

LITERACY LIGHTS



"To learn to read is to light a fire!" VICTOR HUGO

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From the Director's Desk

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season from the entire staff here at the Literacy Council. We thank you for your efforts on our behalf during the past year and look forward to an even better year in 2017! I cannot begin to name all of the individuals who stepped forward this year to take on some very challenging issues with great success; and even those programs that did not turn out as well as we may have hoped. It was a total team effort and each and every one of you contributed in some manner during the year. Thank you!

The Literacy Council has been evolving over the past year into a new era. Our needs and those of the clients we serve, have changed greatly since our inception in 1979, mainly because of the change in our culture and the issues facing our community today. The number of people who are turning to us to help them improve their lives and employment status has grown. People looking to become citizens, to learn to speak and read English, along with GED, and improving math, writing and reading levels have become the major emphasis for our current programs. We are beginning to evolve our teaching methods more to the computer world, but we still require that most important ingredient – YOU.

We have expanded our office to the Taneytown area. Bob Sokolowski, Gene Pryor and his wife Carole have taken on the job of staffing the office one day a week for now. We have individuals who have volunteered to become tutors to serve the area. Our office is in the Trinity Lutheran Church at 38 West Baltimore Street. Thanks to the efforts of Mayor Jim McCarron, Economic Development Director Nancy McCormick and Pastor Chris Frigm we are able to better serve our neighbors in northwest Carroll County.

Again, we sincerely hope you have a Joyous and Happy Holiday season!

Sam Greenholtz

Heidi White, Donna Crafton, Anita Wilcox

Thoughts Of the Season

To those of our friends and family who are celebrating Christmas, Merry Christmas.



To those of our friends and family who are celebrating Hanukkah, Happy Hanukkah.



We wish everyone reading this newsletter a joyous and prosperous New Year.

**HAPPY
2017!!**



Save the Date

Read Across America **March 2, 2017**
Annual Spelling Bee **April 27, 2017**

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Hello, Taneytown



On November 29, 2016 The Literacy Council of Carroll County officially opened a satellite office in Trinity Lutheran Church, 38 W. Baltimore Rd., 21787. Mayor Jim McCarron and Nancy McCormick, Director of Economic Development, were happy to welcome staff and visitors alike. Sam Greenholtz, Executive Director, of The Literacy Council explained to those assembled that although the office would be open Tuesday mornings between 9:30 and 12:30, tutors meet with students at other times arranged according to the tutor's and student's schedules. Pastor Chris Frigm welcomed everyone to Trinity Lutheran Church and was happy that his church is being used for this community outreach program.

Nancy described to the assembled group the impact the community leaders are hoping to make by having invited The Literacy Council to be part of the educational opportunities available in northern Carroll County.

Gene and Carol Pryor or Bob Sokolowski, the staff at the Literacy Council in Taneytown, would be happy to explain more about the program if you know of someone that could benefit from its services.

They can be reached at
443-789-4534

