



GLA
GREENVILLE LITERACY
ASSOCIATION

Tutor Talk Summer 2016

GLA Welcomes New Executive Director Jocelyn Slaughter

GLA welcomes Jocelyn Slaughter as Executive Director. Jocelyn will provide strategic leadership to deliver adult literacy programs and services in Greenville County. She replaces Carol Browning who retired from the role last December.

Jocelyn has more than six years of non-profit leadership, marketing and fundraising experience with Miracle Hill Ministries. In 2013, she served as president of the South Carolina Piedmont Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Prior to her non-profit career, she held marketing and analysis roles at Michelin North America, Intec Video Systems, Maxon Lift Corporation, Bank of America, and BP Oil Company.

Jocelyn holds a bachelor's degree in economics and English from Amherst College and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Southern California's Marshall School of Business. She is also a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE), holds a nonprofit management certificate from Duke University, and is a graduate of Leadership Greenville Class 40.

Jocelyn is married to Thomas, they have two children, Jason 13, and Gabrielle 7. Jocelyn is also a proud step-grandma to baby Xavier.



THE REALLY GOOD, REALLY BIG, REALLY CHEAP BOOK SALE

The Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap Book Sale is a massive new and gently used book sale to help raise money for the Greenville Literacy Association's drive to improve adult literacy levels in Greenville

County. There are tons of books at the sale — fiction and non-fiction, modern and classic, children's and teens, hardbound and soft cover — all at ridiculously low prices. Enjoy bargain prices on a quality and diverse selection books.

With over 130 categories and 125,000 books, there will be something for everyone.

How Big Is "Really Big?" In 2015 the sale was a huge success:

- Books Sold: 98,958
- Total Volunteers: 603
- Books Donated: 126,235
- Book Sale Customers: 10,000

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13
8:30-4:00 - MCALISTER SQUARE
EARLY BIRDS PAY \$10 - STARTING AT 7:30

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 - 1:00-4:00
BIG BAG OF BOOKS SALE - \$10 TO FILL A BAG

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Greenville Literacy Association's mission is to enrich our community by increasing the literacy and employability of our citizens.

To **VOLUNTEER**
at the book sale
or to buy
PREVIEW PARTY
TICKETS
go to:
www.greenvilleliteracy.org

Welcome to new Tutors Trained between March and June

ABE

Janice Boyd
Stephen Bridges
Dennis Clark
Keith Dalton
Lauren DeLonga
Dorothy Dowe
Carla Graham
Corey Hawthorne
Cheryl Jenkins
Lynn Juvelier
Allison Leisgang
Ravin Lilliston
Frank Nelson
Autumn Nicholson
Mary Parker

Hannah Poteet
Rosemary Sofko
Karen Tulley
Virginia Tamburello
Mary Wilson
Frances Wortkoetter



ESL

Amy Albright
Karina Baez
Olivia Ballard
Elizabeth Barrier
Kenneth Beatly
Julia Britt
Ian Carson
Pat Christensen
Suzi Cothran
Lynn Dejong
Len Farrell
Derik Good
Anitra Goudelock
Danny Gray

Pam Huber
Catherine James
Becca Johnson
Wendy Kellett
Frank Nelson
Jessica Nihiser
Tim Rowe
Mary Sidwell
Lenore Spencer
Belinda Stauner
Jim Stauner
Dawn Strickland
Karen Talley
Frank Tamburello
Geneene Thompson
Mary Trammell

Simpsonville



Barb Daugherty has been tutoring in Simpsonville since 2003.

Over the years, this dedicated “Hall of Famer” has tutored several individuals and has taught Fractions and Algebra classes, too. She currently teaches Advanced Algebra with her husband, **Roger**, who joined her as a tutor after he recently retired. This summer, **Roger** will also teach WorkKeys. “It’s a real pleasure to make a difference in people’s lives,” says **Barb**. She particularly loves to work with students who are close to getting their GED. Her teaching philosophy is to start out with the simplest example of a topic and build on it. She has found that taking the practice GED herself has been extremely beneficial. Thank you, **Barb** and **Roger** for all you do!

