

The Lamplighter too

Students Lead Fundraiser

The Literacy Council has created a fund-raising event that started on August 17th in three locations (K-Mart, Publix and Albertson's on W. Terry). With help from the tutors and students, all has been going very well. Many students are taking books "Scratch and Help" to their workplace and friends.

Little by little, we will be able to raise enough money so we can build a bigger building. Everyday more people are asking for help to learn English. The promotion is going to finish the end of this month.

We will have a party on September 6 at the Community Center from 5:00 P.M. till 9:00 P.M. to benefit our fund-raising efforts. We will have food, refreshments and a D.J. to play our favorite music. All are welcome and tickets can be pre-purchased for \$5 at the Literacy Council. Don't miss it!
Nora Martinez, reporter

Sunday Specials

Extra Help to Learn English

Do you have questions about English? Do you have questions about your homework? Jim McHugh will answer them in Open Study Hall on Sunday mornings from 9am to 12pm.

Movies

Students, enjoy movies (in English, of course!) at the Council on Sunday afternoons from 12:30 to 2:30. Jim McHugh chooses the movie and makes the popcorn.



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Student Council Helps With Student Issues

The students of the Literacy Council have formed a council to discuss the students' needs. They have had three meetings (June 17th, July 1st, and July 15th) with 20 to 30 students attending each session. In the first two meetings, they talked about what the Literacy Council can do to help students to improve their goals and ambitions. Everybody shared their opinions, saying that they would like to have a bigger building, more computers, and more information.

They invited Marisol Dickerson from the Amigos Center at Hope Lutheran Church. She spoke on many topics, such as opening a bank account, getting a driver's license, income tax requirements, etc. Everybody felt very good because they cleared up many doubts.

The Student Council is planning another meeting on August 26th at 6:00pm at the Literacy Council. The guest speaker is Immigration Specialist Cristina Leddin. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Nora Martinez, reporter

Dialogs and Popular Culture on the Web

<http://www.ompersonal.com.ar/omaudio/contenidotematico.htm>
Listen to and study dialogs on many topics: about work, about family, about shopping.

www.englishbaby.com presents different lessons based on American popular culture, such as movies, music, and slang.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

Katie Verna, Program Director
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Monday to Friday: 9:00 to 12:00 noon

Jeanne Sachs, Student/Tutor Coordinator
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STUDENT COMPUTER LAB

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Help! Help! My House is Burning!

Yesterday, when I was about to eat, I decided to heat up my tortillas. So I put them on the stove, but also I thought that it could be better to wear short pants and tank top.

Three minutes later, after I changed, I started to smell burning. Oh my God! Got my tortillas! I was running to the kitchen and there was a lot of smoke in the kitchen, living and dining room. I turned off the stove and opened the windows but in that moment, the fire alarm was activated.

Oh! It was terrible! I went out of the house and ran to the main office, which is in front of my apartment. I wanted to ask for help because I did not want to say to the fireman "Oh I'm sorry, but it was just a domestic accident," and maybe they'll send me a bill for the mistake. There was nobody at the main office and when I was going back home, there were at least five neighbors asking me what was happening. I explained then that there was a problem. It was just a domestic accident! One of them asked me if he could see inside, so I showed him my burned tortillas. He laughed and told the rest that it wasn't important. The fire alarm was active for five or seven minutes. After that, it stopped sounding and everything was calm for the rest of the afternoon.

I had to heat up more tortillas, but this time I was very careful about it.

Fernanda Subera – July, 04

Carmine Verna, Tutor

My First Day in Publix

I work at Publix. It is a small supermarket located in Naples, Florida. I bag and carry groceries there and I work about 40 hours a week.

I remembered my first work day because it was difficult for me when I asked them "Is plastic, ok?" They spoke to me very fast and they told me many things in English that I didn't understand anything. I didn't know how to tell "plastic or paper". Cashiers did not know how to explain to me the words, they told me "Stop, stop, stop" many times because they do not speak Spanish.

Now I understand when people tell me paper or plastic, but the problem is the English, because they speak fast and I do not understand. I would like to learn English very well, because I could speak with the customers, my co-workers, my boss and everybody.

Nancy Montoya

Carmine Verna, Tutor

10 STEPS FOR GETTING A JOB

If you are looking for a job, you have to follow these steps:

1. Checking the newspapers, radio or you go to the place and asking for the job.
2. Choosing the area where you want to work and choosing 3 jobs.
3. Going to the places you choose and asking for the application form.
4. When you ask for the job, you have to speak formally and clearly.
5. When you go to the job, you have to use a formal dress.
6. Have a clean appearance.
7. Sitting down straight and smiling.
8. You never sit down if the person doesn't say you can.
9. Don't eat, drink or chew gum.
10. You have to greet the interviewer, when you start the conversation. When you finish the conversation, you have to say goodbye and thank you.

But, if you don't have papers to work in the U.S., I can tell you many places that I don't recommend:

Wal-Mart

Eckerd

McDonald's

Target

Jobs of the Government

Albertson's

Sam's Club

Nancy Montoya

Carmine Verna, Tutor

Meet Carlos Humberto

My name is Carlos Humberto. I am from Guatemala. When I arrived in the U.S., I did not understand English and it was complicated for me. I started to go to the school every day after work. Now I can understand and speak a little more English. My life before was very bad because I did not understand English. I want to learn more every day because one of my dreams is to learn English for a better future.

Carlos Humberto Rivas

Judith Ziegler, Tutor

Jim McHugh, Teacher