

“Newsy” the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

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## Welcome to “NEWSY” the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin

Hi Everyone,

### **Winter Party and Welcome Reception for Michelle on Zoom – Thursday January 12 at 6:00 PM Zoom**

We are really sorry to announce that our winter party and reception for Michelle will be on Zoom. Thank-you for responding to the survey - the results were 3 to 1 in favor of having the party/reception online on Zoom.

This social event is for students and tutors so be sure to invite your students to join us and feel free to send them the Zoom link. An invitation will be sent to students tomorrow. We will introduce Michelle to our community and play some fun games online.

### **2023 Calendar Fundraiser**

There are still 2023 Literacy Unlimited Calendars available. Make a \$15 donation and get a calendar here: [2023 Calendar fundraiser](#)

### **Literacy Unlimited and Library Closings in January**

Libraries are closed on Monday December 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

## Good to Know – For Tutors

### **Tutor Time – January 17 at 7:00 PM on Zoom**

**Program:**

7:00 – 7:30 **Tutor office hours** – what is on your mind, what have you been working on with your student, how can we help?

7:30 – 8:00 **Discuss Keith Folse’s recorded tutor workshop**

Keith Folse did workshop for tutors back on November 15. We would like to discuss your reactions to the presentation at Tutor Time. One of our tutors who recently watched the

recording responding by saying *"I finally got around to watching Keith Folse -- just brilliant. More like this, please."*

### **"News for You" Subscription – Renewed for another year**

Although there were not a lot of you that responded to our request, those that did respond were very passionate about using "News for You". It is most suitable for intermediate students and above, maybe even low intermediate if a student is interested in timely news articles. It also has a teacher's guide, audio versions and activities. Are you curious as to what it is about? Here is the link and the password so you can check it out.

### **New Tutors Buddies**

We have over 20 new tutors who will start training this month and will be matched with a student at the beginning of March. New tutors are offered the option of working with a tutor buddy to help them prepare for the first couple of meetings with a student. If you would like to be a tutor buddy, please let us know: [fplmail4@minlib.net](mailto:fplmail4@minlib.net) or 508 532 5574.

### **Wednesday Night Beginner English Conversation Class 7:00 pm Needs a Leader**

Tim is currently leading this in-person drop-in conversation class with a co-leader. He would like to turn the class over to another leader so he can teach an intermediate class. If you are interested in leading this class, please let us know. [fplmail4@minlib.net](mailto:fplmail4@minlib.net) or 508 532 5574.

## **Tutor and Student Pair Accomplishments – You Rock!!!!**

It is inspiring to hear what our students and tutors are accomplishing. If you have reached a milestone, any milestone, with your student please, please let us know. We would love to share them with our community.

**Sue and Fen and Ai Ming** - Fen and Ai Ming are from China. Sue had been working with Fen since May of 2018 and began working with Ai Ming in March of 2022. Both Fen and Ai Ming passed their citizenship tests and became citizens in November 2022.



**Wayne and Marcio (above)** – Marcio is from Brazil and he and Wayne have been paired together since November 2009. Wayne has recently moved to Arizona so face-to-face meetings are no longer possible. However, they report that *their “biggest accomplishment this year has been figuring out how to have a fluid and meaningful class via Zoom.”* Those of us who have wrangled with technology from time to time will understand! *December 2022*

**Lauren and Kodjo** - Kodjo is from Togo and he and Lauren have been working together since August 2021. You may recall that Kodjo started at Mass Bay in the ESL program in September 2022. He did well enough last semester to leave the ESL program and is now enrolled in the Two-Year Biotech Certificate Program starting this semester. He will be taking College Algebra and Freshman English composition while continuing to work full-time at Walmart. *January 2023*

## Last Word

Hope you had a restful and peaceful holiday. And maybe you made a New Year’s resolution or two. Could one of those resolutions involve pushing the envelope, trying something different, moving outside your comfort zone? One easy and rewarding way to do this is to share your tutoring experience with new tutors who are about to meet with a student for the first time. We need tutor and student pairs to briefly (15 minutes) share with the new tutors their tutoring experience. If you and your student are available on Wednesday, January 18 or January 25 any time between 6:45 PM and 8:30 PM and are used to meeting on Zoom let us know. Alternatively, if you and your student are available on Tuesday January 17 or January 24 between 1:45 and 4:00 PM and could meet in the Library in the Costin Room, let us know. Many new tutors tell us

that hearing from a tutor/student pair is one of the most memorable parts of the training.

Thanks for reading to the end. Hope to see ya soon,

Michelle, Karen, Laurie, Liehua, and Marjie