* children, *Stephen* and *Katherine*, at the LVGW holiday party last December.

LVGW Student & Tutor: In the News

ESL tutor **Peggy Salsbury** and her student, **Brunilda Espinal**, were featured on the ProLiteracy Worldwide website in January. You can read the wonderful article about their special friendship at www.proliteracy.org. Go to the bottom of the page and click on "READ OTHER NEWS," then "January 2011," and then click on "January 20, 2011 *Through Adult Literacy, Connecticut Volunteer Extends Family.*"

Wine Dinner and Auction

Featuring Chris Berman of ESPN

Friday, May 6, 6:00 p.m.
Crowne Plaza Southbury
\$65 per person or \$600/party of 10
Musical Performance by *Paul Gabriel Trio*
Honorees: Tutor *Ann Ryan*
ESL Student *Veronica Jimenez*

For tickets or information, call 203 754-1164.

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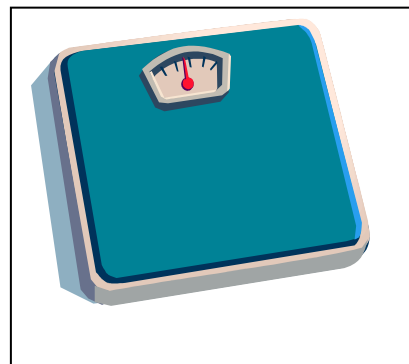
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You LOSE, we GAIN!

A fundraiser to benefit
Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury

It's Easy...

Come to the LVGW Office to Weigh In (we'll provide the scale). Pay the \$10 entrance fee by cash or check to LVGW. Then it's up to you! Return in April to Weigh Out. Invite your family, friends and co-workers to participate too! Please note that weights will be kept confidential.



TO WIN: Person who loses the most pounds will be declared the Winner and receive 50% of the entrance fees (in the event of a tie, prize money will be equally divided between winners). Call for more information: 203-754-1164

Important Dates:

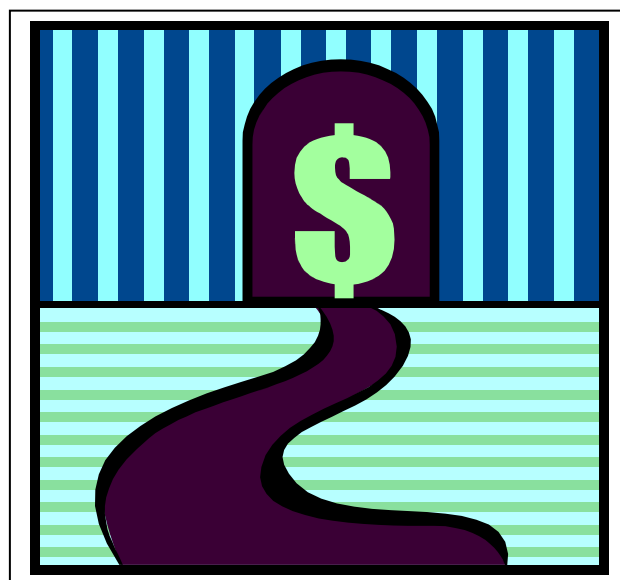
WEIGH IN: Monday, March 7 through Monday, March 21

WEIGH OUT: Friday, April 8 through Friday, April 15

TIMES: 10am-2pm, or call for afternoon & evening hours

Winner will be announced at the Festival of Cultures on April 16, 2011 (winner need not be present to win)

PRIZE: 50% of entrance fees to Winner who loses the most pounds and 50% to LVGW...plus better health for all!



NOTE: We need at least 40 participants, or contest will be cancelled and money will be returned.

Proceeds will benefit
Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury



HEAR MY VOICE 2011

All students are encouraged to write a story, essay, poem — anything they want—to be “published” in Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury’s collection of student writings, called *Hear My Voice, Volume 8*.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to develop their writing skills while sharing their thoughts and feelings with others. Each year, readers of *Hear My Voice* enjoy the variety of stories of LVGW students. There will be a Hear My Voice event in June, and all student writers are invited to read their compositions at this event if they so choose. More details will follow.

Guidelines:

- Students may submit one writing, no more than 500 words, on any topic and in any format (poem, letter, essay, story, etc.). Include a title.
- Tutors may serve as coaches to help students revise and edit their writings. However, tutors should use this as an opportunity to teach; students should correct their own work as much as possible.
- For students who are not yet able to write independently, tutors may use the Language Experience Approach.
- Deadline for submissions: **April 29, 2011**
 Submit to: Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury
 Attention: Anamin Reveron
 267 Grand Street
 Waterbury, CT 06702

Questions? Call (203) 754-1164.

