



Literacy Council of Carroll County

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Annual Golf Tournament **3rd year to benefit the Literacy Council**

The birdies and eagles are excited to welcome us back to Quail Valley. If you look closely, the boogies are hiding under the bridge. For team registration contact the people below. For last minute or individual registration, each registration is \$100.00. Registration includes bagels/donuts and coffee plus a delicious lunch. There will be prizes and awards given as well as chances for raffles.

S A V E T H E D A T E
The Kahlert Foundation presents the
9th Annual Charity Golf Tournament
Friday, September 28, 2018

Third Year to Benefit the **Literacy Council of Carroll County**
Quail Valley Golf Course, 900 Teeter Road, Littlestown, PA 17340
Registration begins at 7:00 AM • **Shotgun Start** 8:00 AM sharp

For Team Registration call:
Scott Greenholtz, J&G Liquors, 410.596.3811
Sam Greenholtz, Literacy Council of Carroll County, 410.598.6981



Reminder:

English Conversation Class

August 13, 2018
6:00 to 8:00 PM

August 27, 2018
255 Clifton Blvd., Westminster, MD 21157



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Let's Talk Statistics

Statistics can seem like a bunch of numbers and, if you are an Orioles fan statistics can be depressing these days, but it is one way to stop and look where our organization and efforts fit into the greater Carroll County community.

According to US Census report, we are a county of 167,781 people. Twenty-one percent (35,234) of our population is under 18. Ninety-two percent (121,943) of adults have a high school diploma; thirty-three percent (43,741) have a Bachelor's degree from a four year college. Our unemployment rate is 3.1% (State of Maryland unemployment is 3.9%). The median value of homes is \$324,300 and increasing. We appear on paper to be a well-educated, prosperous community.

So is there a real problem in our community concerning adult literacy?
Why have a Literacy Council dedicated to adult literacy?
Who are our clients?
Aren't we doing well as a community?

The National Assessment of Adult Literacy has reviewed the Carroll County literacy rate. There are 6.4% of our adult population (10,738) people who are functionally illiterate. Factoring in statistical error that rate could go as high as 11%. Additionally, there are 5.1% (8,557) of our neighbors who speak another language other than English at home. Looking at the unemployment rate, it is obvious that over half of these people who are eligible for our services are employed and are contributing members of our community. So to answer the questions above:

So is there a real need in our community?
For 18,000 people there is.

Why have a Literacy Council dedicated to adult literacy?
Our mission is to provide the adult learner **with free, confidential one-on-one tutoring** to develop or improve skills in language, reading, writing and math, enabling them to reach their goals.

Who are our potential clients?
All of our adult neighbors who want to improve their language, reading, writing and math abilities both native born and foreign born. Also those seeking citizenship, GED's or basic apprenticeship entrance exams.

Aren't we doing very well as a community?
Why settle for well?

WHY NOT HAVE A GREAT COMMUNITY?