

LIFELINE

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WE 'RE CHANGING LIVES — JOIN US IN 2010

Learning to read and/or learning a new language is no easy endeavor for an adult. Yet record numbers are enrolling in our program in an effort to gain the literacy skills they need.

During our 2008-09 program year, we provided literacy services to 362 adults – a one-hundred student increase over our previous year. These adults were the recipients of 17,258 hours of instruction, delivered through our network of trained and dedicated

volunteer tutors. Parents enrolled in our Parent and Community Education project reported the attainment of 69 goals related to their children's education. Remarkably 272 students participated in our Computer Literacy project and gained computer skills that will improve, among other things, their employability. Additionally, our health literacy project, known as Literacy for Life, helped 21 students gain valuable information pertinent to their

health and well being. As the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Eve – or even right now – why not resolve to become



a Literacy Council volunteer? Call us at 704-226-1425 and we'll match your skills with our needs. Next year, you'll look back and know you made a difference in 2010.

Improving the quality of life in our community and expanding individual potential by teaching adults to read, write, speak and understand the English language.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR BASKET BINGO FEATURING LONGABERGER® BASKETS

On January 9, 2010, the Literacy Council will host a basket bingo fundraiser. Get your ticket now and plan to join us at Monroe Country Club (on Hwy. 601, just south of Carolinas Medical Center—Union) from 7 – 10 PM.

There will be 20 games of Bingo featuring baskets and other Longaberger® items (donated by Carotek

in Matthews) as prizes. Dr. Monie Clifton of Lake Wylie Eye is filling them on a variety of themes – Italian, Breakfast, Movie, Beverage, and Caswell Massey – to name a few.

Admission tickets are \$25, which includes a bingo dauber and 20 bingo games (20 four-card game sheets). Guests must be 18 years

of age or older to attend. Hot dogs, chips, drinks and more will be available for purchase beginning at 6 pm. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Literacy Council.


For tickets or more information, call 704-226-1425.

This event is in no way sponsored or endorsed by the Longaberger Company.

MAKE YOUR HOLIDAY FOOD SHOPPING COUNT

Local grocery stores have programs that let non-profit organizations like the Literacy Council reap the benefits of your shopping bill – at no cost to you. Each store will make a donation to the Council based on money spent by shoppers, but you must link your card to the **Literacy Council of Union County**.

- * Link (or re-link) your **Harris Teeter VIC Card** to **#5181** as you go through the check-out, or call the office with your VIC card number; we can link it for you.
- * Or you may link your Harris Teeter, Food Lion, and Bi-Lo cards by going to the homepage of our website, (www.literacyunion.org), scrolling down to the card images near the bottom right, and clicking on the ones you want to link. Follow the procedures for each, as all are different. Harris Teeter and Food Lion can be done online, but Bi-Lo will require that you print an image and take it to your local Bi-Lo store.

Ho, Ho, Ho!
Does Santa need some stocking stuffers?
Shop the Book Nook at 105-A East Jefferson Street, Monroe and browse a wide selection of new and gently used books, available for a \$1 — \$5 donation to the Council. We have books for adults and children covering many genres. **Open daily 9 AM until 4 PM.**

Holiday Hours
Dec. 21 to 23, 8 AM – 8 PM
Dec. 24 and 25, CLOSED
Dec. 28 to 31, 8 AM – 4:30 PM
Jan. 1, CLOSED

Honors Club

We are pleased to honor the following tutors for their dedicated service. The hours counted reflect tutoring time only, which is in addition to preparation time and other volunteer hours. The data used are complete as of 10/31/2009.

1000 Hours

Rose Giacchetta

250 Hours

Barbara Farrell
Jack Stegall
Christina Sydor

100 Hours Club

Susan Egan
Sharon Isley
Barbara McLaud
David McLaud
René Sicari
Margaret Storck
Kaye Williams
Carmen Wolf

GIVE THE GIFT OF READING

Honor a friend or relative or remember a loved one by making a donation to the Literacy Council. Your gift will help an adult in Union County learn to read.

Yes, I want to Give the Gift of Reading.

Your Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Enclosed is my check for

\$ _____ given in Honor of _____

\$ _____ given in Memory of _____

Notification Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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105-A East Jefferson Street
Monroe, NC 28112**

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In memory of Winslow M. Ashley, Jr.
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By Carmen Wolf

In honor of Linda Moyer
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In honor of Virginia Pierce
By Emagine N. Griffin

In honor of Jim & Sara Stubbs
By Mary Nash

In honor of Susan Suárez Webster
By Patricia Poland

In honor of their parents and the love of reading they gave them.
By Ken & Syl Walker