



# LitBits

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## Literacy Volunteers to Relocate Offices in September



Front of Wolk Hall, facing South Avenue



Main Entrance to LVR Offices, located in rear of building

Literacy Volunteers of Rochester (LVR) is excited to announce the relocation of our offices in September to 1600 South Avenue at Wolk Hall at the corner of South and Elmwood Avenues (within the Al Sigl campus). The location, which is slightly more than ½ mile from the current office, will provide LVR with 2,900 square feet of office, library, training, and tutoring space. The building, which is located directly on a bus line, will give LVR learners and volunteers greater accessibility and not only will expand space and program opportunities, but will provide long-term cost savings to the organization.

LVR will be occupying a little more than half of the ground floor of Wolk Hall and will be neighbors to current second floor residents, including the Al Sigl Foundation and the Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation. Plans for the new space include a conference/training room dedicated to training LVR tutors, expanded library facilities which will include computer workstations, and dedicated space for classes, intake/testing, and tutoring.

The current lease at Highland Avenue will expire at the end of September and LVR is expected to make its physical move in mid-September. During the summer, LVR staff and volunteers will be working hard to make the transition to our new location a smooth one for everyone.

# The 2010 Judy Dauphinee Volunteer of the Year Award

The Judy Dauphinee Volunteer of the Year Award is given annually to a LVR volunteer who exemplifies selflessness, team spirit, a positive attitude, dependability, follow-through, and a willingness to go beyond a job description. All of these characters were typical of Judy Dauphinee, a valued tutor and volunteer, who passed away in 1991.

The 2010 Judy Dauphinee Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Sue Habbersett at our Annual Meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Sue has been a volunteer with LVR since 1998.



Sue Habbersett & LVR Board Pres. Edward Hourihan, Jr.

During that time she has served as both a tutor and a preview presenter.

In addition to her direct work with adult learners and prospective volunteers, Sue has been a strong advocate for LVR in the community. She has helped to promote United Way support of LVR through RIT, has done public speaking

and recruitment on behalf of LVR and supported our programs such as Literacy Bridge to Employment by helping us recruit presenters. It was through Sue's efforts that the National Human Resources Association adopted LVR and through its fundraising helped develop our computer literacy program. Through these efforts and so many more, Sue has shown so many of the attributes that make her a deserving candidate of the Judy Dauphinee award. We thank Sue for her many years of service and look forward to working with her for many more.

## LVR Annual Meeting 2010

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, LVR held its Annual Meeting and Awards and Recognition event in the Cornell Cooperative Extension Auditorium, adjacent to the LVR offices. Led by LVR Board President Edward Hourihan, Jr., the event, attended by more than 70 LVR learners, volunteers and friends, included recognition of LVR learners by their tutors, presentation of service anniversary pins for LVR volunteers, and thanks to retiring board members including our outgoing President.

In addition to the presentation of the Dauphinee Award to Sue Habbersett, as mentioned in the article above, several other friends and leaders in the community were honored with the following awards.

### Friend of Literacy Awards

Harter, Secrest and Emery, LLP for their continued support of LVR's Brain Game event as well as the continued involvement of their firm's associates as LVR volunteers.

Thomson Reuters for their on-

going support of the LVR Brain Game and the continued involvement of their staff as LVR volunteers.

Virginia "Ginny" Rizzo, Adult Literacy Education Coordinator at BOCES 2 for her outstanding contributions to adult literacy in the Rochester community for more than 20 years. In recent years, Ginny has been a strong advocate for LVR and the work that we do and has been a lead person in connecting LVR with BOCES 2 through our Literacy Bridge to Employment program.

Rose-Marie Klipstein for her service since 1972 as a volunteer, board member, recruiter, advocate, and friend of LVR throughout the Rochester community. From her early days as a tutor and trainer of other volunteers to her current role as a member of the LVR Advisory Council, Rose-Marie has worn many hats and provided unwavering support for LVR's mission.

### Literacy Leadership Awards

For their support of Adult Literacy in the Rochester community and

throughout New York State, LVR recognized these local legislators for their support and leadership:

Assemblyman David Gantt  
Assemblyman David Koon  
Assemblyman Joseph Morelle  
Senator Joseph Robach



Rose-Marie Klipstein with Edward Hourihan, Jr.

See page 5 for pictures of more Annual Meeting Award Winners.

# An Active Summer at LVR

Summer, a time of sun, fun, and many activities – and that includes a lot of things happening at LVR! Here is a quick sample of the many things that will be going on at LVR between now and Labor Day.

- As mentioned on the cover of this LitBits – LVR is moving! Our estimated date for our move is mid September, so our summer will be filled with packing, sorting, and moving. If you have some free time, think about signing up to help us pack!
- Preparing for Accreditation. Later this year site reviewers will be visiting from Pro-Literacy to look at LVR, our operation, documentation, and the like as part of the reaccreditation process that

happens every four years.

