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Literacy Green Bay's 15th Annual Scrabble Bee will be held Thursday, March 9th, 2017 at the Swan Club in Legends Brewhouse in De Pere.

This evening of fun includes dinner, cash bar, silent auction, oral auction, raffles and two rounds of Scrabble with a twist!

We have some great items up for auction this year-Kohler Golf package, Wisconsin Dells Getaway weekend, Disney Hopper Passes, Southwest airlines tickets and more!



Many Faces of Literacy Green Bay

Meet Board Member Melinda Morella-Olson

How did you get involved with Literacy Green Bay?

It all started when I moved out of the field of education. I was a bilingual classroom teacher for 4 years & a bilingual instructional coach for 2. I was looking for a way to become re-engaged in helping the English-language

learning community and remembered hearing about Literacy Green Bay as a resource that some of the parents of my former students had utilized. I knew someone on the board at the time and asked I might apply to join.

How long have you been a board member?

I have been a board member for 3 years. The last 2 years I have served as the chair for the marketing committee and as Board Secretary. I am excited to begin my second term with Literacy Green Bay this summer.

Is there anything in particular the Board is working on right now for Literacy Green Bay?

The Board is working on a variety of initiatives right now. The two biggest initiatives have been strategic fund development & building awareness of Literacy Green Bay's mission and impact. Most importantly, the Board has just helped Literacy Green Bay complete a major renovation project that will help increase capacity, maximize space and create a more comprehensive learning experience for our students and their families.

What have you enjoyed the most or gained from your experience with Literacy Green Bay?

Every year I am humbled by the success stories shared by our learners, tutors, volunteers, and staff. Having worked in the education setting and seeing the struggles of students and their families to navigate a new culture, learn a new language & access a better life, I feel honored to be a small part of making a big impact in their lives. The stories about how Literacy Green Bay has made a difference in the lives of families in our community in incredible.

If people are thinking about applying to become a Board Member for Literacy Green Bay, what words of wisdom would you tell them?

Join us! We are a very active Board, working closely with staff and volunteers to guide and implement the strategic direction of the organization. And we have a bit of fun doing it!

Latino Family Literacy Pilot Program

Did you know that Literacy Green Bay and the GBAPS are collaborating on a pilot program? In fall 2016, a new pilot program targeting Latino families living

In the GBAPS district with children too young for school began at the Head Start Parent Center.

The objectives of the program are:

- Latino children too young for school (babies to age 4) will develop the pre-literacy, socio-emotional and language skills necessary for success in preschool, 4k or kindergarten.
- Latino parents will increase their English language proficiency and knowledge of community resources while developing other skills that lead to community engagement, further education or employment.
- Latino parents will be more engaged in their children's literacy development, education and school community as a result of participating in a program held in a GBAPS school.

Due to space constraints, we are limited to 10 families. Based on the success of the pilot, Literacy Green Bay and GBAPS hope to continue and replicate the model within other GBAPS district schools.

The pilot is funded by a Basic Needs Giving Partnership grant by the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation including the U.S. Venture Open Fund for Basic Needs, the J.J. Keller Foundation and the donors of the Community Foundation.



There is No Place Like Home

Our English language classes returned to Literacy Green Bay on February 13th to our newly renovated classrooms. Students, teachers, and staff alike are excited to be back and are enjoying the space.

Thank You to Our Equipped for the Future Sponsors!



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Thank You

Thank you to First United Methodist Church for allowing our classes to use their Zeimer Building while our classrooms were under renovation. With the use of their space, we were able to start our classes on January 23rd.



Doctors In Recital

Thank you to Doctors in Recital and all who attended the show that took place January 21s. It was a great evening with excellent performances!

St. Norbert College MLK Day of Service

Thank you to staff from St. Norbert College who volunteered for their Martin Luther King Jr's Day of Service at Literacy Green Bay. They were a huge help in getting the Scrabble boards ready for the Bee.



Spring Tutor Training Workshop

If you or someone you know would be interested in becoming an adult tutor, our Spring Tutor Training Workshop begins with an informational meeting on Wednesday, March 29.