

Kleberg County Adult
Literacy Council
Spring
2019 Newsletter

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Save the Date...August 2, 2019

The team from St. Gertrude's Parish came ready to play. Once again, our SCRABBLE Tournament for Literacy was held at St. Gertrude's Parish Hall. We had a record year, and KCALC would love for you to save the date for our 2019 tournament.

Executive Director's Pen

As we enter an early spring and the promise of new life, let us be reminded just how important our mission is to this great community. KCALC strives to strengthen local families through education, and that hand up allows families to become more involved in the community, encourages new growth, opens doors, and ensures greater student success for community children!!

2018 will be hard to top. We had a record-breaking fundraiser, raising our entire budget in just one night. We found new teams, new partners, new technology, and have brainstormed on new ways to make our SCRABBLE Tournament for Literacy even better.

KCALC held its annual retreat for its board in January. It is a day filled with policy reviews, budgeting, program building, and capacity building ideas. The board drives the direction of KCALC, and these community stakeholders take it very seriously. KCALC has plans to increase program availability, increase personnel, improve student intake and reporting, and support the Executive Director and her passion for making our organization more visible and more available to those unable to attend group classes. Stay tuned for a new and improved website that will be interactive for students and instructors!!!

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....call or text 361-595-1010!



KCALC's Executive

Board of Directors

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

KCALC's Board Members

- Dianne Leubert
- Sue Waddingham
- Maricela Cisneros
- Connie Womack
- 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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Our adult learners enjoy our Life Experience lessons that are held out in the community. Pictured is Henry Molina, owner of Domino's and dedicated literacy supporter. Mr. Molina provided a tour, lessons on pizza preparation, food safety, and advice on being a business owner. The learners each made their own pizza, had an informative tour of the facility, and asked Mr. Molina many questions about the hiring and interview process.

Our GED prep class, hosted at Coastal Bend College, are fortunate to be able to access the internet and use the computer lab at CBC. KCALC has begun creating a "Fast-Track" online program, which enables learners to access "virtual instruction" from anywhere that is internet accessible. It has proven quite successful, and will change the availability of GED prep support



Our English as a Second Language students took a tour of the RJ Kleberg Public Library, applied for a library card, and Linda Miller provided a lesson on Pronunciator. Pronunciator is a FREE online language program for people wishing to learn English or any other language for that matter. It is accessible online from the library's website. Students are picture here with instructors Marge and Grace.

Group Instruction Provides Education in Learner-Driven Classrooms!



During our English as a Second Language group instruction, our adult learners join in on the instruction. We have students from many countries and backgrounds.



Rebecca West serves as our Literacy Coordinator for the dependents of our adult students. Her son, George, serves as a peer mentor for his non-English speaking classmates.



Marge Peterson, Group Instructor, never misses an opportunity for teachable moments. Here, she has created a listening game, which also serves as a gift exchange during our Christmas Celebration.



Rebecca West prepared a Valentine's Day treat for her little Valentine's. These two classmates have become fast friends. Little George has become quite the mentor.

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 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, HEB, Walmart, Young's, Woman's Cub of Kingsville, TAMUK, 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!!!

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Motto: Being Literate Makes Great Cents!

Organization: Kleberg County Adult Literacy Council (KCALC)

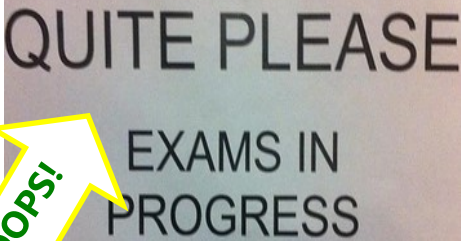
Mission

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.

Volunteering Opportunities



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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
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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: _____