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The Newsletter of the PEI Literacy Alliance



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Lorne Elliot, Margie Carmichael, Cynthia Dunsford, Matt Stewart and Patrick Ledwell for performing at *Comedy Night for Literacy*. They helped us raise \$2000 for literacy on June 17.

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We would like to hear from you if you have:

- learners' stories
- creative writing by learners
- articles or news about teaching adults
- upcoming events
- new resources for adult education

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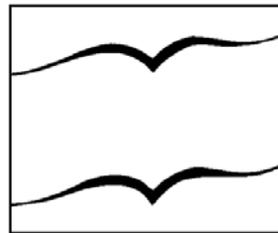
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Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 6:30 pm

Gulnare Room, Delta Hotel
Queen Street Charlottetown

Come join us for a short business meeting, proposed bylaw changes, guest speaker, coffee and refreshments.

A New Approach to Essential Skills Professional Development in Atlantic Canada

The PEI Literacy Alliance has received approval from the Office of Literacy and Essential Skills to present a series of professional development workshops. The workshops are based on a program developed in Manitoba by a group called Igniting the Power Within.

Igniting the Power Within developed their program in 2004 to answer a growing need in aboriginal communities for a professional development program. This program focuses on essential skills and prior learning assessment and recognition (PLAR.) Although the program was developed explicitly for Aboriginal people, the Alliance will present it to a mixed audience of adult educators. This will allow us to determine if the process is effective and useful to the field at large. The program will demonstrate how essential skills and PLAR can be incorporated into adult education programs.

Our two specific objectives are to:

- ◆ facilitate a coordinated approach in order to achieve higher levels of literacy and essential skills in Atlantic Canada
- ◆ provide professional development workshops on essential skills and PLAR for adult educators in Atlantic Canada

The workshops will be presented in Charlottetown, PEI. We plan to deliver a series of four 2-day professional development workshops over the course of 18 months using the “Igniting the Power Within” program.

2009 Summer Tutoring for Kids

Our program kicked off this year on June 22 with two weeks of training, scheduling and organizing. Twenty six tutors are working this year to deliver one-to-one tutoring to over 700 school-aged children in PEI. Students are all referred by their resource teachers and will receive eight tutoring sessions in July and August.

Tutoring sites are found in public libraries and schools throughout the island. We have three Francophone tutors working to provide French language tutoring to students from the French district. We also have a tutor who is working with immigrant children delivering tutoring using English as an Additional Language.



The aim of our program is to help struggling students maintain and improve their skills over the summer.

Our best tournament ever... 2009 PGI Golf Tournament for Literacy raises \$39,000!



Lorne Elliot joins entertainer Tim Chaisson to jam before the banquet.



Adult learner Cheryl Kerr, our banquet speaker is on the left with Jinny Greaves of the PEI Literacy Alliance.



Joanne Ings with Gzowski Award winner Ken Williams.



Hopeful golfer at the putting contest.



Joanne Ings, right, presents the trophy to the winning APM team.

Summer Literacy Tips from ABC Canada

Now that it's July, summer vacation is officially here! But just because school's out doesn't mean your family can't continue to practice their literacy skills all summer long. Remember, if you don't use it, you lose it, so try out these fun activities this summer to keep skills sharp all year long.

- ◆ Follow a recipe together and make a dish for a summer picnic. It's a fun way for your family to practice reading, math and comprehension.
- ◆ Road trips can offer great opportunities to enhance literacy skills. Take a trip to the cottage and read signs, billboards and license plates together and show your children the proper way to read a map.
- ◆ Zoo outings and visits to museums and galleries can be fun and educational. Be sure to read all the descriptions on exhibits and displays.
- ◆ Spend some time relaxing outside reading the newspaper or a magazine.
- ◆ Hunt for words: Throughout your trip, have the family go through the alphabet, each person finding words on signs and displays that start with the letter they are given. Discover new words!
- ◆ Don't forget to write!: Send friends and relatives postcards from different places along the way, or better yet, send one to yourself as a visual reminder of your trip.
- ◆ Scrap it: Build a book of memories during your trip. Tape in pictures, souvenir tickets and brochures and ask family members to write in comments and captions.
- ◆ Check out your hotel: Ask your kids how they could figure out how many rooms are in your hotel; challenge them to count the steps from one end of a hallway to another.

Check out our website www.pei.literacy.ca for our revised booklet *Family Literacy Things to Do*.

\$500 Bursaries for Adults

The next bursary deadline is October 31, 2009.

For information and to get an application form, please visit our website at www.pei.literacy.ca or call us toll free at 1-866-827-3620

Essential Skills for Golf

The PEI Literacy Alliance has expanded its mandate to include both literacy and essential skills promotion. Here is a list of essential skills that relate to playing golf.

Essential Skill	Used to:
Reading Text	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand rules of the course • Read warning signs and be aware of course hazards
Document Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fill out scorecard • Use map to find golf course
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add up your score
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email your friends to tell them about your great shot
Oral Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiate tee off order • Yell "Fore"
Working with Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be courteous to other golfers and those in your party
Thinking Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decide whether to go over or around the pond • Make decisions about club selection
Computer Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter scores on clubhouse computer
Continuous Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about how to improve your swing and the game in general

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Announcements

LEARN Line

The PEI Volunteers for Literacy manages the LEARN Line. Coordinator Mary Burke matches tutors with students and schedules training sessions for tutors. If you would like to be an adult literacy tutor please contact:

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Literacy Foundation Grants Available

The Rotary Club of Charlottetown Literacy Foundation is offering its second round of grants. Grants of up to \$1000 are available for literacy projects. Schools and charitable organizations are eligible to apply. For information call Catherine at 368-3620 or email peila@eastlink.ca

LDAPEI Educator of the Year Award 2009 - 2010

The Learning Disabilities Association of P.E.I. is very pleased to launch its first annual *Educator of the Year Award*. The “Educator of the Year Award” honours an educator who has made a significant impact upon the education of children with learning disabilities on Prince Edward Island. A nominee is anyone who you feel has shown exceptional dedication and support for the individual needs of students with learning disabilities on PEI and whose endeavors have made a positive impact on their education and personal growth.

The deadline for applications is *Friday, September 25, 2009*. The award will be presented during the PEITF Annual Convention to be held October 14 – 15, 2009. For more detailed information and the Nomination Form. Contact the LDAPEI office at (902) 894-5032, or email us at ldapei@eastlink.ca.

Tutors Wanted

PEI Volunteers for Literacy makes matches between trained tutors and learners all over PEI. We have several requests for tutors in the Summerside area. If you would like to help these learners, please call us and we will arrange a training session for you. We also would like to offer a training session in Souris. We have one person who is interested in taking a training session, but need a few more in order to offer a class. Training takes 12 hours, and then tutors work with their learners one-to-one for about 3 hours per week.

Please call our Charlottetown number, 368-4695, or our toll-free number, 1-800-348-7323.