

Student Corner

Monday 7/9/11
 Racing is something that most people will never understand. It's not a sport or something to do on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday night. It's a way of life. Once you're in it, it's in your blood. Once you make your first lap you can't stop. The track is home away from home. You smell that race fuel, rubber and when you hear those engines scream it's music to your ears.

Marty Hagen

Rodding for Reading



Marty's race car at the Rodding for Reading Fundraiser

Car and Motorcycle Show!

Our first car and motorcycle show was hosted by the car club **The Lead Kings** in support of The Literacy Group of Waterloo Region. It was held on August 14, 2011 at the Paris Fairgrounds. We raised \$4,093. Thank you to the Board of Directors, staff, tutors and volunteers who helped out. It was very successful and fun!

<http://www.TutorResources/Websites>

The Death of "Menial" Jobs

The Ontario Literacy Coalition just released a new report – Menial No More. It is an excellent report about the upskilling taking place in many sectors and jobs. The increasing skill demands of previously lower-skilled jobs seriously impact folks with low English literacy, who traditionally have relied on these jobs to make a living.

Following is a description of the report...

http://www.on.literacy.ca/whatwedo/lfw/menial_no_more

To download the report...

http://www.on.literacy.ca/themes/olc/pdfs/menial_no_more.pdf

Words Looked Up



- Cabochon: a gemstone which has been shaped and polished as opposed to faceted
- Diamanté: decorated with glass cut to resemble diamonds:
- Sartorial: of or relating to tailoring, clothes, or style of dress
- Somnambulism: sleep walking
- Cadre: a small group of people specially trained for a particular purpose or profession.
- Scintilla: tiny trace or spark of a specified quality or feeling
- Recherché: known only to connoisseurs; choice or rare
- Soigné: polished and well-groomed; showing sophisticated elegance

By Karen Morgan-Bowyer



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Help us support our United Way Fundraising Campaign



Empty those book shelves! We need books for the Book Sale starting November 7th at the Cambridge office. It is only running for a month, so bring in your books! Please just paperbacks and bestsellers!

Got spare change? Give it a good home in our "Change for Change" jar at the front desk! We're collecting loonies, toonies and any other spare change you have (no amount is too small) to raise money for United Way, which is one of our funding agencies. It's a BIG jar. Help us fill it!



Please bring in any Christmas-theme gifts for our gift baskets. The big draw will be December 7th in Kitchener and December 8th in Cambridge.



Got stuff in your basement or garage that you no longer use? Here's a chance to benefit your community and get a tax receipt to boot. Sell the item on Kijiji and donate the money to our United Way campaign. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$20. Not a Kijiji user? Just ask us to sell the item(s) for you (call the Kitchener office and ask for Ian). We're hoping to raise \$1400 between our two offices. With your support, we can reach that goal and help one of our funding agencies make a difference for people in our community.



The Literacy Group of Waterloo Region is a community-based organization that provides accessible literacy training services to empower adults to reach their goals and improve their quality of life.



TLG celebrated Oktoberfest at the Ruedesheimer Garten Festhall (the Waterloo Recreation Centre) on October 14th and 15th. This annual event is a great fundraiser for TLG, as we receive \$10.00 an hour for every volunteer we recruit. The 20 volunteers this year had great fun selling tickets and souvenirs, serving beer and cleaning tables. Thanks to all the volunteers who came out!

Our fall training wrapped up October 29th with 14 new volunteers trained. We would like to welcome you to The Literacy Group!

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| John Baxter | Janet Mayhew |
| Kay Baxter | Marilyn Nixon |
| Joanne Davis | Jack Rehder |
| Andrea Gascho | Barbara Ryan |
| Lina Ghazarian | Kevin Stumpf |
| Kathleen Ladzik | Emily Van Giessen |
| Lucy Li | |



United Way Kick Off November 7th



Be Change, Make Change, See Change! We see the learner who at one time struggled with reading and writing, and now has changed their life and has moved on to getting their GED or a driver's license. The learner has made that change, and in doing so has changed their family's life as well. Every year the United Way generously supports us to make that change for our students. They supply the financial tools that allow us to keep making that change, but to keep doing that they need your support.

For November 7th through December 7th we will be running our United Way Campaign to raise \$1,400.00! Please give generously to help us reach our goal and to continue to make a difference in people's lives.

Be the change you wish to see....

*Cathy O'Brien
Cambridge United Way Representative*

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Why United Way?

United Way of Kitchener, Waterloo & Area has established five regional priorities. They are:

1. Children and youth reach their potential
2. Families are strong
3. Neighbourhoods are inclusive and thriving
4. Newcomers are welcomed and supported
5. People are economically secure



United Way funds a host of worthwhile agencies and programs in our region, including The Literacy Group. We are funded under priority #5, because of the integral connection between literacy and employment. I encourage you to visit the United Way website at <http://www.uwaykw.org/> to learn more about the many ways United Way makes a difference in our community. You can help by contributing to our United Way campaign.

*Sue Damon
Kitchener United Way Representative*

Give the Gift of Literacy

In December we will be launching our *Give the Gift of Literacy* campaign to raise funds for our program. This year, instead of giving a present, why not *Give the Gift of Literacy* to a loved one? You will receive a handmade paper ornament to hang on your tree. The campaign letter will be sent out December 5th.

Volunteer Appreciation Night



"Thank you for a fun night."



"Let's make this an annual event."



"What a great night!"



"The food, entertainment all super."



On September 22nd at the Faith Church in Kitchener, we hosted our first Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. It was a chance for the staff and board to say *Thank You* to our wonderful volunteers for all the dedication and service they have shown us over the years. The night was a great success. Certificates for Length of Service were handed out; our longest-serving volunteer tutor, Bill Ashwell, has given 17 years of service! The **Short Cuts**, a barbershop quartet led by our tutor Allan Davis, entertained us with three great tunes. The pasta dish catered by the Working Centre was delicious and the ice cream bar rounded off the meal. The overall response was that we should make this an annual event! So keep a look out next fall for an announcement of our next Volunteer Appreciation Night. You can view the pictures on our website at <http://theliteracygroup.com/gallery/>.