



# Literally Speaking



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## ProLiteracy's Annual Gift of Literacy Luncheon

Thank you to the local businesses and individuals who supported the "Gift of Literacy" luncheon. Please show your support by visiting their locales.

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## President's Message

Today, as I am writing this column for the President's Corner, I feel very fortunate. I am from Pakistan where the literacy rate is very low but luckily I was born into a well-educated family of professionals where education is considered to be very important.



My name is Farah Mozaffar and I am the President of NMPL this year. I feel honored to be a part of this program where we make changes in people's lives by giving them the opportunity to learn to read, write and communicate to the level where they can function in the community independently!

At the beginning of June we had our 9<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser event, the Gift of Literacy luncheon, at the beautiful Pacific Club with over 150 guests in attendance. Thanks go to our supporters, donors, and volunteers who donated their time and effort to making the program a huge success.

Special thanks to our guest author and speaker Gregg Hurwitz, who engaged the audience delightfully! Not only did we get wonderful feedback about the event, but we also raised a significant amount of funds to help support our program.

We had another successful event earlier this year when Elite OC chose our ProLiteracy program as a partnership charity. Thank you to all who made monetary and book donations. On behalf of our advisory board, I would like to thank everyone who supports our program by any means especially to our dedicated staff and volunteer board. I would like to wrap with a promise to continue to strive to make this program better and reach out to all the people who need it!

Wishing you a relaxing and fun summer!

*Farah Mozaffar*

"To develop the literacy skills of adults to empower them to achieve greater success in their lives — at home, at work, and in the community."

Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy Mission Statement

## ROCHELLE HOFFMAN MEMORIAL AWARD

The Rochelle Hoffman Memorial Award was established in 2006 to honor the memory of Rochelle Hoffman, a long time literacy tutor. An award of \$200, to be given annually, will recognize the achievements of a deserving learner in our program. We are now soliciting nominations for the 2016 award. This award will be presented at the International Literacy Day celebration on September 8, 2016.

Requirements for the award are as follows:

1. Learner should have participated in the program for at least six months.
2. Learner should be a serious student who fully participates in the literacy program.
3. Learner should have literacy goals and have demonstrated his/her ability to meet them.
4. Receipt of this award will not preclude any given recipient from receiving it in a subsequent year.

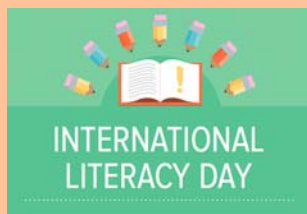
Tutors, recommendations must be submitted no later than  
**August 5, 2016.**



**Save the Date:**

*International Literacy Day*

On September 8, 2016 Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy will hold its annual luncheon in celebration of International Literacy Day. Honoring the dedicated tutors, adult learners and volunteers who make the program a success. We will be presenting The Rochelle Hoffman Memorial Award to recognize the accomplishments of one outstanding learner.



**Congratulations to our Learners who have achieved goals over these past two months. Their accomplishments include:**

- Graduating a service dog
- Passing TOEFL and GRE
- Applying to college programs
- Volunteering in the community
- Becoming a citizen

## Tutor Recommendations

### SMART Goals

Has your learner ever said, “I need pronunciation, I want to speak better English, My goal is to learn past tense, or I want to learn to spell”? Many of our learners get goals and skills confused. When learners come to their personal interview, literacy staff helps them set SMART Goals. Goals have a specific end result. Skills on the other hand are ongoing improvements.

Progress comes from working towards personal goals. Many of our learners who are also second language learners, say they want to read or write better, learn grammar, or improve vocabulary. These are valuable skills, but very different from goals.

“Betty” was the example of a goal-oriented learner. She dreamed of becoming a nurse and needed to obtain a GED or high school diploma. She also wanted to talk to neighbors and read maps and bus schedules.

Goals are specific accomplishments or dreams to strive for. Skills, on the other hand, are ongoing, like a treadmill, never stopping.

If your learner’s goals look like a list of skills, it is time to brainstorm. Start by helping your learner identify things he or she wants to do. Next, help your learner identify the goals he or she can achieve within 3-6 months. Once these goals are identified, talk about the steps needed to accomplish them. These steps establish a way to successfully guide your learner to accomplish their goals.

### SMART GOALS

**S**pecific  
**M**easurable  
**A**ceptable  
**R**ealistic  
**T**ime specific

“Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.”

~ Joseph Addison ~

### Upcoming News & Events

News For You

Tuesdays at 10:15 am



Movie Talk

July 6, August 3

10:00am



Learner Orientation

July 19

6:00 pm



Tutor Orientation

July 26

6:00 pm



Unlock the potential. Become a tutor.



Join us on July 26 at 6:00pm at the Newport Beach Public Library for our Prospective Tutor Orientation.

- No Experience Necessary
  - Flexible Hours
- We Prepare You and Supply All Materials
- Be Part of Your Community

We offer the option of attending the orientation in person or online. Check out our website for more information at [www.newportliteracy.org](http://www.newportliteracy.org)

### New Summer Workshop- News For You

*You asked, we listened!*

Please join us for our new summer workshop **News to Use**. Tutor extraordinaire, Helene Chaban will be leading this fun workshop. Participants will read and discuss stories from the *News for You* weekly newspaper. Contact the literacy office to sign up!



### Donations are always welcome

We are grateful for the support that we receive from local companies, foundations, organizations, and individuals whose donations have been helping the program continue to serve the literacy needs of our community.

If you have any contacts who might be interested in supporting adult literacy, please contact the office.

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## Upcoming Literacy Dates/Events

July 11, 18, 25	Mondays, 10:30 am	Book Club
<b>July 4</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Independence Day (Library Closed)</b>
<b>July 12</b>	<b>Tuesday 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Advisory Board Meeting</b>
July 12, 19, 26	Tuesdays, 10:15 am	News For You Class
July 5, 12	Tuesdays, 1:00 pm	Grammar & Vocabulary**
July 5, 12, 19, 26	Tuesdays, 6:00 pm	Evening Book Club
July 6	Wednesday 10:00 am	Movie Talk
July 13, 20, 27	Wednesdays, 10:30 am	Pronunciation Workshop
Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Mondays, 10:30 am	Book Club
Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Tuesdays, 10:15 am	News For You Class
Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Tuesdays, 6:00 pm	Evening Book Club
Aug 10	Wednesdays, 11:00 am	Pronunciation Workshop**

*\*\*Pre-registration required*

**Note:** All programs are held at the Central Library unless otherwise posted and subject to change.  
For more details, contact the literacy office at (949) 717-3874 or email us at [literacy@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:literacy@newportbeachca.gov)