



Tutor Talk Summer 2015

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GLA 50th Anniversary Gala Raises \$77,500

On Saturday, April 18th, 260 people gathered at the Hyatt Regency on Main to celebrate Greenville Literacy's 50th Anniversary. The evening's program honored Mrs. Bessie Lee, the first Executive Director of GLA and Mrs. Jane Thomas, recently retired Executive Director. Between the two ladies they led the organization for nearly 40 years and molded it into the effective adult education organization that it is today.

2015 Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap Book Sale August 15-16, 2015

The book sale has become a tradition in Greenville and a major fundraiser for GLA. 2015 will be the 14th year of the sale and we expect to have over 130,000 gently used, donated books for sale. The public is invited to join patrons and supporters of GLA to the Patron's Party on Friday evening, August 14, 5:30-8:00pm. Wine, beer, hors d'oeuvres and the opportunity to shop FIRST is a big draw for many. Tickets are required to attend. \$35 per person or \$60 per couple. Early Birds may arrive at 7:30am on Saturday, August 15 and pay \$10 to enter an hour before the *really big* crowd enters for free at 8:30am.

Everyone will be able to enjoy a really wide selection of books that are re-stocked all day long. Be sure to check out the food trucks outside for lunch or a snack. The *really cheap* part of the sale will take place on Sunday, August 16 during the Bag Sale from 1:00-4:00pm. Fill a bag of books for \$10. Fill as many bags as you like. All proceeds benefit GLA's adult literacy programs.

It takes more than 350 volunteers to make this sale run smoothly. So, if you are looking for a fun volunteer opportunity and some great camaraderie, go to [Book Sale Volunteer Sign-Up Form](#) to sign up for any shift that works best for you. There are opportunities to help with setup, sale day book restocking, and take down on Sunday afternoon.



New GLA Volunteer Coordinator Welcome Beck Sullivan

We are delighted to welcome Beck Sullivan who has accepted the new volunteer coordinator position at GLA. Beck has tutored at our Greer Learning Center for over 14 years, has been a tutor trainer and board member, and she will be a great asset to you in her new role. We realize that the services provided to our adult students would not be possible without your hard work. We want all tutors, both experienced and new, to have the resources and training you need. Beck will be the primary contact as new volunteers join your ranks. She'll also be a resource for experienced tutors. You can reach Beck at her GLA email:

volunteer@greenvilleliteracy.org.

Greer



Teresa, a high level ESL student in Greer and a teacher in Mexico, and **Adriana Ibarra**, a previous student in Greenville, taught Building Blocks for Literacy classes at East North Street Academy. Together they have translated the program, improving and customizing it for our Hispanic population. They used both English and Spanish in the class, so they were able to use basic children's books for the instruction. Mothers and children went home with books and a dry erase board so that the children, with their mothers' help, could start tracing the alphabet.

Tutor Highlights

Greenville ABE

"Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer!" – Anon.

Mark Webber is a volunteer tutor who always goes the extra mile. In 2012, **Mark** began volunteering at GLA as a GED Reading tutor. Shortly after he began volunteering, **Mark** noticed that a fractions class did not have a teacher. He immediately volunteered to fill-in for the class until we could find another tutor. Three years later **Mark** is still teaching both Reading and Fractions! His dedication to GLA and his students is apparent in every detailed lesson he prepares. **Mark's** classes are so popular with the students that they often ask to enroll in his classes! We thank **Mark** for his commitment to the students and mission of GLA.



Greenville ESL

Stephany came to GLA interested in improving her English. Originally from Colombia, she started ESL classes while waitressing in a local restaurant.

She attended classes regularly, and devoted time to the Rosetta Stone computer program. Recently, **Stephany** moved up to the intermediate level and told us she was being considered for a promotion at work!

Rosemary, one of **Stephany's** tutors, came to GLA as a Greenville Tech intern. Once **Rosemary** finished her internship at GLA, she decided to continue teaching. "I get so much out of it, I learn something new each time, they are so giving and eager to learn, it's truly gratifying," said **Rosemary**, who uses realia, props, food and games to engage and educate her students.



Simpsonville

Benedicte Eades has been teaching a level 5/6 ESL class on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Golden Strip Learning Center since June. She is very vibrant and always brings in realia and teaches her students about relevant current events. This month she also taught a Building Blocks for Literacy class to help parents learn how to teach early reading skills to their children. **Benedicte** is always very prepared, has fun activities, and a creative personality. Thank you, **Benedicte**, for all you do.



