NEW ADVISORY BOARD

Newport/ Mesa ProLiteracy is pleased to announce our new 2018 Advisory Board. This past year has brought about many changes to the structure and direction of our program and the NMPL Advisory Board assures that these changes fit within our organizational mission. We are fortunate to have many talented and passionate people serving on our board—willing to share their time and make a significant difference within the program and our community.

This board is comprised of volunteers who are committed to the mission of NMPL.

2018 Board
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Nathania Oh, Vice President
John Thomas, Treasurer
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Farah Mozaffar

We look forward to a great year ahead.
Please look out for our next newsletter featuring our Advisory Board President.

Donor Appreciation Update/Continued

We wish to thank and acknowledge all of those in our community who supported Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy in 2017. These generous donations allow us to fulfill our mission “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.”

Caldecott (~$249)
Margo and John Stuart
Mr. and Mrs. Rich Hoffman

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Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Schulein

Pulitzer ($1000 - $4,999)
Mr. and Mrs. Greg Wohl
Mrs. And Mr. Marilyn Hester Robbins
LEARNER’S CORNER
Valentine’s Day Writing Workshop Submission

My Son is my Valentine
I think my son is the best blessing from God. He was a big, healthy and strong child. When he grew up at seven, he was on a neighbor soccer team. The village people loved to watch the game. They talked about my son; how he co-operate and helped the team. I was so proud of my son. In fact, I didn’t know anything about the game. Because of my son, I could open my heart and started communicating with neighbors.

- Sung Kwon

Valentine’s Day = Loving God
I love my life, love my parents, love my husband and love my children and country. I also love everyone—people or animals, because I love my God and I believe in Him with all my heart. He gives me life, health and a beautiful planet. I pray everyday for all that I have. I feel so lucky and I am so proud of Him.

- Mary Azar

Irvine Museum: Field Trip for Learners
Please join us for a special field trip to The Irvine Museum Collection! We would like to give learners an opportunity to see the new collection “Harmony of Light: Spring in California”, on Friday, March 16 at 11:00am – 12:30p.m. “Harmony of Light” is a selection of paintings by California Impressionists that show Spring in California of nearly a century ago.

TUTOR TOOLBOX
Tutor Connection:
Each quarter, tutors join together to discuss the joys and trials of volunteering in the adult literacy program. In addition to an open exchange of ideas between tutors, a new technique or topic is presented. On Monday, February 26th, 35 tutors gathered for a presentation on teaching vocabulary. Listed below are bullet points of some of the ideas discussed:

★ TEACH VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT – not from lists. For instance, instead of teaching just a list of “weather words” try printing out the 10 day weather forecast and talk about what the weather will be like
★ REPEAT, REPEAT, REPEAT – Practice a new set of words immediately after being exposed to them and follow with repetition at longer intervals 1 week, 2 weeks, 1 month
★ FIND SYNONYMS, ANTONYMS, ETC TO FURTHER REINFORCE UNDERSTANDING
★ USE VISUALS – Use flashcards, pictures or magazines to help the word ‘stick’
★ MAKE THE WORDS MEMORABLE BY PERSONALIZING
★ TEACH PREFIXES / SUFFIXES
★ PRACTICE WITH WRITING AND OUT LOUD
★ DON’T GIVE TOO MANY WORDS AT ONE TIME – depending on learner 5-10/session

For a copy of the complete PowerPoint of the presentation, please contact the office.
**Save the Date:** Friday, MAY 18, 2018

**Gift of Literacy Luncheon**

Don’t miss Newport/Mesa Pro Literacy’s annual luncheon featuring Janelle Brown, New York Times best-selling author of the novels *Watch Me Disappear, All We Ever Wanted Was Everything,* and *This Is Where We Live.* Her essays have appeared in The New York Times, Vogue, Elle, Wired, Self, RealSimple, Lenny, The Los Angeles Times and many other publications. This exciting event at The Pacific Club will include a raffle, silent auction and book signing. A copy of *Watch Me Disappear* is included with your luncheon ticket.

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**Learner Accomplishments**

- Obtaining US citizenship
- Receiving a job promotion
- Getting into vocational Training
- Getting a promotion

**New Tutors**

We would like to welcome our graduating class of tutors for Winter 2018. Their time and effort are truly appreciated and a lot of learners will benefit from their participation.

If you know somebody who might enjoy tutoring, please tell them about us (next Tutor Training, April 11 & 18, 2018, 9:15am).

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**Tutor and Learner Opportunity**

Saturday, April 14, 2018

**Save the Date!**

**Professional Workshops for Tutors & Learners!**

- Want more details?
  - Watch your email!
  - Like us on Facebook!

**Writer to Writer Awards Presentations!**

**Sponsored by:**

Southern California Library Literacy Network (SCLLN)

Plan now to attend SCLLN’s Literacy Conference!
Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy is a program of the Newport Beach Public Library.

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Upcoming Literacy Dates/Events

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Note: All programs are held at the Central Library unless otherwise posted and subject to change.

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