

The Connection

Haldimand-Norfolk Literacy Council Newsletter

Our Mission: Assisting adults to improve their reading, writing, math and use of English.

Student Evening

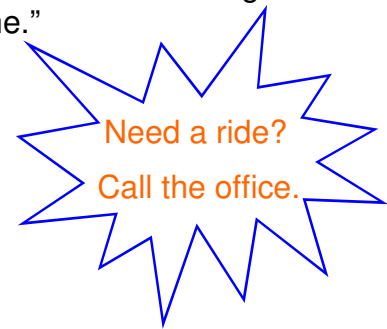
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Students, tutors, staff and board members are welcome to join us for our **4th Student Evening** for information, fun and munchies! Evaluations from our past student evenings tell us that we should keep these going. Some learner comments: "Great evening!" "Enjoyed sharing experiences & understanding we are not alone." "Enjoyed the student stories."

Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Place: Dunnville Library, Disher Room, 317 Chestnut Street

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm



Annual General Meeting and Dinner (AGM)

We cordially invite you to attend our Annual General Meeting and Dinner. Let's celebrate the successes and contributions of our volunteers, students and donors. There will also be a short business meeting followed by our keynote speaker, Dr. Kazemi. He will be speaking about his dream team initiative and the importance of education.



Date: Monday, May 29, 2006

Place: Christian Ebenezer Church Hall, Highway #3, Jarvis

Time: Social 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 pm

Tickets: \$15.00 per person

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[RSVP by Monday, May 22, 2006](#)

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Events Continued

Past Events:

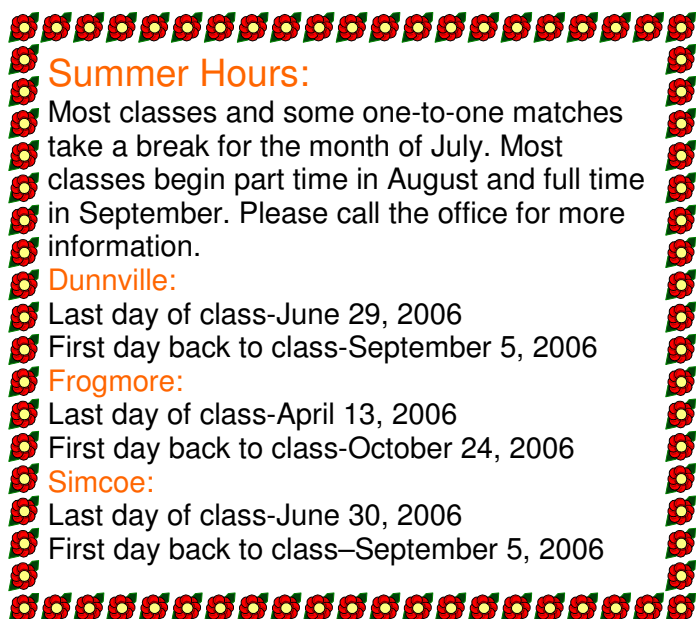


Saturday, January 27, 2006 - The Haldimand-Norfolk Literacy Council partnered with the Simcoe and Dunnville Public Libraries and the Ontario Early Years Centres to celebrate **Family Literacy Day**. Adults and children of all ages gathered once again to enjoy stories, and crafts, promoting the importance of reading and learning as a family activity. Our thanks to all who helped make it happen! For more family literacy tips, visit www.fld-jaf.ca.
Read - Write - Surf - Sing!



February 13 - 17, 2006 - Our **4th Annual Sweetheart Radio Auction** successfully raised \$6, 100.00. Each morning an amazing auction item was auctioned off to the highest bidder with net proceeds going to the Haldimand-Norfolk Literacy Council. Our thanks once again to many local businesses for donating some incredible auction items! For a full list of auction donors please visit www.hnliteracy.com or pick up a copy of our Annual Report available after May 29, 2006. **Please support these local businesses!**

Thanks to **CD 98.9 FM** for sponsoring this event and to hosts **Gerry & Kate** for their enthusiasm to the bidders who called in each morning to place their bids. A special thanks and our congratulations to the highest bidders!



Summer Hours:

Most classes and some one-to-one matches take a break for the month of July. Most classes begin part time in August and full time in September. Please call the office for more information.

Dunnville:

Last day of class-June 29, 2006
First day back to class-September 5, 2006

Frogmore:

Last day of class-April 13, 2006
First day back to class-October 24, 2006

Simcoe:

Last day of class-June 30, 2006
First day back to class-September 5, 2006

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, April 25, 2006 -**Student Evening**
Thursday, May 25, 2006 -**Teens Write for Fun Contest Award Night**
Monday, May 29, 2006 -**AGM - Annual General Meeting & Dinner**
June 23-25, 2006 -**Laubach Literacy Conference-Waterloo - Wilfred Laurier University Campus**
Friday, September 8, 2006 -**International Literacy Day**
Saturday, January 27, 2006 -**Family Literacy Day**
February, 2007 -**5th Sweetheart Radio Auction**

Tutors

Please share this Newsletter with your student.

Funding and Donations:

Thank you to our funders:

The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, United Way of Haldimand and Norfolk and the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Private donations are always welcome!

You may send your donation to:
Haldimand-Norfolk Literacy Council,
39 Kent Street, North, Unit 6, Simcoe, ON, N3Y 3S1

Tutor Page

Resources.....where to look:

Haldimand-Norfolk Literacy Council↔

Community ↔ Beyond

We encourage you to explore the following:

Haldimand-Norfolk Literacy Council

Our website - www.hnliteracy.com

Our library - workplace, learning disabilities...

