

READ WRITES

For You and About You

October 2011

Where Were You In '92?

Scott Cheney Was in Orange County Launching READ/OC!

In 1992, Scott Cheney was directly involved in launching READ/Orange County for the Orange County Public Library with a California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) grant from the State Library! As READ/OC's first

Coordinator, one important legacy of Scott's was hiring Tangela Ashe, who continues to remind us that "it's all his fault!"

Scott was quoted in a 1992 Los Angeles Times' article about the new adult literacy services of the Orange County Public Library, "We're going to focus on the things they need most improved right now and tailor the tutoring to those needs." That focus remains central to the services of READ/OC today.

Scott oversaw READ/Orange County's first two years of success and growth before moving on in 1994 to continue his commitment to lifelong learning for adults. That commitment lead him on his own lifelong learning journey which includes research at the National Alliance of Business, leading research of training performance initiatives at the American Society of Training and Development, and overseeing national workforce development projects at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. He currently lives with his family in Washington D.C.

"I would say that my experience in Southern California's literacy programs--first with LVA San Diego and then starting and growing READ/Orange County has had a significant influence on my career path and my commitment to education and training," Scott Cheney recently reminisced in a message to READ/OC.

Today, Scott is the staff director for the Senate Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. The chair of the subcommittee is Senator Patty Murray of Washington State. The subcommittee's jurisdiction includes the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), which encompasses federal adult education and literacy programs and funds READ/OC's EI Civics component. Scott's current efforts include working on the reauthorization of WIA. In addition, Scott and his team work on a wide variety of other education, training and development policy for the country.



In the coming year, READ/OC will celebrate 20 years of Adult Literacy Services in Orange County! *Let us know where your literacy or lifelong learning journey has taken you. **Where were you in '92?***



The monthly report winner for September is:

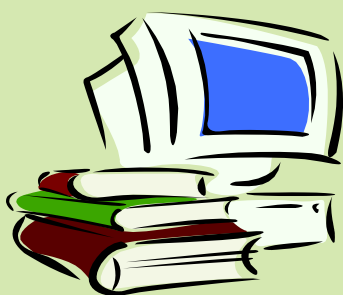
Julia Klemek

Congratulations Julia!

Monthly Reports are due by the 5th of every month. Get yours in on time for a chance to be next month's winner and receive a \$10 gift card to Starbucks.

If you have missed sending in your Monthly Reports, it is not too late to catch up! Remember, the hours you report each month are the only record READ has of your learner's hours!

Of course you can still access monthly report forms online, submit them by email to readoc@occr.ocgov.com or mail them to READ/OC, 1501 E. St. Andrew Pl., Santa Ana, CA 92705



Proud Moments



September was another successful month for our tutors and learners! Here are just a few of their achievements in September, taken from monthly reports:

- Pat's learner now uses the TV guide instead of just surfing the TV.
- Gayle's learner joined two field trips at her daughter's school as a parent-chaperone. She was very pleased that she could communicate with the students and watch over them on the trips.
- Mei Ling's learner was sworn in as a US Citizen on 7/28/11!
- Richard's learner finished reading his first novel ever!
- Alice's learner designed and developed an ad for a tech magazine to advertise his business. He interviewed and hired an employee to help him in his business venture.
- Riette's learner went to a grocery store and asked in English to buy a bus pass.
- Jim's learner finished reading *Prince Caspian* and her GED Reading Skills book.
- Fredricka's learner learned to enter checks in a ledger and calculate the balance.
- Richard's learner is reading stories to his 3 year old daughter.

Please remember to submit your monthly reports. We want to let everyone know about your accomplishments!

Tuesday, November 1 is

Family Literacy Day!

READ "with" or "to" someone you love!



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Adult Learners!

We invite you to take part in an exciting challenge:



Writer to Writer

Annual Writing Challenge for Adult Learners

- Pick up an information packet from a staff member.
- Read or listen to a book that inspires you.
- Write a letter to the author.
- Give your letter and entry form to a staff member for copying and mailing.
- We must receive your letter and entry form by Friday, December 16. No late entries will be considered.



The last date to submit your letter is:

Friday, December 16, 2011

**Contact READ/OC now
for more information and an entry form
(714) 566-3070**

To READ/OC Friends,

It was an honor to win the "Write to Writer" competition last year. It was a great opportunity to practice my English. It wasn't easy, but I wrote it with my heart.

