

Kleberg County Adult
Literacy Council

Fall

2018 Newsletter

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SCRABBLE Tournament for Literacy Highlights

Coldwell Banker Homestead Properties Inc's "Rack Stars" were victorious once again! But Kleberg Bank's, Brad Womack, and his crew sure gave them a run for their money!

Executive Director's Pen

As I embark on my nineteenth year of service, I am reminded just how far we have come. Back on November 15, 2000, I took over a small non-profit that was totally volunteer-driven, actively serving a handful of students. KCALC had a small, dedicated board, and with their guidance and support, I hit the ground running. You see, we had just gotten a \$15,000 grant from Illa Clements to begin an Entrance to Literacy Program. That was the most money KCALC had seen since inception. So we frugally set out to start hosting group instruction with a paid instructor. We began with one group class, held in the conference room of the RJ Kleberg Public Library.

It wasn't long before we realized we were duplicating services. The Title I Family Involvement Center was doing the same thing at the same time on the same days. I met with Family Involvement Director of KISD, Cindy Hernandez, and we joined forces and built a very successful program that lasted well over a decade. The partnership only ended because the district needed their facilities to better support their children.

But once again, our community stepped up. We were offered space at Coastal Bend College (CBC) and the Community Life Center (CLC). So here we are today, providing English as a Second Language services at the CLC and GED prep at CBC. We added a location at Riviera ISD, and we are working to provide services there. We now work with close to 100 students annually.

I have been fortunate to work at a job that offers such great rewards. There is nothing more fulfilling than helping a parent become more employable, head to college, or reach their personal goal...no matter what that may be.

If you are looking for a great way to make a difference, KCALC might be the place for you, whether looking for a volunteer opportunity, place to make a donation, or become involved in our annual, interactive, fun fund-raiser....text 361-595-1010 for more info!



KCALC's Executive**Board of Directors**

- President-Liisa Hewitt
- Vice-president-Debbie Branstetter
- Secretary-Ann Harrell
- Treasurer-Kim Hamm

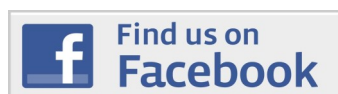
KCALC's Board Members

Judy Anthony-recently retired
 Dr. Rebecca Davis-recently retired
 Dianne Leubert
 Sue Waddingham
 Maricela Cisneros
 Connie Womack
 Dr. Cynthia Stinson-Alvarado
 Denise Zimmerman
 J. Dean Craig

KCALC Board Meetings:

KCALC holds monthly meetings on the third Thursday of every month, at 12:00pm in the boardroom of the Kingsville Chamber of Commerce. We welcome ALL visitors!

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What's New!?!

Since the spring of 2018, we have added new board member J. Dean Craig. He is a local attorney and has proven to be quite a dedicated volunteer. We also had to say goodbye to one of our founding members, Judy Anthony, as she and her husband have retired to the beautiful hill country of Texas, and to board member, Dr. Rebecca Davis, who has retired as well and will be moving to the mountains of New Mexico. We thank them and wish them well.

I am proud to announce that our GED prep program has one of the most active and dedicated group of adult learners. Our September attendance rate was 95.7% with our current overall rate of 85% (weather and transportation have hampered attendance). Ten percent have already passed the Social Studies portion of the test and 50% of the remaining students are taking their test the day before Halloween (I know...haunting, isn't it!)

Our English as a Second Language learners have visited Domino's Pizza, taking a tour, learning about the business, interview process, and how to become an entrepreneur, as well as had the opportunity to make and enjoy their own pizza! It was a great life experience for them. We have also taken a tour of the RJ Kleberg Library, where learners were allowed to be trained on the use of Pronunciator, which is a free online language learning software available to all patrons.



The Dottie Adams Friend of Literacy and Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Awards!