Staff - available to help you during office hours

Community

-Haldimand & Norfolk Community Information Database www.haldimand-norfolk.info

-Your local library - check out the Alphaplus Collection & ask about the Golden Oak Book Club books

Beyond

-Alphaplus website - www.alphaplus.ca

You are invited to the Literacy Council's 4th Learner Evening

Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Place: Dunnville Library, Disher Room

Come with your learner, another tutor or a friend. For information or a ride call the office. Hope to see you there!

NEW this year!!

Volunteer of the Year Award

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting & Dinner (AGM) Monday, May 29, 2006. (see page 1 for more details about AGM)

How to get your nomination form:

-pick up at the office-check office hours pg 6
-email sherry@hnliteracy.com asking for a volunteer award form - we will email a nomination form to you

Deadline for nominations April 30, 2006

Clear Writing Tutor Workshop & Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Saturday, April 1, 2006 was an opportunity for us to celebrate and thank our volunteer tutors for their important contributions to our council. We also continued our journey of lifelong learning. Some of our tutors are just beginning their journey with us and some have been with us for 5, 10 and 20 years!!

Tutors in attendance:

Gert Brandwood

Larry Cyr

Susan Dolan

Joyce Flexman

Doug Gedye

Mary Lou Johnson

Len Lasko

Carol Linklater

Pat Meiklejohn

Josie Penny

Tina Pinkett

Marion Rapley

Marion Stillwell

Tutor Comments:

"Clear writing is important to help us communicate especially for our learners and ESL students."

"I value these workshops. I share the same trials and successes as other tutors."

"Tutoring fills a gap for me, making me feel useful in my retirement."

"Nice to feel appreciated."

"I am making a difference in someone's life."

Thanks to an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant, Anne Marie Curtin from [Literacy Link South Central](#) presented an excellent, FREE clear writing Workshop to our tutors. For more information about communicating clearly visit www.clearcommunications.ca/tools.

Thanks to our board members Larry Cyr and Marlene Smith for their help throughout the day.

**Next Annual Tutor Upgrading Workshop:
Saturday, March 31, 2007.....details to come....**

Our tutors want to form a tutor support group. **1st Tutor Support Group Meeting:** October 26, 2006.

Learner News:

Tuesday, April 25, 2006 - **Student Evening**
7:00 - 9:00 pm

Monday, May 29, 2006 - **Annual General Meeting and Dinner - AGM** - come with your tutor, instructor, classmates, family or a friend. (see page 1 for more details)

Learner Awards will be presented at our Annual General Meeting & Dinner (AGM)

- Student Volunteer of the Year Award
- Executive Director's Award -Literacy Learner
-ESL Learner
- Best Attendance of the Year Award

New this year-Volunteer Award:
Nominate your tutor for our new Volunteer Award. For more information about this award see bottom of this page, ask your tutor or call the office.

I like to go to school. Everyone is nice to you. I think Larry is a great tutor and works hard to teach us and help us out. Today David is here with us. Larry is building the house. It's looking better.
Linda Reid & tutor Larry Cyr

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Carvaval de Noche

February is Carnival or **Mardi Gras time**. In Central and South America this is known as Carnival. We currently have several Latino students attending our ESL classes.

In February they, together with a group of Latino friends, hosted **Carnaval de Noche** at the Brig in Port Dover. This exciting event was a mix of Carnival and Latin Dance Party. The aim of the evening was for the Latino community to celebrate and to share their culture with others.

The event was a great success and everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed the night. Although the event was organized just for fun the committee ended up with a slight profit. They generously donated \$120 to the Haldimand Norfolk Literacy Council ESL (English as a Second language) programs.

Students, from our ESL classes, who were involved are Ingrid Zea, Ruby Gutierrez, Juan Jose Ugarte, Carolina Ramirez Gomez and Andrea Ramirez.

Thanks for the donation!



Photo:

From left to right, in a candid photo from Carnaval de Noche, Ingrid Zea, Ruby Gutierrez and Juan Jose Ugarte.

Learner Page Continued

I went to the Literacy Council for help in reading, vowels, spelling, pronunciation, and math. I learned a lot. It helped me to trust myself, and now I can do things like reading and writing applications, training tests, permits, safety plan applications and training materials for machinery. I also read the newspaper every day and read books for fun.

I encourage anyone who needs help not to be afraid to go to the literacy council because it can help you improve your life and make your life happier, but you have to want to do it for yourself. If you don't help yourself and do the things they tell you to do, it's not going to happen.

An adult learner

With the help of a volunteer tutor this learner has worked very hard to reach his goal of increased employability skills.

The Mom's and Tot's program in Frogmore runs from October to April each year servicing primarily the Mexican Mennonite population in our area. Below are some of the ladies that attend Suzie Mabee's Class.



The Wish List of the Simcoe Night Class

I wish that...

I knew how to make resumes and learn how to do certain math.

I could read and write better.

I had learned more when I was younger.

I could understand organic chemistry, and also that I do well on the GED sample tests.

I could understand adjectives.

I could learn to understand vowels better.

I could spell better.

I had more time to do my homework.

I could write cursive letters better.

I could fly.

Everybody else's wish comes true.

We all wish we could win a million dollars or at least something bigger than a donut in the Tim Horton's "Roll up the Rim" contest.

Do you want to **receive our Newsletter?**
Do want to **remove your name** from our mailing list?

Call - 519-428-0064
Email - sherry@hnliteracy.com

Please support these businesses by buying Nevada tickets:

BJ's Simcoe and BJ's Delhi

A percentage of the proceeds are directed to the Haldimand-Norfolk Literacy Council.

www.hnliteracy.com

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Pass it on!!

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