

## November 2016 Literacy Volunteers-HBPL News

### "Wine & Words" Fundraiser

With 110 attendees, the 4th annual Wine & Words Fundraiser was a fun success for Literacy Volunteers. The evening went by quickly as we celebrated literacy with captivating guest speakers, much-wanted auction baskets and, of course, wine. ***A write-up about the event's details is coming to you soon.*** Keep your eyes peeled!

***FOR SALE for a Song...or a "contribution."*** The W&W wine bottle centerpieces were custom-made by local artist & past board president, Donna Mason, and her son, Eric, with the assistance of Susie Hodge.

Each wine label is printed with an excerpt from a classic novel, creating a unique item of décor for your home or office. It could be a great gift for a wine lover or book lover. Bottles are available in the literacy office. Get yours now before they're all gone.



### St. Peter's by-the-Sea Gives to Literacy Volunteers

Oak View Literacy Volunteers' Amy Crepeau, along with board members Herb Niles and Susie Hodge, attended services at St. Peter's by-the-Sea Huntington Beach Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 30. It was a special day, designed for the church's Mission Partners to meet and greet the parishioners. Amy spoke to the congregation about Literacy Services and how it serves the community.



St. Peter's has been a faithful and consistent financial supporter of Literacy Volunteers-HBPL for many years. In addition to supporting Literacy Volunteers, the church donates to worthy causes all over the world, including Teen Challenge, Young Life Surf City, Southeast Asia Partnership, and more. We thank St Peter's by-the-Sea for being so welcoming and supportive of Literacy Volunteers-HBPL over the years.

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## Learner Writings

One month ago, I went with my family on summer vacation in San Francisco to visit my sister-in-law. One day we went with them to Viansa Sonoma winery in Napa Valley. On the last day, we went to visit my sister who lives in Sacramento.

In Sacramento, we went to downtown. I liked it because the center of the city has kept its former style. It looks like an old west movie. The policemen ride horseback. I liked it because it looks like time never passed in this city.  
*By Acela C*

My summer vacation was great in Texas. I liked it because we visited different places and share very good moments. During the vacation, we even went to my niece's party. At my sister's place we played loteria. My sister always made my favorite food. She even took me to Starbucks.

I'd like to go there again and spend more time with my family and discover more places that we could go.  
*By Ana M.*

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Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

November 29, 2016

## A Day to Give Back

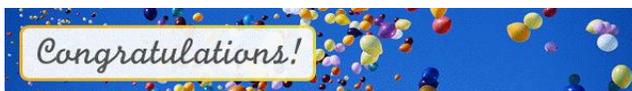
NOVEMBER 29, **Giving Tuesday**, aims to celebrate and promote charity and generosity. After two of the largest shopping days, Black Friday and Cyber Monday, **Giving Tuesday** aims to provide people with a day to give back to the world. Giving back can be through donations, volunteer time or any other form of charitable action.

WAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN GIVING TUESDAY:

- Watch a movie on the joys of gifts and giving. Some suggestions are: Pay it Forward (2000), It's a Wonderful Life (1946), and Millions (2004).
- Spread awareness on social media by using a hashtag #GivingTuesday, #TuesdayGiveawayDay and #TuesdayMeansDonate.
- Volunteer your time at a local homeless shelter or volunteer organization. Giving can be much more than simply giving money or things. Giving your time is equally as valuable and in some ways, more important.

- Read a book about the joys of sharing. Some suggestions are: The Giving Book, Giving: How Each of Us Change the World and The Giving Tree.
  - Donate to a charity of your choice. [www.CharityNavigator.org](http://www.CharityNavigator.org) can help you find a charity that suits you. One suggestion: Literacy Volunteers of America Huntington Valley, but there are many others.
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**Congratulations to our adult learners Marisela & Mina. Both of these ladies did an outstanding job speaking at Wine and Words.**



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### **Writer to Writer Reminder!**

Tutors! Has your learner read an interesting book or magazine article? Have they listened to a good audio book?