Ricki Cunningham and Lynn Adams received the first-ever, Dottie Adams Friend of Literacy Award for their almost two decades of support. Dottie was a long-time volunteer that tutored right up until just before she passed away. Her dedication was inspiring, and she set the tone for all the years to follow. In addition, KCALC gave a Dottie Adams Outstanding Volunteer Award to Judy Anthony. Judy served on the KCALC Board and as a Testing Chairperson for thirty years. She was an asset to the program and her absence leaves a huge whole in the heart of the program. Judy and her husband, Harry, are now retired and living in the beautiful Texas Hill Country.

If you would like to learn more about what we do, feel free to text or call me at 361-595-1010, we have so many students yearning to learn, and for the first time in years, have a waiting list! You could change someone's life, and that life could be yours!

SCRABBLE for Literacy Tournament Nets close to \$33,000... and Just Check Out Some of the Winners!!!



Our top winning school district was Riviera ISD. Pictured are members of the Riviera ISD Literacy Supporters.



The City of Kingsville Literacy Supporters came out and played a mean game of SCRABBLE. Their table was sponsored by Hahn & Oldham



Brad Womack of Kleberg Bank and his literacy supporters almost did what has yet to be done!!!! They were second to the reigning champions by a margin of around 175 points! They were so close to taking the crown from the SCRABBLE Champions!



St. St. Gertrude Parish brought their literacy supporters. They were definitely a force to be reckoned with! St. Gertrude donated the facility and their table was sponsored by Jean Claire Turcotte.

Thanks to KCALC's Supporters for 2018!

KCALC depends solely on the kindness of the community. We utilize three paid instructors and volunteers for tutoring our adult learners, and financially, we depend on the community as well. Our largest contributor is the King Ranch Family Trust. They have been our greatest supporter for almost two decades. We are an agency of United Way of the Coastal Bend, and we receive designations, as well as allocations annually. In 2018, we received funds from the Coastal Bend Community Foundation, L'Aiglon Foundation, Coldwell Banker Homestead Properties Inc, Kingsville Nursing and Rehab, Dollar General, Young's, FLAIR and the supporters of

our annual SCRABBLE Tournament for Literacy fund raiser.

We have also received funds from families in honor of their loved ones that supported KCALC, such as Lynn Adams in honor of her mother, longtime volunteer tutor, Dottie Adams.

We receive in-kind donations from Hahn & Oldham, and the city and county through the use of the RJ Kleberg Library, and its dedicated staff. They provide a space, maintenance of the space, and a support staff member to assist learners when the Executive

Director is unavailable.

Our group classes are held at Coastal Bend College-Kingsville, Riviera ISD and the Community Life Center.

Without this continued support, KCALC would not exist! Thank you all for your commitment to our community by strengthening families through education!!!

Being Literate Makes Great Cents!!!

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Mission

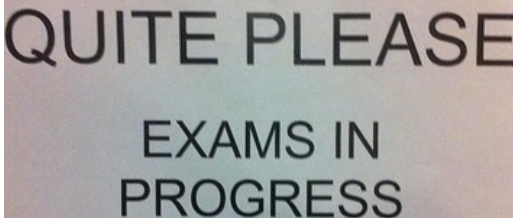
The Kleberg County Adult Literacy Council is a non-profit organization that believes that all adults should be able to read, write and speak the English language. To that end, KCALC provides FREE individualized and/or group instruction to those adults eighteen and older with limited reading, writing and /or English speaking skills.

KCALC feels that all learning should be learner-centered, relevant and immediately applicable.

KCALC provides services FREE of charge and does not discriminate based on religion, age, gender, ethnicity, national origin, physical ability, or sexual orientation.

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Volunteering Opportunities



QUITE PLEASE
EXAMS IN
PROGRESS

We are always looking for
new
volunteers. This program has
so many opportunities. Call or
text 361-595-1010 or print this
form and mail to RJ Kleberg
Library
220 North Fourth Street



I would like to become a volunteer for KCALC. I would like to:

☐ Tutor ☐ Board Member ☐ Babysit ☐ Data Entry ☐ Office work ☐ Assist with Fundraising

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Education level: _____

Email address: _____