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Clay County Literacy Coalition

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CCLC's Mission Statement

Clay County Literacy Coalition, Inc. enables adults and families to acquire the literacy skills needed to solve the problems of daily living and to participate confidently in society.

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President's Newsletter



July 1, 2010

Dear CCLC Tutors, Students and Volunteers,

JULY is the time of celebrating our American heritage. For most Americans, from early childhood on, the 4th of July has come to mean a time for displays of patriotism. Everywhere there will be displays of the flag, cities and towns will have parades complete with marching bands, and families will gather to share food and fun. We all have our definition of what it means to be an American. But what does being an American mean to someone who doesn't have this sense of history? I asked one of CCLC's former students to share her thoughts.

I wanted to become a U.S. citizen since Tuesday, September 11, 2001, when America was attacked by terrorists. However, the "American Dream" was inside me since my youth. My father wanted us to know everything about the U.S.—the country that had helped us (France) so much to get rid of the Nazis in 1944-45.

On February 18, 2010, I swore fidelity to the flag of the United States of America, changed my name, and a page was turned. I have freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and I feel free to say what I think. I even helped with the Presidential campaign and now I can't wait for the moment when I'll make my first vote in what is now my country."

A special thank you to the Literacy Coalition and the class in "Becoming a Citizen," which helped me a lot in realizing my "American Dream." Everyday I say, "God bless America."

Christianne Hohanessian, now **Christy Mary Waness King**, has lived in the U.S. for five years. For 35 years, she was a teacher of French for the French government. A lifelong learner, she is now pursuing a degree in Psychology and reports grades of A+ in her first two courses.

SUMMER CLASSES are underway. Enrollments are as follows:

Conversation	34	Linda Tanner, Mike Day —Instructors
Writing	36	Maurice Brown, Nila Reynolds —Instructors
Reading	36	Nordeya Lockhart, Virginia Hash —Instructors

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! to everyone who is sending in their monthly report of volunteer hours. We are told that submitting the hours using the website is "a piece of cake." Simply go to www.clayliteracy.org and click on "Submit Volunteer Hours." Complete the form and click "Submit." Please try it if you have not already. Regardless of how you send your hours, please do send them. The information provided is the basis for several reports that CCLC must file each year.

NEW CCLC APPOINTMENTS:

.....TREASURER: **Richard Smith**

.....BOARD OF DIRECTORS: **Bill Hayter** and **Michael Day** They join current Directors **Lynn Bankston, Luz Bratt, Simona Filosi, David Kiebler** and **Barbara Shipp**.

.....FUND RAISING COMMITTEE: **Michael Day, Rita Hirsch** and **Lynn Bankston**

.....WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT and MAINTENANCE: **Howard Roberts**

.....COORDINATOR OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ESSAY COMPETITION: **Cindy Fuss**

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING \implies Monday, July 19, 4:00 PM, OPHS, Wing B-6.

NOTE \implies CCLC office hours during the last week of July will be 10:00 a.m.--4:30 p.m.
Remember the office is closed on Fridays.

NEW TUTORS: Congratulations to: **Carmen Barrows, Dolores Bost, Donna Eschen, Peter Geiger, Sandra Geiger, Jenny Hertel** and **Brenda Paige**, who are CCLC's newest tutors!

The next **Tutor Training Workshop** is scheduled for August 28th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Adult Education Wing A of the Orange Park High School.



NEW TUTOR TRAINING TEAM: Following completion of training provided by the Florida Literacy Coalition, **Lisa Leiby** and **Phyllis Weston** will now lead the training workshops for future tutors. In addition, **Laura Taylor** and **Lois Vaughan** are the training team assistants. Not only will these four individuals provide instruction for the workshops, they will also be developing a number of enrichment opportunities. These might include various teaching strategies and techniques, new resources, using the Internet as a teaching tool, and many more, all designed to provide the most current information and skill development for our tutors. CCLC is grateful to these four volunteers who are providing a very important instructional component of the Coalition's mission.

A SPECIAL REQUEST has come from organizers of the **Green Cove Springs Lions Club Foundation's July 3rd & 4th Celebration**. They are expecting 500 children to participate each day in various events. If you, or a friend or family member, have some free time and would like to assist with these activities, please contact Nancy Beaulieu (904-505-7142) or Patricia Hopkins (904-248-8809).

MEMBERSHIP: It is with much appreciation that we acknowledge all who have sent us their 2010 membership dues...**THANK YOU**...If you have not already done so, it isn't too late to send your yearly dues of \$20.00. Your membership is valuable, and needed, in helping CCLC meet its mission.

The monthly President's Letter comes to you in an effort to keep you updated on the happenings of the Clay County Literacy Coalition. As always, your suggestions are welcomed.

Virginia Hash

President and the Board of Directors