

Developing the literacy skills of adults to empower them to achieve greater success in their lives



A letter from Cherall Weiss, PAL's Literacy Coordinator

“Never say goodbye because goodbye means going away and going away means forgetting.”

– J.M. Barrie (Peter Pan)

When I reflect on the last 18+ years that I have been involved in PAL, initially as a volunteer tutor and then as Literacy Coordinator, the first thing that comes to mind is all the incredible people that I have had the fortune to meet.

We are so lucky to have compassionate and dedicated volunteers who are truly the foundation and backbone of this program. And watching the transformation of our wonderful learners as they change from self-conscious and shy learners to assertive and confident community members who have found their voice, their passions and their life still brings tears to my eyes. Of course, none of the strides we have made would be possible without the generous support of our individual and corporate donors, the City of Newport Beach as well as the library support groups. The success of PAL is not due to any one person, it is a community success and one that, I hope, makes this community proud.

These last few weeks, as my final official day approaches, has been full of opposing emotions. I am excited to start the next chapter of my life. With a first grandchild on the way, a few trips in the works, and freedom to cycle on my own schedule, there is a lot to look forward to doing. However, I will miss all the amazing people involved in the program and the day-to-day interactions that I have been so blessed to have. I will miss seeing, on a regular basis, the enthusiasm of the learner when they achieve one of their goals or the tutor that is nervous to get started, or the excitement of their first meeting.

However, it is time for new ideas, new energy, and new direction. The PAL Advisory Board is full of smart and creative people who are committed to seeing this program grow. They will do a great job of finding the next Literacy Coordinator and guiding that person to do the best job possible. And of course, Sarah, our Literacy Assistant, who will make the transition easier for everyone with her warm smile and competence. The new Coordinator will be in very good hands and have the opportunity to do terrific things.

I will heed J.M. Barrie's words... as I do not want to forget anyone or anything. Thank you for allowing me to work at something that has provided me more than a paycheck, but has filled my heart every day. (well, almost). ☺ - C



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Even if you are no longer tutoring, your learner has left, or you have a new learner, it is important we receive your report for any sessions you had between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022. As always, if you need help in completing the form or if you would like a copy of last year's form, please contact us.

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