

Winter 2009



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Tutors, please read this Newsletter with your student.



You are invited to our

HOLIDAY POTLUCK DINNER

Wednesday, December 16th

5:30-8 p.m.

Room 322

Please join us for dinner and bring a
salad or a dessert.

R.S.V.P. to Laurie at 905-529-9907 x221
by December 10th



A holiday message from our Executive Director,
Rose Johnson

I always feel very lucky to be alive at Christmas time since it is a time of love, peace and caring. It is a time to show those that we love and all our fellow human beings that we care. It is a time to count our blessings that we live in such a wonderful, caring country like Canada. It is a time to thank you, our volunteers for all that you do for us during the year.

All of the staff, the Board, and the students at the Hamilton Literacy Council want to let you know that we care and we want to wish you and those you love a holiday full of peace, joy and cheer.

Sincerely,
Rose Johnson

Mark Your Calendars:

Office Closed:
December 23 – January 4

We wish you a safe and peaceful holiday season!

Family Literacy Day:
January 27, 2010

Tutor Orientation:
February 22, 2010

Basic Training Workshop:
February 27, 2010 &
March 6, 2010
Tell a friend!

Student Orientation:
January 4, 2010 &
January 11, 2010



NEWS FROM THE LITERACY COUNCIL

Our board of directors is saying one hello and one goodbye this autumn. We are pleased to welcome Wendy Coleman to the board table. You might recall Wendy from our AGM in the spring when she and her husband Daniel were our speakers. Wendy has a professional interest in literacy as a consultant for the public school board, a personal interest in community service, and brings both to our board table. We are lucky to have her joining us. Wendy fills the vacancy created by the retirement of our past president, Santina Moccio.

With mixed feelings we say goodbye to Christine Amor, who is leaving the board to move to Newfoundland with her husband, who has been working there several months. After visiting the Rock earlier this year, Christine offered a very favorable review, though she admits to being a little concerned about the winter weather. On behalf of the board, I'd like to wish Christina a fond farewell and extend our best wishes on her latest adventure.

At the same time, we thank Christina for her long service to the council, first as a tutor and then as a board member. We shall miss her hard work and dedication, but we shall never forget her offering her entire living room as storage for the leftovers from the book sale. Thank you for everything, Christina.

The board's selection committee will soon commence its search for a new member.

Wade Hemsworth
President

Our Team has gotten bigger and even better!

I would like to take this time to welcome 4 new instructors to our team. Donna Bennett, Sharon Arnold, Anne Book, and Roland Weidenfeld are all dedicated professionals who have been a pleasure to work with and bring with them a variety of skills and knowledge. I would also like to thank Lisa Wolfe, who is studying to be a social worker and currently doing her practicum with the Hamilton Literacy Council. Lisa is very caring and sensitive to the student's needs and her hard work and focus show everyday.

Laurie Waters
Community Relations Coordinator



Christmas is just around the corner!

Our instructor, Donna Bennett has made beautiful holiday cards for you, your friends, or family members. Please come in and have a look at the display board.

\$12.50/10 (comes with a cloth gift bag)

Net proceeds will go directly to the Hamilton Literacy Council.

A Holiday Message from our Board President

This is an important time of year for people of many cultures, when holiday celebrations share a common theme of bringing families and friends together.

Here at the Hamilton Literacy Council, we are a family of friends, small enough that everyone — including volunteers, staff, learners — can be connected, yet big enough to pool our strength and accomplish great things together.

On behalf of the board of directors, please allow me to extend season's greetings to our whole literacy family, including best wishes for a happy, healthy and successful year ahead.

Sincerely,
Wade Hemsworth

The Student Council

Our Student Council is up and running. If you have any questions, please speak to your representative. If you have any concerns, we will try to help. The Student Council is meeting once per month.

We are trying to arrange fun activities. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

Velma Read,
November Chairperson

Building a Library for the HWDC

Do you have recent magazines or paperbacks that you've read from cover to cover?

If so, bring them in to add to our

book drive for the **Hamilton-Wentworth Detention Centre's** library.

We are especially looking for materials of interest to young men over 16.

Clear up space on your bookshelf and help us give the gift of reading!



Help us make a Bigger Difference in 2010

In 2010 we want to offer more opportunities to more people in Hamilton to improve their basic literacy skills. To accomplish this, we now offer evening classes on Tuesday and Thursday from 6-8 p.m. and computer classes.

Your Student Council Representatives

Velma	Kebah	Rob
Jeremy	Nick	Wayne P.
Kevin	Julie	Wayne W.



Looking for a job? Come and See Bob!

- resume writing
- cover letters
- interview skills
- job search strategies
- applications for jobs
- questions about employment

"...thank you for helping me write a resume and cover letter. I will be starting work for a construction company on November 20th."

Kevin K.

Professional Development Day for All Tutors – Introducing a New Student Portfolio Workshop

Monday, November 30th from 1-3 p.m. or 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2nd from 1-3 p.m. or 6-8 p.m.

Please contact Laurie at 905-529-9907 x221 to sign up for one of these sessions. If you have additional questions regarding the workshop, please contact Helen McLeod, extension 228.

Tools for Tutors

As the cold weather approaches, your student might be looking for some fun activities to do.

www.freerice.com is a learning program. Every time a question is answered correctly, a grain of rice will go to feed a family.





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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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HLC Office Hours:

Monday-Friday:

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

*Evenings by appointment only.

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Fill in the Blank

“You better watch _____, you better not _____. You better not _____ I’m _____ you why, Santa Claus is coming to town.”

- cry pout out telling



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