



## **Volunteer Tutor & Student Pair**

*Our core One-to-One Tutoring Program!*

Meet Rand and Indre, a newly matched ESL Volunteer Tutor and student who have been meeting for just under a year. They, like many of our tutor matches, meet in the Worcester Public Library, where our main office is located. Our tutors meet in local libraries or cafes closer to the student's home and create an individual learning space. A quiet and public space is the goal for teaching and learning, this is not always an easy find, but thankfully, the public library often fills the need! Rand became a tutor last year after learning about LVGW at a tabling event at our Barnes & Noble Book Fair. She registered her parents for our ESL Courses and registered herself for our Tutor Training Program! Rand came from Malaysia, and she is a professional teacher who speaks English fluently, so she stepped up to donate her time to become an ESL Volunteer Tutor to help others! As a recent immigrant herself coming to the U.S. in 2017, she understands the challenges and benefits to our students who need to build their English language and cultural skills. Indre is from Lithuania and is improving her English language skills weekly, she is very happy to have Rand as her tutor. Consider joining our Tutor Team today!

**[Next Tutor Training runs 6.12 to 6.28.18....apply by 5.29.18!](#)**

## **Annual Assessment Time!**

*May and June*

Every May and June, we are required by the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, our major tutor program funder, to conduct a post-assessment on our current tutored students.

We realize that assessments are only one measure of progress, and certainly don't tell the student's entire story, but they are a useful and required measurement. They help us to:

- Recognize students and tutors, and the English proficiency progress made.
- Determine where the student is progressing, and where student might need more instructional help.
- Make program decisions for how to best to support our students and tutors so they can be as successful as possible in meeting English language goals.
- Meet and qualify for grants to receive vital funding.

**Every tutored student must be re-assessed between May 1 to June 30.**

## **17th Annual Scrabble Scrimmage Tournament**

*Scrabble is a game of words, strategy and team building and a whole lot of fun at LVGW!*



### **Thank you**

to all who attended the even on May 5th. Fourteen teams played from a variety of organizations from Bay State Savings Bank to Worcester Academy and in between. One-hundred people in attendance for room capacity!

Scrabble not only improves our vocabulary, it teaches strategy and builds intellectual capacity... [read more.](#)

More Scrabble Scrimmage Tournament event photos on our [Facebook page album!](#)



## ***ESL Course Registration for Spring into Summer is next week!***

*Spring into Summer is a six-week  
semester.*

**Registration** schedule for our 6-week Spring into Summer courses are Monday, May 21 thru Saturday, May 26. Courses begin the week of June 4 and run thru July 14. Review our ESL course [schedule here](#) to select your preferred course or visit our office during registration week to enroll for an ESL Course. The *Reading your Local Newspaper Course* is back! Survival, Beginner and Intermediate courses are available. [Schedule also available in Spanish here.](#)

## ***Volunteer Leaves a Powerful Legacy***

*Mary H. was so impressed by our volunteer tutors, teachers and students!*

Mary was a generous soul throughout her life, and I first experienced this in a phone conversation that we had about her 75th birthday. Mary called me to discuss her desire to collect gift cards to donate to LVGW in lieu of gifts for her upcoming birthday. She was a former volunteer at our Literacy Academy Madison Classroom, where she saw firsthand the powerful impact of our volunteer students and teachers on our students' lives. Mary wanted to recognize them and the organization with the gift cards from her friends. I said that would be wonderful, and it was a privilege to speak to Mary who was now in a retirement living facility in Connecticut. Little did I know that she had over a hundred friends who would donate gift cards! We shared these gift cards valued at over \$1,000 at special volunteer and student events, as well as supporting the programming at her request. I could not thank Mary enough for her thoughtfulness and generosity! Upon Mary's passing last year, her family notified us that she recognized LVGW in her will, and bequeathed the organization \$10,000.



What a wonderful legacy gift to leave Literacy Volunteers of Greater Worcester!

*"I am not a teacher but an awakener"*  
Robert Frost

## ***Resource Center***

*Helpful web resources for your ESL students*

[Quizlet](#) is a free online learning tool for teaching and learning with flashcards, games and more.

Do you have a favorite Web resource that you'd like to share with fellow LVGW tutors? Email us at [info@lvgw.org](mailto:info@lvgw.org)



***Ahhh, the joys of summer...let the summer reading  
season begin!***

***Take the WPL challenge or register for one of our ESL  
Reading Courses at Literacy Volunteers!***



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of Greater Worcester

***LVGW is closed on Monday, May 28th for the Memorial Day Holiday.***

## ***Save the Date***

*Special events or programs*

Day of Caring, September 13, 2018. This will be our 3rd year of gathering a team of students, staff and volunteers to participate in community volunteerism with the United Way of Central Mass. Last year we picked several thousand pounds of eggplants for community feeding programs while learning about the issue of hunger. Mark your calendars if you'd like to join us.

## **Advocacy**

### *Funding and Adult Literacy Education*

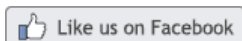
[Learn more](#) about how you can advocate for Adult Literacy Education funding and policy in the state. Timing is crucial for this year's budget process and the adults we educate. Thank you.

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forever "*

*- Gandi*

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