- Video project. Under a grant from St. Thomas' Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Diocese, LVR will be producing a 5-7 minute video to be used on-line and elsewhere to tell the LVR story and recruit more volunteers.
- Keeping an eye on the NYS budget situation. As you may have seen recently in the news, New York State is trying to cut funds from LVR's budget from the new program year as well as last year! The recent vetoes by Governor Patterson included funds from last LVR program year for which we had contracts and that have already been spent. Now LVR and many other organizations around the state simply want to be paid. Our thanks to so many of

you that have written letters and emails and have made phone calls on our behalf. We will keep you posted on this important funding issue to LVR and to Literacy Volunteers organizations across the state.

- Summer Book Club. LVR students will be reading John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath" as part of a summer book club which will conclude in September with a viewing of the original film at The Little Theatre. This project is supported by a grant from the Women's Club of Pittsford.

Hope you all enjoy an active summer. We look forward to seeing you soon!

## LVR Volunteer Opportunities

### Packing and Sorting for Move

We need people who are interested in helping us get ready to move. We will be packing on various days in mid to late August. If you are available please contact Jennifer at 473-3030 or [jeaton@literacyrochester.org](mailto:jeaton@literacyrochester.org).

### Survey Volunteer

Volunteers are needed to make phone survey calls to current LVR learners this summer. Callers will ask learners to respond to a 15-20 minute survey developed by the Ad Council of Rochester to help develop a new marketing plan for LVR. We need volunteers to call learners, ask survey questions, and input the survey information on-line for them. Phone and computer skills are helpful.

Contact Jennifer 473-3030

### Brain Game

#### Question Committee

This group meets Thursdays for breakfast at Forrest Hills Restaurant in East Rochester about 4 to 5 times. Their job is to write the questions and rules for the game and then to run the question part of the Brain Game the night of the event in October. Anyone interested please contact Dick Barrett at [rbarret3@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rbarret3@rochester.rr.com)

## Spencerport Students Donate to LVR

As part of a project for their Participation in Government Class; Dan Moody, Joe Jackson, Kelly Ussia, and Danny Persia helped collect supplies for LVR. After visiting our offices these Spencerport students decided to help LVR by holding a supply drive at their school. This drive collected four cases of paper as well as pencils for our program. Thank you to everyone who participated.



(LtoR) Dan Moody, Joe Jackson, Kelly Ussia, Danny Persia

### Summer Office Hours

Open Monday through Friday  
9am-4pm

Closed Saturdays  
for July and August

Closed Saturday September 4 and  
Monday September 6 for  
Labor Day

# My Visit to the Genesee Country Museum

By Angela Cullati

(Angela is an ESL student from China)

Angela Cullati and her tutor Terry Hin visited the Genesee Country Museum, using the Mary Sue Shaefer Fund. This is a record of their visit written by Angela.



In Rochester, we have a wonderful place to show people how our ancestors in the 1700's lived their lives. At the Genesee Country Museum, you can get a great view of many people's lives— from the farmer, to the brewer, the doctor, lawyer, shoemaker and gunsmith. It is a mini-village with great landscaping too. The staff dresses in colonial outfits and they are very friendly. They introduce the history of that period.

They moved one old house from

the city of Rochester. All its interior and furniture has been restored to the original. In its entryway, you will see a beautiful staircase leading upstairs. During that time, people loved to use symbols to express their feelings to their guests. This home has a beautiful hand-carved stair-post with a pineapple for welcome, a lion's paw for strength and power, ivy leaves for long life, and seeds for good luck.

In the museum, you will see many carriages that are over 100 years old! Today, you see them only in old black and white movies. Some are very fancy, and some are more like a taxi-cab. There are some beautiful hand-made saddles, with personal initials on them and amazing hand-

crafted leather and metal work. You can tell it took people months to put their heart, soul, energy, and creativity into these pieces. They took time to work on the details.

If you come to the museum, you are going to see dried herbs used as medicine, and also a hand-made cheese shop, handmade toy shop and ceramic shop, and many other wonderful things! It is well worth a day's trip with your family and friends. You will find favorite buildings and shops that will bring your mind back to 200 years ago.

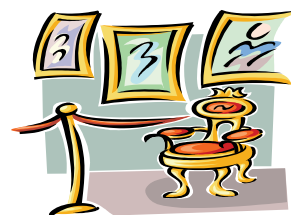


## The Mary Sue Shaefer Fund

Mary Sue Shaefer was an active volunteer until 1990. The Mary Sue Shaefer Fund was established in her honor, to help underwrite the cost of tickets for students and tutors to attend local cultural and recreational events. The fund provides a maximum combined reimbursement of \$35, for the tutor and student.

Interested tutors should contact Mellissa or Jennifer

at least 24 hours before tickets are needed, to see if funds are available. Preference is given to those who have not previously received sponsorship from this fund. Students who attend the event are expected to write a short article that will be published in the next LitBits. Receipts should be submitted to our offices after the event to receive reimbursement.



## 2010 Friend of Literacy Awards



Harter, Secret and Emery, LLP accepted by Maureen Alston



Thomson Reuters accepted by Teri Kruk



Ginny Rizzo

## 2010 Literacy Leadership Awards



Senator Joseph Robach accepted by Joe Agostinelli



Assemblyman Joseph Morelle accepted by Tad Mack

*All Award Winners are shown with LVR Board President Edward Hourihan, Jr.*