Tutor Highlights

Greer ABE tutor **Edward Woodford** began tutoring math in Greer last summer. Now he teaches a Social Studies class focused on the principles of economics and government. **Edward** was motivated to volunteer with GLA, and to help other adults further their education because of his own experience as an adult student returning to college. **Edward** says that the most rewarding thing about being a tutor is “the moment when you are explaining an idea or concept and you see the ‘light bulb’ turn on in the student’s eyes. The moment you see them ‘get it’.” We thank **Edward** for ‘paying it forward’ with us as a volunteer!



United Ministries

Mary Jane Gorman wanted to fulfill a need in the United Ministries Program. She started individually tutoring students but, after being asked to teach a Pre-GED math class sponsored by GLA, she gladly accepted. When asked why she enjoyed teaching she said, “I love getting to know the students. I meet with them twice a week, and after seeing them make an effort during class, I really start pulling for them.” This is **Mary Jane’s** second session of teaching basic math, and she plans on continuing to make a difference .



DT ABE

Gloria Quinn teaches Reading Fundamentals and enjoys seeing her students advance. She likes working with small groups which allow for one-on-one help, if needed. A few years ago, **Gloria** was widowed and began looking for something useful to do. She decided to dedicate her time to GLA. She says, “The most challenging part of tutoring is keeping the interest of the students.” **Gloria** knows that they need help outside of class so she purchases books and other supplies for them to use at home. Thank you **Gloria** for your passion for teaching.



DT ESL

This article was written by **Yvonne Thompson**, an intern in the Greenville office, and submitted to Greenville Tech. In it she reflects on the Honors Program service learning requirement.

As a requirement for The Honors Program, students must complete a service component. I began volunteering with Greenville Literacy Association to fulfill this requirement. I had no idea that this journey that started out as a set of requirements would end up taking on a completely different meaning, that it would change my life forever.

I never envisioned that serving would not only change how I viewed myself, but would also profoundly impact my perspective on the world I live in. I've had the opportunity to teach English as a Second Language to people who are trying to forge their own path in a strange new land. Not only did this show me that I had taken my own education for granted, but it also awakened a new passion within me. I never imagined I would be in a teaching role, let alone in a leadership role. Both of these happened as a result of my volunteer service. I found joy and purpose in being able to share my knowledge with these amazing students. Who has gained more from the experience, me or the students? Hands down the experience has been unequally beneficial. I have learned so much more from my students than I feel they learned from me. Working with GLA has helped me reevaluate my career path and what part I want to play in this world. I never envisioned that serving would profoundly impact my perspective on the world I live in.

My academic journey has been more rewarding than I ever thought possible due in large part to the service learning requirement of The Honors Program. I have come to realize that I am smart enough and that I do have something to offer this world. What I have to offer stems from everyone that has played a part in this journey. As I near graduation, it is a bittersweet conclusion to an adventure I never thought would be so life changing. It has had an impact I feel on my soul.



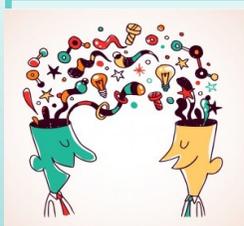
Save the Date for Annual Awards !

This year our annual awards evening will take place on **Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30PM**. Once again this event will be held at the **Brookwood Church Fellowship Hall**. Those of you who have attended in the past know what a wonderful evening this is as we come together to recognize hardworking students who have made educational gains, become new US citizens or earned a GED. Volunteers are also acknowledged for all they contribute to the success of their students.



If you haven't attended before we invite you to come and share in this special evening. It's a time of celebration as we listen to the heartwarming stories of our student and tutor speakers and congratulate all those who made educational gains in the past year.

See you there!



We want your ideas!

Tutor talk is a forum to exchange ideas and tips. Just like you, we are always looking for new and better ways to help students. If you have an interesting idea, valuable tip or a

great website to share, please call Harriet at **864 688-2212** or email to:

withers@greenvilleliteracy.org

If you change your email address, please let Wendy know at: Hamilton@greenvilleliteracy.org

GLA Calendar



August:
12 - 14 Book Sale
26 - Last Friday GLA will be closed in the summer.



September:
5 - Labor Day - All GLA offices closed.
10 - ESL Workshop McAlister Square 9:00 - 3:30
17 - ABE Workshop McAlister Square 9:00 - 3:30
20 - Annual Awards 6:30PM Brookwood Church