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## A Warm Welcome to Our New

I am very excited to introduce two new staff for the Literacy Volunteers Penn Yan office. I look forward to working with Carol and Cyndi as they have so much enthusiasm and experience to offer all of us.

Carol McFetridge has recently joined the staff of Literacy Volunteers as the Program Coordinator in the Penn Yan office. Carol retired from the Bath School District at the end of June after 27 years in the field of education. She began her career as a special education teacher in Dundee. Later on, she moved into school administration, becoming the high school principal in Dundee in 1995. In the spring of 2000, she was recruited to become the Director of

Special Education for the Bath District. Her responsibilities included grant writing, foster families, the incarcerated, the homeless, and students with disabilities.

On a personal note, Carol is married to Gary McFetridge, and they reside in Penn Yan.

They have two grown children and two grandchildren. Gary, who is semi-retired, works for Rooster Hill winery. Carol enjoys gardening, yoga, walking, reading, wine tasting, and being a grandma!

Cynthia Tusing joined the staff in Penn Yan as the Administrative Assistant on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Cynthia and her husband have recently moved to the area from Utah where she was a student and Teaching Assistant at the University of Utah. She has volunteer

experience with the Red Cross, helped with the aftermath of hurricane Katrina, and was involved with the planning and implementation of after-school programs for inner city elementary schools in Salt Lake City, UT.

Last spring she completed our Tutor Training and is tutoring a young woman in Canandaigua.

If you would like to email a greeting, their addresses are:

[carol@literacyvoc.org](mailto:carol@literacyvoc.org)  
[cindy@literacyvoc.org](mailto:cindy@literacyvoc.org)

Please stop by and introduce yourself. Carol and Cynthia would love to meet you and learn about your experience as a tutor. They are open to any suggestions you may have to help grow the program in Yates

## Annual Picnic Recap



The Annual LVOY Picnic, held July 25 at the Seneca Yacht Club, was a fantastic success! About 60 people gathered on the breezy shore of Seneca Lake, chatted with “old” friends and met new ones. Learners and tutors brought sumptuous dishes to share, some

of which featured wonderful cuisine from other countries. Our activities included the yearly balloon toss, which was as fun and crazy as ever, and a hula dance mini-lesson. Next year, we are positive we’ll get more people to jump in to learn to swing

their hips. Like they say, the more the merrier (and funnier)! Thank you to all who attended. You helped make our picnic a memorable event, and we can’t wait to see you next year!

## Ontario County Fund Drive

Each fall, we ask for financial support from our communities. Donations represent a meaningful portion of the LVOY budget each year and we depend on these gifts to continue providing literacy services. Our goal this year is \$15,000. Every donation –no-matter its size – is valued. We hope you will support LVOY this year. If you have in previous years, thank you.

## Festival of Trees

Every year, LVOY’s Program Committee decorates a tree for the Granger Homestead’s Festival of Trees. Make sure to get in to the season and stop by November 9<sup>th</sup> – December 8<sup>th</sup> to enjoy the beautiful decorations and check out our tree!

## Training Dates

### ELL TRAINING

**Orientation:**

October 24th  
1:00-4:00 p.m.  
Canandaigua

**Session 1:**

November 1  
1:00-4:00 p.m.  
Canandaigua

**Session 2:**

November 8  
1:00-4:00 p.m.  
Canandaigua

**Successful Tutoring:**

November 14  
1:00-4:00 p.m.  
Canandaigua

### BLL TRAINING

**Orientation**

October 24<sup>th</sup>  
1:00-4:00 p.m.  
Canandaigua

**Session 1:**

October 31  
1:00-4:00 p.m.  
Canandaigua

**Session 2:**

November 7  
1:00-4:00 p.m.  
Canandaigua

**Successful Tutoring:**

November 14  
1:00-4:00 p.m.  
Canandaigua



## Upcoming Information Sessions:

Thursday, October 11  
5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Canandaigua

Monday, October 22  
12:00-1:00  
Geneva Free Library

## Save the Date:

The annual LVOY Spelling Bee will take place on Sunday, February 10, 2013. We are looking for tutor spelling teams to represent our Yates and Ontario County tutors. Sponsorship may be available if funds cannot be raised. Please contact Linda at [linda@literacyvoc.org](mailto:linda@literacyvoc.org) to discuss if you're interested. No need to be a fantastic speller, just the will to have fun while supporting our mission.

## In Memory of Bob Flickinger

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*Bob was...“full of warmth and integrity and possessed a passion for everything that he did.”*

Bob Flickinger was a gift to Yates County. In addition to his time spent tutoring with Literacy Volunteers, he was also involved with the Yates County Arts Center, the Red Cross, and other charitable endeavors. In the aftermath of this great loss, the entire LVOY community would like to send their deepest

sympathies to the family and friends of this exceptional man. Bob was regarded as the kind of person that most of us are striving to become. Billie van der Sterre, a friend, described him as, “full of warmth and integrity and possessed a passion for everything that he did.” In honor of

Bob, Literacy Volunteers has purchased educational materials that will have Bob Flickinger’s name inscribed on the inside cover. In doing so, we hope that this small memorial will serve as a visual reminder of the positivity and dedication that we are all capable of.

## In-Service Opportunities

**Health Literacy:** Join us at the Canandaigua office on Wednesday October 17, from 4:00 – 5:30 to hear about ways you can improve your learner’s health literacy. The in-service does focus on women’s health care, but all are invited to attend.

**Testing Anxiety In-Service:** Ever get nervous taking a test? Sometimes our nerves get in the way of performance, and this happens to our learners, too! Join us Wednesday, December 5 from 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. to pick up some tips and tools to help your learner shed their testing anxiety and have more success on their yearly assessments!

If you have any questions about these opportunities or would like to register please call: 585-396-1686.

## Fiscal Year Report

We want to congratulate and thank all of our tutors for their hard work in Fiscal Year 2011-2012 (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012). We had 128 volunteers who worked with 188 learners for 4,197 instructional hours! So pat yourselves on the back for a job well done! And here’s to an even more successful year in 2012-2013!