

Greenville Literacy Association Tutor Talk Fall 2014



Fall Tutor Refresher

TUTORS: Come and enjoy tasty snacks, good fellowship, and learn some new tips and tricks at the GLA Fall In-service

GSLC - Wednesday, November 5 1:30-3:00 PM
Greer - Tuesday, November 11 12:00-1:30 PM
Downtown - Friday, November 14 12:00-1:30 PM

Please RSVP

Downtown - 467-3456
Greer - 848-5370
GSLC - 688-2212

Discussion Topics Include:

- Teaching Tools
- New Activities
- Sharing Ideas with Fellow Tutors

All tutors are encouraged to attend!
Material for ABE and ESL tutors will be covered!
Great event for new and experienced tutors!

Fall Tutor Refresher

Every year at this time, GLA offers volunteer tutors the opportunity to join us as we explore new ideas and ways of doing things. Like you, we are always looking for ways to make the learning experience a better one for our students.

The in-service is a great opportunity to learn from others and to share your own ideas in the company of like-minded people. Please mark your calendars and RSVP to the program managers at your center.



Annual Awards Evening

This year our annual awards evening was held at Brookwood Church in Simpsonville. This is always a special occasion for GLA as we honor the students who have made educational gains over the past fiscal year, and the tutors and volunteers who give so much of their time and expertise.

DIANE ROBERTS 2013-2014 Volunteer of The Year

Diane is an amazing volunteer who has always been more than willing to take on any task we put before her. She has taught both ESL and ABE and normally teaches at least 5 classes a week. She's a wonderful writing teacher and under her instruction many students have gone on to pass the GED. Currently, she teaches 2 Language Arts classes and an advanced writing class. She has taught consistently over the past 3 years and has also presented several times at Tutor In-services. She works closely with new tutors to help orient them and has also subbed at a moment's notice. **Diane** is a person we can always count on who is flexible and willing to help in any way possible.



2013-2014 GED Recipients

The Greenville Literacy Association had a record number of **61 GED recipients** this past fiscal year! Pictured below are a few former students wearing their caps and gowns at the Annual Awards celebration.



Tutor Hall of Fame

Collectively, volunteers put in many thousands of volunteering hours every year. We recognize their efforts by awarding certificates in increments of 100 hours. Once a volunteer reaches 1,000 hours they enter the **Tutor Hall of Fame**. This year Greenville Literacy recognized a record number of **10** volunteers who have reached this milestone! **Jackie Breffle** and **Jim Zickos** from The Greer Center, **Barb Daugherty** and **Diane Roberts** from Golden Strip, **Judy and Ralph Leonard** from The Smith Learning Center and **Jim Childress**, **Heyward Davis**, **Marti Johnson** and **Kim Phillips** from Downtown.



We Welcome New Tutors Trained in September

ESL:

Teresa Alvarez
Julie Christian
Natalie Dill
Daniel Flavin
Scott Gillespie
Cassandra Goldsmith
Claudia Greer
Ashley Hodges
Claudia Kessack

Judy Ledvinka
Mary Lewis
Rosemary Mendelsohn
Elinor Mowbray
Jean Teague
Sasha Whittington

ABE:

Steve Carter
Kathy Dickson
Beverley Gates

David Hoeflin
Camille Hood
Laura Howard
Laura Howell
Jim Moreland
Cyndy Pfleiderer



Tutor Tip

An article in The Washington Post about a teacher who shadowed some high school students for two days, makes very interesting reading. Click on the link to read the article.
<http://wapo.st/1DJ84rH>

GSLC: Barb Daugherty has been a math tutor at GSLC since 2003. Even though she tutors students from local schools she always reserves Thursday mornings for GSLC. In the summer, when she has more time, she works one-on-one with students and also substitutes for other classes. Over the years Barb has taught all levels of math. She is an amazing teacher, who always prepares a clear and detailed syllabus for each session and explains things in a way that students can easily understand.



She is always willing to stay after class with students to give them extra help.

Over the years Barb has been instrumental in helping many students pass the GED.

Tutor Highlights



Downtown ABE:

In this edition we would like to recognize ABE tutor, **Sally Gurrie**. Sally is a higher level math tutor who has taught a variety of classes since coming to us in 2010. From Science to WorkKeys to basic math she has always been vested in the success of her students. Always going the extra mile, she's been known to give extra help both in person or via the phone, as well as help to others members of students' families. An amazing asset to the Downtown team, **Sally** is an important part of our GLA family.

Greer:

The Greer Center is delighted to recognize ABE tutor, **Vanessa Lucas**. Vanessa is a Spartanburg native who began teaching a GED level essay class in September.

As a librarian, her love of reading was the driving force in her decision to volunteer. Improving the education levels of people in the community is very important to her. Her students appreciate the time and effort she puts into preparing and teaching her classes. For **Vanessa**, the greatest highlights of volunteering are being hands-on with the students and witnessing their



growth and change as they master new material.

GLA Calendar

November

- 22- ABE Workshop 9:00AM - 3:30PM
- 21 - Last day of the Fall session.
Golden Strip Social 9:30-11:00AM
- 27 -28 Thanksgiving, all offices closed.



December

- 6 - ESL Workshop 9:00 - 3:30PM
- 12 - Downtown Social 12:00-1:00PM
- 16 - Greer Social-6:30-8:00PM
- 19 - All offices close for winter break at 12:00PM



January

- 5 - All offices re-open for the new year



We want your ideas!

Tutor talk is a forum to exchange ideas and tips. Just like you, we are always looking for new and better ways to help students. If you have an interesting idea, valuable tip or a great website to share, please call Harriet at 864 688-2212 or email to:

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If you change your email address, please let

Michelle know at: irby@greenvilleliteracy.org

