

Spring 2013

The Reader



Celebrating
45 Years

Literacy Volunteers
of Rensselaer
County

1915 Fifth Avenue
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**Spend Cinco de
Mayo with us at
the Literacy
Run/Walk,
Sunday,
May 5, 2013.**

**5K starts at
10:00 a.m.**



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Register Now for Literacy Run/Walk 2013

Sunday, May 5th

**Rensselaer Tech Park
Troy, N.Y.**

Pre-registration fee
\$20; race day
registration \$25
Children's Fun Run \$6
Youth Mile \$10

**Register Now at
Active.com**

or download a
registration form at
www.lvorc.org

**Sunday, May 5th
Race Day Schedule**

8:00 a.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. Children's
Fun Run
9:30 a.m. Youth Mile
10:00 a.m. 5K Run/Walk
11:15 a.m. Awards
Ceremony

**Early packet pickup
and pre-registration:**
350 Jordan Road, Troy
Saturday, May 4th
12:00-1:00 p.m.



Sponsors



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Famous Ladies' Tea

In celebration of LVORC's 45th anniversary and Women's History Month, the Famous Ladies' Tea was held on Sunday, March 10th. Emma Willard School, as a sponsor, provided the food and facility for the event that was held in Kellas Commons. Ticket sales raised more than \$4,000 in support of literacy programs for adults and children in Rensselaer County.



Standing, left to right: Sue Stierer, Tish Kelly, Myrna Bernstein, Holly Clark, Marie Heller, Liz Hood, Dawn Weinraub; Seated: Denise Wright, Judy Landers

Special thanks to Susan Perkins, who chaired the event and led the committee that made the idea a reality.



Above: One of the lovely centerpieces created and donated by Tarasha Darden-McKoy

Thanks and congratulations to our volunteers who brought fascinating historic women to life at the Famous Ladies' Tea:

- Myrna Bernstein as Florence Nightingale
- Holly Clark as Kate Mullaney
- Marie Heller as Ruth
- Liz Hood as Caresse Crosby
- Tish Kelly as Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Judy Landers as Eleanor Roosevelt
- Sue Stierer as Maria Mitchell
- Dawn Weinraub as Emma Willard
- Denise Wright as Louisa May Alcott

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Please join us in thanking our sponsors:

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Thanks to our event volunteers:

- Dawn Agro**
- Thomas Hulihan**
- Valerie Kavanaugh**
- Areeg Khalil**
- Beth Lane**
- Nicole Lynch**
- Nadia Orso**
- Susan Perkins**
- Marcia Schultz**
- Maren Stein**
- Caitlin Stein-Miner**
- Cathy Watrobski**
- Barbara Wyman**

Bowlathon 2013 a Success

On Sunday, February 24th, Uncle Sam Lanes in Troy was bursting at the seams with friends and supporters at the second annual Bowlathon. About 50 adults came to bowl, and 35 kids were treated to Glow Bowl and glow-in-the-dark prizes. The event raised more than \$2,600 in support of literacy programs in Rensselaer County. Bowlathon 2013 was sponsored by CAP COM Federal Credit Union and Aflac.

Committee Members:

Angela Fecko
Kristin Morgan

With special thanks to
Linda Feldmann,
Barbara Wyman,
Karen Chandler,
Meredith Morgan and
Olivia Morgan

Raffle Donors:

LVORC Board of Directors
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Sunshine in the LVORC office: Please Welcome Mary German



Mary German, left, with volunteer Jeanne Laiacona at the LVORC office in Troy.

Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County is pleased to announce the appointment of Mary German to the position of Data Coordinator. Mary is a graduate of the College of Saint Rose, has worked as an English teacher in Chile and in Spain and interned for Proctors in Schenectady. Her fluency in Spanish is much appreciated by our Spanish speaking students. Her happy, positive disposition, strong work ethic and excellent computer skills are much appreciated by the Literacy Volunteers staff. Join us in welcoming Mary.

Mary says, "My time with LVORC is off to a wonderful start! I have met great people, learned so much already, and even enjoyed tea with Eleanor Roosevelt!"

Celebrating 45 Years

**Join us for a
Student and Volunteer Dinner**

Monday, April 15, 2013
6:00 – 8:00 PM

First United Presbyterian Church
1915 Fifth Avenue, Troy

All volunteers, students, families and friends are welcome. Please bring a dish to share with others.

RSVP: (518) 274-8526

When students complete a post-test at the end of the program year, they contribute to the health of the organization by helping to meet the requirements for funding.

An Outstanding Report Card

We are highly proficient!

According to our most recent report card from the New York State Education Department, our affiliate ranked in the top quartile of all Adult Career and Continuing Education Services for program year 2011-2012. Our program performance

exceeded the benchmark in educational gain, post-test rate, and follow-up outcomes.

Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County depends on funding from the New York State Education Department, and as a result we are asked to comply with strict reporting

requirements. When students complete a post-test at the end of the program year, they contribute to the health of the organization by helping to meet the requirements for funding. If you are a tutor, please help your student to schedule a post test. If you are a student, call us at 274-8526 to arrange a time to take a test. We will be happy to see you.

Watch for New Workshops

Tutors: keep an eye on the Events Calendar for two professional development workshops:

The Culture of Poverty, facilitated by Debbie Fagans

Learning Disabilities and Learning Styles, facilitated by Donna Gibson

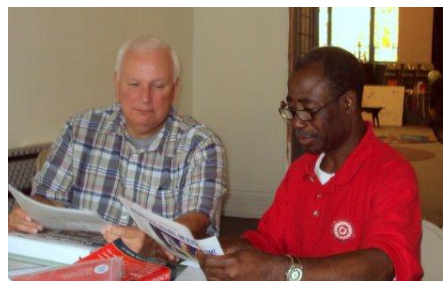
Training dates and times will be announced on our website, www.lvorc.org

and sent by e-mail to all tutors.

If you do not receive the weekly e-mail update, please let us know by calling 274-8526.

Congratulations to our Newest Citizen

Clement Niangoran will be sworn in as a Naturalized U.S. Citizen on Friday, March 29th. He will take the Oath of Citizenship at the Federal Courthouse in Albany.



Tutor Dave Garwood, left, with Clement Niangoran. Dave helped Clement to prepare for his U.S. Naturalization interview and test.

"I am very, very happy to have an English language tutor." – Clement Niangoran

We Need Your Financial Assistance

Contributions can be made payable to LVORC and sent to 1915 Fifth Avenue, Troy, N.Y. 12180.

Donations can be made online: www.lvorc.org.

If you support the United Way, please designate your gift directly to Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County.

If you give through SEFA, the number is 50-00386.

Ask your employer about matching gifts.

Thank you!



LVORC Staff

Barbara Wyman
Executive Director
Marie Heller
Volunteer Coordinator
Linda Feldmann
Project Coordinator
Mary German
Data Coordinator
Kristin Morgan
Bookkeeper

Administrative Volunteers

Jeanne Laiacona
Data Management
Karen Chandler
Administrative Assistant
Susan Rapp
Administrative Assistant



In-Kind Donations and Other Support

Do you have a business you would like to promote? Do you have surplus goods or materials? Consider making a donation to Literacy Volunteers. We can always make use of good quality items for our silent auctions and

raffles at our various fundraising events.

If you are a service provider, consider donating gift certificates or coupons.

If you have items at home that have never been used and would be appropriate for use in gift baskets, we can use them, too.

We can always make use of the following items:

- Gift cards and gift certificates
- Note cards and stationery
- Toiletries
- School supplies
- Fabric and sewing notions

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