

LITBITS



Grants, Donations, & Fundraisers

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The Hillsborough Literacy Council was selected to compete for a grant of up to \$5,000 from Yelp. The Yelp Foundation supports charitable organizations and activities addressing the needs of local communities. Grant winners were voted on by members of our community between December 1 -15, 2015. During that two week period many of you went online and voted for us each day. YOU are the reason we had the most votes for the Tampa Bay area and won the grand prize of \$5,000!



Libations for Literacy at Irish 31

The Hillsborough Literacy Council would like to extend a huge thank you to the Mosaic Company for their \$3,000 donation. These funds will allow the HLC to put on another spectacular annual tutor student appreciation event.

On March 21, 2016 the Hillsborough Literacy Council raised \$310 at the Libations for Literacy Event. We appreciate everyone who came out to show their support!

Upcoming Events

Please "like" the new HLC Facebook page.



Family Potluck Picnic for Students & Tutors

April 9, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Al Lopez Park
4810 N. Himes Ave., Pavilion #305

Annual Tutor Student Appreciation

September 24, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Italian Club
1731 E 7th Ave., Ybor

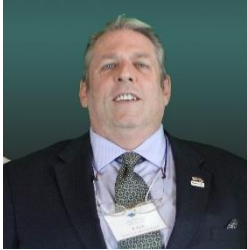
Bingo Fundraiser

October 19, time TBA
Hamburger Mary's, Centro Ybor
1600 E 7th Ave., 2nd floor

Annual Florida Literacy Conference

Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront
May 4 - May 6
For info visit <http://floridaliteracy.org>

Tell your students! May 4 is Adult Learner Day. It is FREE but participants must register by April 25 and space is limited.



Spotlight on the HLC board President: Paul Suppicich

We welcome Paul Suppicich as the new Hillsborough Literacy Council (HLC) Board President. He has been with the HLC for about ten years, first as a tutor and board member, then as a tutor trainer and Board Vice President. Now he has been elected President. He brings a vast knowledge of the English language, fluency in Portuguese and Spanish, and some knowledge of Mandarin Chinese.

Paul grew up in a military family and traveled all over the United States as a child. His dad, a career Air Force officer, retired in the early 1970's and the family settled in Tampa. Paul graduated from Tampa Catholic High School. The many post-secondary degrees he earned all have a common theme: language. He holds an associate's degree in Mass Communications; a bachelor's degree in English Education; a master's degree in Applied Linguistics and a juris doctor degree from Stetson University College of Law.

Professionally he has had an interesting career. He first taught English in São Paulo, Brazil where he immersed himself in the Portuguese language and Brazilian culture. After two years he returned to the United States and taught English at the University of South Florida (USF), St. Petersburg College, Florida Southern College and Eckerd College. His love of language and travel took him to Costa Rica to teach English there. This time he immersed himself in the Spanish language and the culture of Costa Rica.

Soon after he returned to the United States, he married JuAn Shen, a USF chemistry student from mainland China. They moved to Tallahassee for JuAn to continue her studies and earn her Doctor of Pharmacy degree. When they returned to Tampa, Paul decided to go to law school at Stetson and he graduated in 2005. During this time they brought their daughter, Emily, from China.

Paul is a lawyer who practices immigration and nationality law in Tampa and has been a member of the Rotary Club of New Tampa since 2006. Paul lives in New Tampa with his wife, daughter and parents-in-law.

Paul's pride and joy is his daughter Emily. Following her dad's love of language, Emily, now 11, is a skilled storyteller. She has won several local and regional story telling competitions and plans to enter a national competition.

Paul has laid out the following strategic goals for our board this year: increase the number of board members, recruit more volunteer tutors and more actively fund raise. In the past couple of months the board has added four new members, including a new treasurer. This year Paul plans to speak to as many local groups as he can to share the mission of the HLC and, with the help of the board, focus on awareness and fundraising events.

Please join me in welcoming Paul Suppicich as our new HLC Board President.

--Phyllis Weston, HLC board member

LEARNER'S PAGES

View from a tutor: HLC students Edourd & Estellamise

Edourd and Estellamise, are my students at the Ruskin Library. They are originally from Haiti. They have attended weekly tutoring classes for almost two years. They have been very faithful, and have only missed three classes, that I can think of.

They are so enthusiastic, and always arrive with a positive attitude and huge smiles. Many of the library's regular "game playing" crowd have met these friendly people, as they have been among the "regulars" on Tuesday mornings.

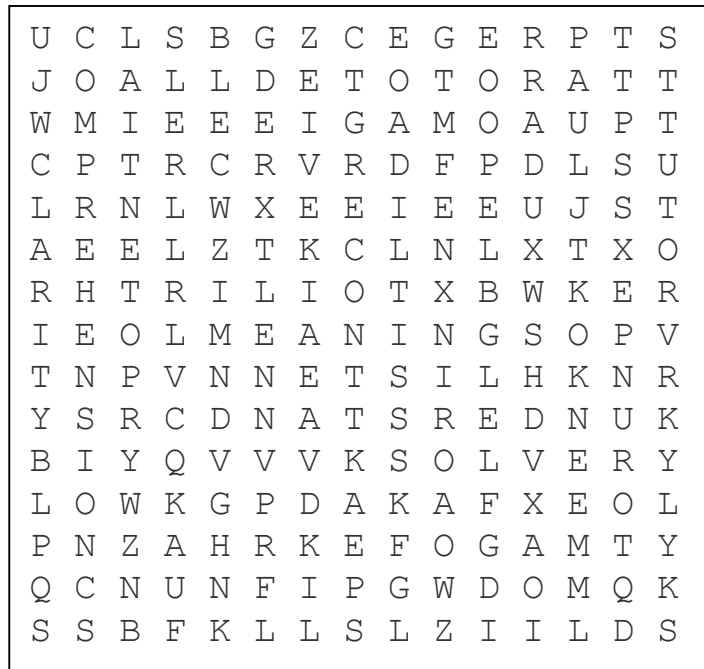


The library staff has changed several times in the past two years, but each staff member has been so welcoming. Ruskin is a small library but has certainly provided these "learners" with a warm, accepting learning environment.

Edourd, also is the designated driver for Estellamise and now her sister, Clervise, who recently joined the class. We are taking a break, and I shall miss seeing his little Honda coming down US 41, as regular as clock work, with his beaming passengers waving "hello" to me, from their car.

--Mary Ellen Lalomia, HLC Tutor

Word Search – literacy terms



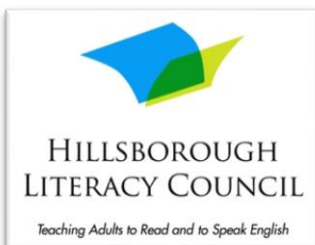
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SPEAK
STUDENT
TUTOR
UNDERSTAND
WRITE

Proverbs around the world

I know it like my waistcoat pocket. (Germany)

I know it like the back of my hand. (United States)

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