

Fall 2008



# Hamilton Reads

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**Tutors, please read this Newsletter with your student.**

## Mark Your Calendar:

### Labour Day

September 1— office closed

### International Literacy Day

September 8  
[www.nald.ca/info/events/annual/ild/ild.htm](http://www.nald.ca/info/events/annual/ild/ild.htm)

### Tutor Training Workshop

September 20 and 27 – tell a friend!

### Thanksgiving

October 13 –office closed

## Thank you to PricewaterhouseCoopers Canada Foundation!

HLC received, through **Elliot Craig** (a PWC employee), an award of \$300 for Elliot's volunteer contribution as our treasurer.

Does your workplace recognize **your** volunteer efforts? If so, tell them about the great work you do with the Literacy Council.

## Turning over a new leaf at the HLC office

This past summer has been a time of many changes at the Literacy Council. At the end of July, we bid farewell to **Valerie Louter**, who has moved on to a position at Redeemer University College as Development Director, Alumni. Over her nearly seven years at the HLC, she has done everything from teaching small group classes to recruiting volunteers. We wish her much success, though she will be dearly missed at the HLC!

In the spirit of lifelong learning, **Harriet Hamilton**, one of our small group instructors, is also saying goodbye to the Literacy Council in order to pursue her own educational goals. Good luck, Harriet!

Our summer student, Teresa Zsuffa, will be staying on after her term as the new Community Relations Coordinator and Small Group Instructor. Sue Squires, a tutor with our program, is also joining our staff as a Small Group Instructor. Welcome, Sue!



Best of luck, Harriet and Val!

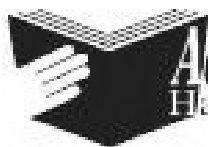
### Discovering & Managing ADD in the Adult Learner

A Supplementary Workshop for HLC Tutors

Facilitator: Andrea Pitts  
**Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**  
**Hamilton Literacy Council Office**  
**YWCA, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 321**

Learn to implement simple accommodations and strategies to help the student with A.D.D., as well as some of the positive aspects to this common disorder.

Register by calling  
 905-529-9907



**Adult Basic Education Association**  
 Hamilton's Connection to Lifelong Learning

**September 15-21 is Lifelong Learning Week in Hamilton!**

#### Events for Students:

##### **Life & Times of an Order of Canada Recipient**

Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 10am

Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, 300 Albright Road

The dynamic Reverend Justin Page will share how, after learning to read at the age of 33, he went on to build "Beat the Street", a national literacy program geared to people on the street. Open to literacy learners and closed to the public. Call 905-561-2190 to register.

##### **Hate Crimes Prevention Workshop** for all LBS Students in Hamilton

Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 1pm

Hamilton Literacy Council (YWCA, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

Learn how you can make a difference!

##### **Tour of Whitehern**

Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 1-4pm, 41 Jackson St. W.

Enjoy free admission to the historic McQuesten home and view all the original furnishings dating up to 1939. No registration required.

#### Board of Directors for 2008-2009

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## AGM 2008

On June 5, 2008, many of you joined us for our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, Annual General Meeting and Awards night. Our guest speaker for the evening was Dan McLean, co-anchor of *CHCH News*.

Congratulations to all our students for their hard work and accomplishments!

**Kim Brooks Memorial Award:** Bryan Prince

**Commitment to Literacy Award:** Brett Mann

**Outstanding Achievement Award:** Ava Gayle

**Tutor of the Year:** Jessie Watt

\* If you were unable to attend the AGM, stop by our office to pick up your copy of the annual report and sign our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banner!

### LLO Conference 2008

In June, several of our students had a blast travelling to North Bay for the annual **LLO Conference!** They spent the weekend learning and networking with other LBS students from across Ontario. Drop by our office to see their photo collage and thoughts on the weekend on our student board!

### Employment Resource Room

Tutors are encouraged to bring their students to the employment resource room. We have some great tools available.

Come during **office hours:** Monday, Wednesday-Friday 9-4; Tuesday 9-7

### Students Making a Difference

End of level: June-August 2008

### LBS Level 1 Jeremy

**Do you think your student is ready to write his/her End of Level?** Make an appointment with Teresa by calling 905-529-9907.

This summer, we held a **Computer Draw** for our used computed equipment. Students who did not own a computer were eligible to enter. All of the winners have been notified and have picked up their complete desktop sets. Congratulations!

Special thanks go to Tech Support students Jeremy and Kevin. They made sure the winners got all they needed to get their computers running, and even provided additional help with installation! Thanks!

### Attention One-to-One Students:

New Small Groups are starting up in September. It's not too late to sign up, so if you are interested in joining, contact **Helen** at **905-529-9907!**



### Small Group Picnic

To celebrate the end of the school year, the HLC staff and small group students enjoyed a shuttle ride and a sunny afternoon at Bayfront Park.

From left to right:  
Harriet, Kim, Dave, Velma, Paul, Marilyn, Kevin, Jeremy, Sharon, Wayne, Helen, and Donna.



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The Hamilton Literacy Council began in 1973. Our mission is to help adults improve their basic reading, writing and math skills according to their personal goals. Our free program provides one-to-one tutoring and small group instruction.

#### Our Values

Teamwork  
Integrity  
Excellence  
Serving  
Dignity  
Lifelong Learning

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## Fall Word

### Match

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|---------------------|--|
| ___ a) October      | 1. Labour Day month                    |
| ___ b) seasons      | 2. Spooky holiday                      |
| ___ c) leaves       | 3. Pick crops                          |
| ___ d) football     | 4. These change colours                |
| ___ e) Halloween    | 5. Leaves do this all season           |
| ___ f) Thanksgiving | 6. Turkey Day                          |
| ___ g) harvest      | 7. These takes children to school      |
| ___ h) September    | 8. There are four of these in a year   |
| ___ i) school bus   | 9. Pigskin sport                       |
| ___ j) fall         | 10. The month you dress up in costumes |

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ride the United Way

Saturday, September 13, 2008

Do you have a bike or know someone with a bike? Check out this great fundraiser! [www.ridetheunitedway.com](http://www.ridetheunitedway.com)  
The HLC receives some funding from the United Way.