Does the book relate to something in their lives?

If so, we strongly encourage them to write a letter to the author of the book or magazine article expressing how their lives have been impacted by what they read. We have booklets from previous years in the display in the front office for ideas.



Flyers with detailed entry information are available near the sign-in book. There are four levels of writing: emerging, beginner, intermediate, and advanced, so let's get started! Motivate them to learn! Prizes will be awarded to winners in all categories, and the luncheon honoring winners will be in February.

**Entries for this writing challenge are due in our office by Friday, December 2nd. Good luck!**

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### **Great Job!**

- Paula taught a beginning Publisher class
- Rocio's manager noticed that she is now able to interact better with English speaking customers at her job!

- Thank you to Audrey and Julita for speaking at Oak View Literacy's October Tutor Training Workshop.
  - Thank you to Marisa, Julie, Audrey and Heather for speaking at the Tutor Training Workshop at Central.
  - Learners in the Thursday morning conversation class each brought in a favorite recipe and gave a presentation to the class.
  - Juana has started reading to her six-month old grandson, after first practicing reading the books with her tutor.
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## Welcome New Tutors!

- Trudy H, Daniel A, Tiffany D, Betty K, and Irene B at Oak View.
  - Susan, Lindsay, Barbara, James & Harlene at Central.
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## Contest

Congratulations to this month's contest winner, Gladys Juy and her tutor, Judi Strickland! Gladys was one of 11 people who entered the October contest, and one of the 11 who got all answers correct! Great job to everyone!

Congratulations on winning the \$25 cash, Gladys!

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## New Material

Their Great Gift: Courage, Sacrifice, and Hope in a New Land by John Coy is new to the literacy shelves this fall. Although this is {technically} a children's book, it is an excellent choice for adult learners whether or not they have children.



Powerful words and photographs document the courage it takes to move to a new land and begin a new life, and celebrate the diversity in our country. Their Great Gift inspires discussion and writing activities on what it means to take risks.

Check it out!

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## Wrapping and Booking and Buying, Oh My...

Barnes & Noble, Bella Terra, Huntington Beach will once again be the center of activity this December, as Literacy Volunteers hosts Bookfair and Gift Wrapping events.

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The Bookfair dates are Dec. 4 through 9, 2016. The HB store will have the Bookfair ID# at the register, so shoppers just need to **tell the cashier** they are supporting the Literacy Volunteers Bookfair. Friends and family out of the area can support our Bookfair by shopping online at <http://www.barnesandnoble.com> or at their local B&N; they simply need to enter the Bookfair ID number at online checkout or tell the cashier they are supporting our Bookfair and give them the **Bookfair ID #11989183**.

You read it right! All B&N locations and on-line purchases will honor our event when # 11989183 is used for in-store or online Dec. 4-9, 2016.



help with this fun event.

And if that isn't enough fun for you, consider shopping at Barnes & Noble Bella Terra, and having your holiday gifts wrapped at Literacy Volunteers' GIFT WRAPPING EVENT which will take place over several days and times in December. Volunteers Wrappers will be needed for all shifts; sign up sheets will be available soon in the literacy office to



## Important Dates

- **Library Closed: Thurs & Fri, 24 & 25, Thanksgiving Holiday.**
- **Friday, December 16, 11:30am, International Potluck Luncheon. Join us!**

Full calendar available in the office or click [here](#).

## Newsletter Feedback

If you have a comment, question or a suggestion about an article or idea for the Open Doors Literacy newsletter, please send it to [ebonk68@gmail.com](mailto:ebonk68@gmail.com) or [literacy@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:literacy@surfcity-hb.org). We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter and always welcome your feedback.



Thank you for your ongoing support of the adult and family literacy programs at Huntington Beach Public Library. Without your help we would not be where we are today, and we appreciate you.

Sincerely,  
Literacy Volunteers-HBPL Board of Directors & Staff

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