

Spring 2017

Tutor Training Gets an Upgrade

The next tutor training will be on **April 13, 18 and 20**, now with 6 hours of online training as a prerequisite. ULA has partnered with Literacy New York to provide the online component — and it brings our work into the 21st century! Please spread the word about the next training to those who might be interested. Call our office to register..

Our New Rooms for Tutors

We are so pleased that construction is finished and our large room is now divided into two nice smaller rooms. Our immense gratitude to the Community Foundation of the Hudson Valley who granted ULA \$1500 for materials, and to the Bruderhof community who generously donated the construction crew. Our landlord, Landmark Development, was flexible in allowing our changes and it all came together wonderfully

Pictured is a recent fund-raising committee meeting in one of our new rooms. From the left: Casandra Beam, Charles DeSimone, Nancy Egan, Charlie Townsend, Gayle Schumacher, Carol Dowley, and apologies to Xuemei Dunda who got cut off on the right.



More Fellowship and Learning for Tutors

Helaine Meisler, an Orton Gilligham specialist and volunteer with ULA, is offering another “Second Saturday” get-together; a time for fellowship and learning for tutors. The gathering will be on **April 22nd at ULA from 10 – 12**. Teaching your learner how to write simple notes, poetry or expository writing are all covered during this workshop. Please call to register.

Recognition from HudsonValleyOne.com

Check out this great article: “Want to help immigrants? Become a literacy tutor” at <http://hudsonvalleyone.com/2017/02/10/want-to-help-immigrants-become-a-literacy-tutor/>. Featured is Kathe Nack and the English for Farm Workers program that she coordinates so well.

Spotlight on Barbara Wurtz



Promoting lifelong learning has been at the heart of all her endeavors, but that’s not the only reason Barbara Wurtz is a natural as the ULA Program Coordinator in the Corrections Program at Ulster County Jail.

She began her career as a science teacher at the secondary level, but a career shift and life-altering event came with the birth of her third child, who was diagnosed with Down syndrome. Instruction and inclusion of marginalized individuals has been her passion ever since. After she served 18 years as the executive director of Potential Unlimited Productions, Inc, Barbara spent two years designing and implementing the Life Skills curriculum at the jail before becoming the Program Coordinator.

Barbara lives in Ulster Park with her son Daniel (29 yrs), who, she says, “provides inspiration daily.” Ulster Literacy is fortunate indeed to have her on board.

You Don’t Have to be a Scrabble Whiz, Honest!

Our Scrabble Afternoon is coming up and we hope you will join us. Players of all levels have a good time competing in three short games. **The deadline for reserving your place is April 6**. Call our office, or go online for more details and to reserve your tickets now!



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Happy spring!

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