



“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies, said Jojen. The man who never reads lives only one.”

— [George R.R. Martin, A Dance with Dragons](#)

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Our Mission Statement is Our True North

The Eastern Shore Literacy Council’s mission is to empower adult residents of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, through competence in digital, financial, health and basic literacy, to more fully and confidently participate in our community as well as to attain higher levels of education and/or employment.

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DIANE GLADSTONE



Diane Gladstone was appointed as Executive Director of the Eastern Shore Literacy Council and began work on August 1. Diane is a graduate of Parksley High School, Mary Washington College, and Old Dominion University. She has worked for forty-two years in the Northampton and Accomack County Public School systems, serving as a teacher, school administrator and central office administrator. In that capacity she has worked in federal programs and grants as well as Director of Special Populations.

Diane says, “The position as Executive Director came at the perfect time, allowing for part time work while still connected to the field of education”. Diane is an avid reader and loves to work in the garden. She and her husband, Ed, live at Silver Beach.

Diane is eager to support and promote the mission of the organization to empower adults in basic and digital literacy. She is looking to expand the educational and community partners that currently support the Eastern Shore Literacy Council and is actively seeking grants that will assist in support of the organization.

DRIVE FOR LITERACY GOLF TOURNAMENT



There is still time to support the ESLC and enjoy a great day of golf and fun at the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club on Friday, October 5th.

Thanks to Supporting Sponsors **Perdue and Weichert-Mason Davis Realtors**, Lunch and Social Hour sponsors, **P.W. Davis Disposal**, **Therapeutic Interventions**, and **Tyson Foods**, and beverage cart sponsors

THIS IS WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

TWO NEW CITIZENS ON THE SHORE



After studying for many months with tutors Karen Morris and Peggy Keating, ESLC learners Asuman Kahyaoglu and Hung Tang have recently become US citizens.

What is involved in becoming a citizen?

First, there is a \$725.00 fee which includes a background check. Once that has been completed along with the necessary paperwork, an interview date is set. At this interview the applicant will be judged on his/her English speaking and comprehension and will be asked 6-10 questions about US history or government. There is a list of 100 questions that can be asked so the applicant must spend time studying and understanding these questions. The applicant must read a sentence out loud to the satisfaction of the interviewer. If he/she fails part of the interview, they are able to come back for a second attempt.

Asuman is from Turkey and has been living on the Eastern Shore for 6 years and is a learner with the ESLC for 2 years. She received her citizenship in July, 2017. When asked about her goals, she said, "My immediate goal is to attend ESCC where I would study Early Childhood Education. I want to be certified to work with children in the schools. I want to have a job. I worked in my country of Turkey, and I want to work here. I want to help support myself and share the financial responsibilities with my husband. I can

be both American and Turkish-Here is my home!" She has submitted an application to be a volunteer at RSMH. She has sent us the following poem.

I, Asuman
A wife, cook, singer, learner
Daughter of Serife
Lover of family, friends, and animals
Who feels lonely, happy, or upset
Who needs a job, a baby, to see my family
Who fears broken hearts, loss of family
Who would like to see Italy, my prophet, my
country of Turkey
Am a resident of Accomac, Virginia
Welcome to my poem!



Hung moved to the Shore 3 years ago when he took a position with Tyson Foods, Inc. He studied English with his tutor for 4 hours a week for a year before passing the test. He is originally from Vietnam and received his citizenship in June of this year. Hung says he "can handle things better now that he speaks and understands English more. I am proud to be an American citizen and vote."

FAMILY LITERACY GRANTS RECEIVED

Equipping people with the skills necessary for success in the workplace is critical to creating a healthy community. As long-time supporters of education and workforce development, Tyson Foods Foundation and Perdue have opened up an opportunity for families of ESOL students to gain and/or improve those skills at Pungoteague Elementary School, a Title I school (a high percentage of low income students). Grants of \$12,500 from Tysons and \$10,000 from Perdue will be used to fund two levels of ESOL classes and provide companion childcare and Family Literacy throughout the 2018-2019 school year. The classes will also include activities that will teach parents the skills necessary for their children's academic success and how to be supportive of their child's learning. Once a month parents and children will interact in sessions provided by outside individuals and community organizations. These combined classes and activities together will give families the tools to make sustainable changes to their knowledge and in their future. Plans are under way to begin this project in September. The Eastern Shore Literacy Council and its teachers and volunteer tutors do change lives!

FEED A MIND

“No skill is more crucial to the future of a child, or to a democratic and prosperous society, than literacy.”
- Lyndon Baines Johnson



This event gives supporters an opportunity to eat out at the Shore’s best restaurants while raising money for our Literacy programs. Each restaurant made a generous contribution at the end of the event to provide these much-needed funds.

As always, Johnny Mo rocked out at Mallards Deck Party and did a stellar job of auctioning the many donated items.

Many thanks to our Feed-a-Mind Special Event Sponsors Mallards at the Wharf, the Island House, Brown Dog Ice Cream, Fairgrounds, Wolff’s Sandwich Shoppe and Kendall’s Kountry Kitchen and to Blarney Stone Pub, Bojangles, Club Car Café, Don Valerio’s, The Great Machipongo Clam Shack, Happy Buffet, Little Italy, Machipongo Trading Company and Island Creamery for their support.

Tutors Needed-New Tutor Training

We love our tutors. They give generously of their time and knowledge to help adults on the Shore improve their English skills. But, we have learners waiting to be matched to a tutor, and we just don’t have enough tutors. What you need is a love for the Shore and the willingness to improve it one Learner at a time.

Won’t you consider becoming a tutor? No special education is needed. We train you and give you the materials you need to be a great tutor. Give us a call at 757-789-1761 or email us at esliteracy@gmail.com for more information, and thank you in advance for your help. Our next tutor education will take place on September 21st and 22nd at Eastern Shore Community College.

ENGLISH CLASSES START IN SEPT

“To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark.”
- Victor Hugo



Program Coordinator Raquel Strand has been attending Open Houses at local schools to encourage parents who need help with their English to sign up for our English for Speakers of Other Languages classes beginning soon.

Classes will be held at Metompkin Elementary School starting 9/10 from 6-8 PM and will continue on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the school year. Our new program at Pungoteague is planned to begin on Tuesday 9/11 from 6-8PM and will continue Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year. An important aspect of the classes is that child care is provided, leading to better attendance and allowing for Family Literacy presentations.

Family Literacy Programs involving both the parents and children are planned with the Barrier Islands Center, Eastern Shore Public Library, Chesapeake Bay Field Station, and other groups. There is usually a hands-on project during or after each presentation which encourages parents and children working together.

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