

# The Lamplighter

## Supplement

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A quarterly newsletter of the  
Literacy Council of Bonita Springs

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### Congratulations, Students!

#### **Amilcar Santos's classes**

##### **Level 1, 12 June 06**

Miguel Durán  
Jaime Encarnación  
José Flores  
Rosa Flores  
René González  
Juvencio Larios  
Levi López  
Rafael Palomino  
Eduardo Rodriguez  
Celso Salguero  
José Luis Trejo  
Simón Vásquez

##### **Level 1, 7 March 06**

Agustin Rodríguez  
Ismael Muñoz  
José Pineda  
Rolando May Pérez  
Dax Corona  
Herminia Ulloa  
Elizabeth Santiago  
Eloy Santiado

#### **YMCA Moms & Tots, April 06**

##### **Tutors: Channon Champ, Judy Walker, Kathy Schwer**

Araceli Morales  
Carolina Hernández  
María Valencia  
Laura Razo  
Griselda Montes  
Gladis Garcia  
Fani González  
Bertha Antonio  
Lucía Antonio

### Have Friends Interested in Council Programs? Bring Them To "Show and Tell" August 19

If you know anyone who might be interested in learning more about the Council's mission, viewing the new facility, and listening to tutors and students talk about their work together, bring them to the Council office on Saturday, August 19, 11 to 12 noon. We'll also be showing our video, "My Name Is Maria." This tour is a great opportunity for tutors and supporters to come and bring their friends for a closer look at the Council and its work. Space is limited. Call the office and let us know you're coming.

### Council Speakers Available

The Council's director and tutors and students are always happy to visit local clubs and organizations to give presentations about its work. Call the office to set a date.

### Dr. Seuss Retrospective at the Art League

An exhibit of the art of Dr. Seuss, the beloved children's author, opens on Friday, September 8 from 6 to 8pm at the Art League. The curator of the exhibit, Bill Dreyer, will present an entertaining lecture on Dr. Seuss and the exhibit on Thursday September 7 at 11am and at 7pm. Tickets for lecture are \$10 and include refreshments.

The Art League will also present special complementary activities for families on Saturday, Sept. 9, 16, and 23 from 1 to 3pm, including a 22-minute animated film by Dr. Seuss, 2-D and 3-D art projects, and a special reading corner. Volunteers are welcome to participate at these events. To promote enjoyment of Dr. Seuss books, we're looking for donations of pre-loved Dr. Seuss books in good condition. The books will be given away in raffles on each Saturday. Book donations can be delivered to Art League or to the Council. Tutor Ann Mason and the SW FL Federated Republican Women are co-sponsoring the event with the Art League and the Council with donations of books and volunteers.

### Wedding Donations

Doris Stevenson Ewing, the Literacy Council's first director and trainer, was married June 17 to Perry Wydman in Painesville, Ohio, reports Roger Earley, who attended the wedding. The Wydmans are now living at Shell Point in Fort Myers. They requested that, in lieu of wedding gifts or flowers, donations be made to the Literacy Council and several gifts have already been received, said Katie Verna.

## Help Wanted!

### Videographer/Director

The Council has a script for a new short video and needs a good videographer/director to make it professional quality. Small honorarium offered. Call Katie at 495-0999.

### Moms&Tots Tutors, Volunteers

The number of families in our Moms and Tots program is growing. Would you like to help the children with pre-school activities or their mothers with English classes? Call Katie at 495-0999.

### ESOL Teachers

The student demand to conduct ESOL evening classes is growing, so there is a great need for teachers twice a week for an hour and a half. Call Katie at 495-0999.

### Donate a Computer

Are you upgrading your computer? Consider donating your old computer to the Council. It will be reformatted by our computer guru, Joe Kirkup, and given to a student. Need help with your computer? Call Joe at 896-0276. He's an expert and makes house calls.

### My Journey

*My Journey* is a collection of essays by Florida's adult learners. Several of the Council's students submitted their writings for publication in this book, published by the Florida Literacy Coalition through a grant from the Florida Department of Education, Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Education. Contributing authors are Kerty Reiterer Crespo, Rosa Ruiz, Maria Brito, David Rodriguez, Damian Cruz, and Maria Franco. Read a few of the essays in the *Lamplighter Too*.

### Great WEB sites for tutors

For a unit on preparing for hurricanes and other bad weather, visit this site: <http://www.literacy4all.info/58616.html>

Looking for writing projects for your students? Try this site. It has PIZAZZ!

<http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/%7Eleslieob/pizzaz.html>

### Litscape

The recent issue of *Litscape*, a publication of ProLiteracy America, includes several articles for tutors: "Emergency!" "Building English Fluency with Dialogues", "For Your Next Lesson". Anyone can receive this useful newsletter three times a year by becoming an affiliate of ProLiteracy, \$30/year. To join, go to [www.proliteracy.org](http://www.proliteracy.org), click on link for ProLiteracy America or call (315) 422-9121.

## Neighbors To the Rescue!

Council tutors and volunteers may be interested in joining Neighbors To The Rescue, a Hurricane Wilma relief project sponsored by the Diocese of Venice Catholic Charities and the Volunteer Florida Foundation and coordinated in Lee County by Catholic Charities. The Lee County project will place neighbors in touch with neighbors, creating a network of community volunteers to mentor residents still recovering from the damage of Hurricane Wilma. Volunteers will serve in three ways: 1. Identify individuals and families adversely affected by Wilma; 2. Assist in communicating by e-mail to community members the needs for relief and recovery; 3. Identify community members who can provide goods and services through a "Virtual Warehouse." The Warehouse will provide items or services, temporary or permanent housing, furniture, clothes and direct assistance. For more information, contact Marielys Figueroa, program coordinator, Catholic Charities Inc., 2133 Winkler Avenue, Suite 310, Fort Myers, FL 33901. Telephone: 822-3416. E-mail: [Mfigueroa@ccslee.org](mailto:Mfigueroa@ccslee.org)

## Council History: From Start to ...

The Bonita Springs Literacy Council was created by Doris Stevenson (see article on her recent marriage) and the Bonita Springs Presbyterian Church. Gloria Kennedy and Jean Iverson served as presidents. Sherry Dawson and Warren Heston have been executive directors. Susan Acuña has been hired as the new executive director.

During my term of office, Director Heston passed away. I managed to keep the office running and the tutors busy, serving for six months without pay. The Council office was then in the rear of the Bonita Banner office. The board of directors consisted of Helen Wallace, Judy Walker, Todd Pratt, George Shaffer, Joseph Cofield and for a time, Pat Lord. Mana Holtz previously served effectively.

Katie Verna was hired during my presidency. She has served well and under her leadership many advances have been made. The Council is today serving an unprecedented number of people who want to learn English.

Several programs highlight the history of the Council: George Shaffer's finding of quarters for the office on Old 41. Joining Lee County United Way funding, primarily with the help of John "Speed" McClay of Bonita Bay. My tutoring a young Chinese man who brought his wife over and now being "Grandma" to his children. (He now resides in Oakland, California.)

It has been a privilege to be a part, over the years, of the growing Literacy Council. (written by Jean Iverson, formerly a Board Director.)