

## Share a Passion for Reading

I'm teaching my son to read. He enjoys listening to stories, and we read together every day. But he struggles to learn words. Sometimes he gets frustrated with reading. At six it's okay to struggle with reading. But what happens when a twenty-six year old struggles to read or a forty or fifty year old can't read? Statistics say that the cycle of illiteracy can be passed from parent to child. There are a lot of things that parents want to give their children, but an inability to read isn't one of them. I support Tarrant Literacy Association because they are working to stop this cycle. TLA provides the solution to this problem. When a parent, grandparent or single person comes to TLA to learn to read they are not only helping that person, but potentially an entire family as well. If you can read, you are truly blessed. Frank Laubach, founder of Laubach Literacy, had this motto, "Each one teach one." As the New Year approaches, why not give the gift of reading? If you don't have the time, help support those who can. A donation to TLA is well worth the investment.

Blessings this holiday season,

**Karen Carlson**  
Vice Chairman

## New L.W.R. Tutor for T.L.A.

Congratulations to **Lee Stell Weathers** who is a new Laubach Way to Reading tutor for Tarrant Literacy Association:

## New L.W.E. Tutors for T.L.A.

Congratulations to the following persons who are new Laubach Way to English tutors for Tarrant Literacy Association:

Angie Palmer  
Shereé Bowen  
Peggy Edwards  
Cesar Betaneur

The new tutors were trained at Travis Avenue Baptist Church Sept. 24, 25 & Oct 2, 2010. A warm welcome is extended to each of these new tutors by the Association. We appreciate your interest in furthering the literacy programs in our area.

## Tutor Tips

If you are teaching a foreigner, it will be helpful to your student if you teach them how to properly use the telephone directory. Show them what is contained in the white pages. Explain the difference and show your student how to distinguish between the white residence pages and the white business pages. It will also be helpful if you show your student how to use the government pages.

## Literature Review

### New Readers Press Dictionary

Reading Levels: 3—6



A basic reference for more than 5,000 everyday American English words to help students understand primary common meanings and usage

A clear and essential reference tool.

- A simple, straightforward usage diagram at the beginning of the book shows how to use the dictionary
- Definitions are written in plain language, with the most frequent meaning listed first
- Sample sentences reflect word usage in a familiar context pronunciation key, and user-friendly notes clarify words that are frequently confusing
- Word Builder sections expand vocabulary by showing groups of words related to a root word
- Thematic Word Explorer™ index is a tool for writing and vocabulary expansion, organizing words under key-word topics within six categories
- Value-added section features vocabulary from five New Readers Press classroom materials: Laubach Way to Reading, Voyager: Reading and Writing for Today's Adults, From Home to School, English-No Problem!, and LifePrints (320 pages).

Place form in supplied envelope and return to TLA



**I would like to become a:**  Basic Member (\$20.00 annually)  Contributing Member (\$30.00 annually)  Supporting Member (\$60.00 annually)  Sustaining Member (\$120.00 annually)

(Make Checks payable to Tarrant Literacy Association)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work / Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Use the reverse side of this form and JOIN Today!**

You can become a member of the Tarrant Literacy Association in a variety of ways.

You can donate your time to learn how to teach some one to read or to speak English. Experience the joy of sharing a skill that opens a whole new world for someone. Tarrant Literacy Association can train you as a tutor and refer students who need help.

Another way is to donate financially to this service reaching out to all kinds of people. Annual membership can be maintained on several levels.

- Basic Member.....\$20.00
- Contributing Member.....\$30.00
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- Sustaining Member.....\$120.00

Your donations are tax-deductible and provide for nominal administrative costs and materials for the students. Join the fight against illiteracy and become a member and/or a volunteer.

## Workshop Schedule for 2011

Workshops will be held the following dates:

- Friday ▪ Feb 18 (6-9pm) and Saturday Feb 19 & Feb 26 (8 am-4:30pm)
- Friday ▪ May 27 (6-9pm) and Saturday May 28 & June 4 (8 am-4:30pm)
- Friday ▪ Sept 23 (6-9pm) and Saturday Sept 24 & Oct 1 (8 am-4:30pm)

**PLACE:**

Travis Avenue Baptist Church,  
Room B110  
800 W Berry Street, Fort Worth, TX 76110

**COST:**

- The cost of the 15 hours LWE training is: \$57.00
- The cost of the 12 hours LWR training is: \$50.00.

Light Refreshments will be served.

### Office Closure:

The office for Tarrant Literacy will be closed from December 13, 2010 through Jan 10, 2011 for the Christmas Holidays. If you need to obtain materials during these times call Grimes Fortenberry, (817) 368-6427.



## LITERACY LINES

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### LINES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I taught a Sunday School lesson titled "Making Choices." The scripture reference was from Joshua 24:15, "But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (NIV)

As I thought about that title, I realized that we all have many choices to make each day.

There is a battle going on against illiteracy, and we must choose whether or not to get in the battle.

Most of you who are reading this column have already chosen to help fight illiteracy by volunteering your time, talents and/or money.

If you have a friend who would like to join us in the fight against illiteracy, please call our office and give us their name, address and phone number and/or email address.

With this newsletter you will find an envelope. Please send it back with your dues and contributions. Please join Tarrant Literacy and help in the fight against illiteracy.

**Grimes Fortenberry**  
*Executive Director*

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**Annual Meeting ♦ March 3, 2011 6pm**  
Travis Avenue Baptist Church — South Complex — Rm E100