The four properties of powerful teachers: Presence, Personality, Passion, and Preparedness is a really interesting and thought provoking article. Click on the link below to read it.
<http://m.chronicle.com/article/The-4-Properties-of-Powerful/228483/>

New Tutors Trained at GLA October - February

ABE

- Craig Campbell
- Patricia Dendy
- Bryant Dozier
- Karen Eller
- Kimberly Hall
- Rusty Hill
- Marcy Klauber
- Carol Leasure
- Sean McBrantie
- Danielle McFarlane
- Laurie McNair
- Emily Mosley
- Corsetta Morris

- Evie Nichols
- Savannah Sondov
- Jeremy Summerlin
- Rebecca Townsend
- Bill Whiseman
- Bob Whitley
- Scott Withrow
- Mary Ann Womak
- JR Wood

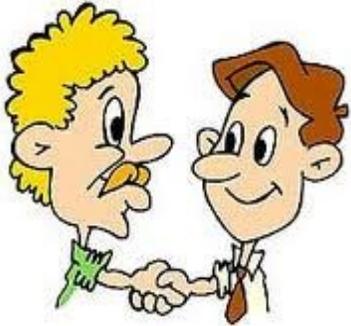


ESL

- Lin Abbot
- Beth Base
- Sunil Basu
- Estelle Craig
- Sarah Holcombe
- Elizabeth Johnson
- Anna Munoz
- Maja Munoz
- Alex Nevels
- Michael Peralta
- Gabriela Rueda
- Meghan Tankerley



Helpful Tips When Starting a New Class



Call the roll:

Students appreciate it when instructors acknowledge their presence and try to learn their names. You can also use this opportunity to check your pronunciation of unusual names and find out what students prefer being called.

Talk about yourself:

Our students enjoy learning about their instructors' backgrounds and reasons for volunteering. It also helps them to feel more comfortable about participating in class and asking questions about the material.

Let students introduce themselves: Ask students to give their names and say something about their goals or why they've returned to school. This will encourage social bonding, which, in turn, encourages attendance.

Talk about your agenda:

Let students know what material you intend to cover over the course of the term. Many students don't have a good sense of what topics might be covered in a class called "Algebra" or "Social Studies". If you are preparing students for the GED or WorkKeys tests, you may also want to talk briefly about the skills assessed on those tests. Information about these skills can be found in your textbooks.

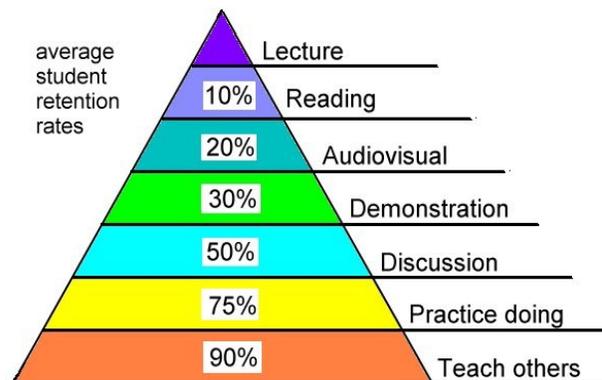
Set expectations:

Let students know what you expect in the way of attendance, punctuality, classroom conduct and homework completion. Since your students are adults, you may wish to present classroom rules as a matter for consensus and solicit feedback and additional suggestions from the students themselves. You are more likely to get compliance if the students agree to the rules from the start.

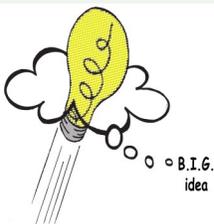
Invite feedback:

Students may talk to their program managers if they are having difficulty in a class. In many cases, it's more useful for them to talk directly to their instructors. You can encourage student feedback by letting them know that you really want them to learn and that you are open to suggestions about how you can help them learn more effectively.

Learning Pyramid



Source: National Training Laboratories, Bethel, Maine



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:

14 - 16 Book Sale
28 - Last GLA summer Friday closure.



September:

7 - Labor Day - All GLA offices closed.
12 - ESL Workshop McAlister Square 9:00AM - 3:30PM
19 - ABE Workshop McAlister Square 9:00AM - 3:30PM

