



## Literacy Volunteers of Lee County "The Readers' Guide"

*Creating a Literate Community*  
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### Welcome to our first e-newsletter!

We believe this format will help us to give you timely information about our activities, and will save the agency the printing and postage costs of our former newsletter. In future months, we will introduce you to our adult students and their achievements as they strive to learn to read and write, or to learn a new language. We'll also tell you about our wonderful volunteer tutors, who donate their time and expertise to support our dream of building a strong and literate community here in Lee County. Please pass this newsletter along to other supporters of adult literacy.



**We've Moved!**

#### **LVLC Moves to Fort Myers**

LVLC has moved its main office from Cape Coral to South Fort Myers as of December 7, 2009.

The agency decided to move when larger, more affordable space became available at the United Way campus in South Fort Myers, said Tess Murphy, Executive Director.

The Board of Directors moved the agency on a very wet Saturday, Dec.

#### **Pollo Tropical Fundraiser**

**December 13**

Stop by Pollo Tropical in Cape Coral for some tasty Cuban food on Sunday, Dec. 13, and support adult literacy in Lee County.

On Dec. 13, 5-8 p.m., use a voucher-flyer when you purchase your meal and 20% of the purchase will be donated to Literacy Volunteers.

Check LVLC's website and print out the voucher/flyer with all the details about this event. [www.leeadultliteracy.com](http://www.leeadultliteracy.com)

Thank you for your support!



#### **Join us on Facebook**

LVLC has a Facebook page, and we would like you to join us. If you have

5. Board members **Lina Abril** and **Amy Breault** (above) move furniture out of the former office.

### **A Gift of Stock**

As you consider your year-end giving, consider donating stock to a favorite charity--Literacy Volunteers of Lee County!

If you make a gift of stock, you

- receive an immediate tax deduction for the value of the donated stock at the time you donate it;
- avoid paying huge capital gains taxes on stock that has appreciated significantly in value since you purchased it; and,
- you reduce your taxable estate.

If you would like to discuss a gift of stock to LVLC, contact LVLC's Executive Director, Tess Murphy, at 239-415-3621.

Remember, please consult your accountant or financial adviser about your personal situation before taking any action.

### **Thank You to . . .**

**The Southwest Florida Community Foundation (SWFCF)** for their recent grant of \$20,000 for our "Building a More Literate Community" project. This grant supports our efforts to increase LVLC's capacity to serve students, enhance program activities and expand our partnerships and collaborations within Lee County. **SWFCF** for a \$1500 capacity-building grant to replace LVLC's computers. **The Cape Coral Kiwanis** for their generous donation of \$3,000 to support our efforts to serve adults in Cape Coral.

an account, sign in and use this link to go to our page and join us as a fan:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Cape-Coral-FL/Literacy-Volunteers-of-Lee-County/115558321451>

### **"Run for Reading" a Success**

LVLC's first-ever "RUN for Reading" event at South Seas Island Resort in late October was a great success. We raised \$10,000. We look forward to doing this event again next October--it includes a 5K Run/Walk on Saturday and an Aquathlon (running and swimming) on Sunday. If you wish to make sure you receive all the information about the 2010 event, please contact Tess Murphy at [tesslvlc@earthlink.net](mailto:tesslvlc@earthlink.net). Check out photos from the Run on [www.leeadultliteracy.com](http://www.leeadultliteracy.com).

### **Holiday Gifts**

"The Spice of Life," LVLC cookbook featuring recipes from our adult students and our tutors, are for sale for only \$10 and would make a great holiday gift. Purchase on our website using Paypal. [www.leeadultliteracy.com](http://www.leeadultliteracy.com).

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**Mission Statement**

Our mission is to promote adult literacy in one-to-one or small group instruction through the training, supervision and support of volunteer tutors. Our methods and procedures include effective training of volunteers; providing support services for volunteers and learners; inspiring broad community awareness and support for our services; and, collaborating with individuals, groups and organizations that share our goal of providing literacy services to Lee County.