IMPORTANT: Students should complete the permission slip below and include it with their writing.

Hear My Voice 2011 is sponsored by The Foundation - Jewish Communities of Western CT Inc.

I, _____, give Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury permission to print
 (*student's name*)
 my name in the *Hear My Voice, Volume 8* booklet.

Please print my name as follows: _____.
 (*print your name as you want it to appear after the title of your writing*)

Signature of Student _____ Date: _____

*This form must be completed by each student and included with his/her writing composition.
 Deadline for submission is **April 29, 2011.***

Continuing Education for Tutors

Please register for the following workshops by calling the LVGW office at **203 754-1164** or by emailing Lvgw-programs@waterburyct.org.



Tutor Roundtables

Wednesday, April 6, 6-8 p.m.
OWL Center, Suite 107, Depot Square Mall
51 Depot Street, Watertown
or

Thursday, April 7, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Middlebury Public Library
30 Crest Road, Middlebury

Discussion among tutors on tutoring topics of interest, including best lesson plans. For all tutors.

Grammar Workshop/Meet and Greet Social for ESL Professionals

Thursday, April 28, 5-7 p.m.
Bank Street Bistro, 92 Bank Street, Waterbury
Fee: \$5 (includes hot/cold appetizers & soft drinks; wine and beer cash bar available)
Sandra Elbaum, author of *Grammar in Context*, will present "Collateral Learning Enhances the ESL Classroom," a workshop on how introducing grammar in high-interest readings as context provides the collateral learning necessary for students to gain life and academic skills.
Sponsored by ConnTESOL. Best for ESL tutors, but all are welcome.
Register by calling Vanessa at 203 754-1164 no later than April 11.

Favorite Websites for Adult Learning

Saturday, May 7, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Silas Bronson Library Computer Lab
267 Grand Street, Waterbury
Tutors will explore a variety of websites to help with lesson activities as well as to give students additional practice outside the tutoring session. Tutors are encouraged to share their favorite sites as well. For all tutors.

Webinar: Streamlining Preparation for the GED Writing Test (from New Readers Press)
March 17, 2:00 p.m. EST
Contact Vanessa for registration information.

Tutor Tips



ProLiteracy's Keys to Safety Campaign for Fire Safety and Prevention encourages tutors to provide fire safety education for adult learners. It is part of the Home Safety Literacy Project.

Recently, 16 LVGW students, 3 tutors, and staff participated in an interactive presentation on fire safety and prevention with the Waterbury Fire Department (special thanks to **Deputy Fire Marshal Terry Ballou** and **Fire Marshal Chester Bennett**). At least two of the students revealed that they have been victims of house fires. Besides practicing to use a fire extinguisher, other information that was presented was:

- Kitchen fires are most prevalent and, in particular, grease fires.
- The best type of fire extinguisher for the home is a combination ABC.
- A StoveTop FireStop Automatic Fire Extinguisher, which attaches magnetically under the vent hood, is also highly effective in putting out stovetop fires.
- Always set a timer when cooking to prevent kitchen fires, and do not leave candles unattended.
- All homes should have working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Frayed wires can cause fires; replace all worn, old, or damaged appliance and extension cords.
- Make a plan on how to get out of the home and practice a home fire drill.

If your students did not attend this presentation, tutors are encouraged to set aside some time in an upcoming lesson to discuss this critical information with them. Instructional materials are available through LVGW; **call 203 754-1164** for a packet.

According to ProLiteracy, adults with limited literacy may find it difficult to read or understand critical fire safety information. Without home fire safety and prevention education, these adults and their families are at **a greater risk for loss, injury, or death due to fire.**

For more information, go to:

www.proliteracy.org

and click on "ProLiteracy Launches the Keys to Safety"

Free Wheelchair Ramps

Do you or someone you know need a wheelchair ramp for your home? Call the LVGW office 203 754-1164 for more information.

Referrals for Students

Tutors are encouraged to refer students to **2-1-1** for information about community services, including human services and crisis intervention. Simply dial 2-1-1 anywhere in Connecticut 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Multilingual specialists are available. Also visit www.infoline.org.

Community Conversation: The Difference a Dad Makes

Saturday, April 2, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Waterbury Arts Magnet School
16 South Elm Street, Waterbury

This is a community discussion on how a father can help shape his child's future. All are welcome; please share with your student. For more information or to register, call Nate Case at 203 575-4320 or email ncase@newopportunitiesinc.org. Sponsored by New Opportunities: www.NewOpplnc.org.



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Holiday Closings

The LVGW office will be closed:

April 22 (Good Friday)

May 30 (Memorial Day)



Meanwhile . . . think Spring!