I encourage all learners to get involved with this excellent program.

Get a pen and a sheet of paper then just "write" with your own words to inspire others. It will be wonderful.

Maybe you will be a winner this year.

Good luck,

Hun Lien Lau



FROC Corner Friends of READ/OC By Craig Ruhl

The Friends of READ/Orange County was founded in July of 1993 as a non-profit, 501(c)(3), organization to support the READ/Orange County program. The Friends provide that support through resource development, public awareness and providing recognition services for program tutors and learners.

Just as READ/Orange County depends upon trained volunteers to tutor the many learners wanting to be able to read better, Friends of READ/Orange County also relies on many dedicated volunteers to provide its services. The Board of Directors consists of volunteer Friends who meet once a month to discuss and decide how best to support READ/Orange County. There are various committees such as Resource Development, Membership, Recognition Activities and Technology. Our volunteer Friends come from varied backgrounds and interests. Many of the Friends are literacy tutors, some with many years of service to the program. There are young people, retired folks, teachers, business owners and business leaders as well as people who work at home or are from many of the professions. We also have a number of people who have learned to read through the program and then decided to pass their newly found reading skills on to other learners. Our volunteer Friends are as unique as the communities they serve.

Lucille Ball (I Love Lucy) has been quoted as saying "If you want something done, asks a busy person to do it." Volunteers are cut from that fabric. The Friends of READ/Orange County are always looking for people who have a few hours to donate. There is always a need for additional board and committee members. We rely heavily on additional volunteers to put on our events to recognize the READ/Orange County tutors and learners. If you, or if you know of someone else, who is looking for an opportunity to make a very real difference in their community, please contact the READ/Orange County staff or any of the Friends board of directors for more information.

If you are reading this line, call the READ/OC office to claim your "Reader of the month prize!"

OUTREACH NEWS

A huge **THANK YOU** to Bio-Rad for their book drive and book fair. Bio-Rad held a book fair and invited READ/OC to be there to let their employees know about our literacy program. The employees of Bio-Rad rocked their book drive goal by donating 574 books to READ/OC. The books donated to READ/OC are given to our learners and their children to help them build a home library.



If you would like more information on how to have our Outreach Coordinator come to your place of business or talk to your group, please call 714-566-3070 and ask for *Karen!*



Next time you are online – "LIKE" **READ/OC** and **Friends of READ/OC** on Facebook.

While you are there, check out literacy news and events on the Facebook pages for Southern California Library Literacy Network (SCLLN) and our very own Friends of READ/Orange County (FROC).

And then share us with a friend - encourage them to volunteer and help change a life through literacy.



THANK YOU For Helping READ/Orange County Celebrate Literacy (and hopefully break a World Record)!

Throughout Orange County, hundreds of families celebrated reading together with a Llama!

More than **1,387** adults and children at 23 libraries and Orange County community programs got "Llama, Llama" crazy to demonstrate how much fun reading together can be.



Through your enthusiastic efforts, we join thousands more adults and children across the county to hopefully set a new world record for the most adults and children reading the same book on the same day.

While we await word about Read For the Record's recording-breaking efforts, we want to take this opportunity now to thank you for your awesome "Llama, Llama" participation!

- Aliso Viejo Library
- The City of Aliso Viejo
- Buena Clinton Youth & Family Center
- Costa Mesa Library
- Cypress Library
- Dana Point Library
- El Toro Library
- Fountain Valley Library
- Garden Grove Chapman Library
- Garden Grove Regional Library
- Irvine University Park Library
- La Habra Library
- La Palma Library
- Ladera Ranch Library
- Mesa Verde Library
- Rancho Santa Margarita Library
- San Clemente Library
- Seal Beach Library
- Stanton Library
- Stanton Community Resources Center
- UC Irvine Jumpstart
- Villa Park Library
- West Garden Grove Library
- Westminster Library



Missed an Issue??

Did you know that previous issues of our **READ Writes** newsletter can be accessed online at www.readoc.org?

Check out our website, often!



There is a great collection of resources and advice brewing on our website. Review the previous issues of our newsletter for ideas, activities, and suggestions to use in your tutoring sessions. And remember to share it with a friend when they ask you "what's new?"

**Ms. Paige Turner
(Fun advice for tutors and learners)**



Dear Paige Turner,

My learner does not read or write very well and he wants to take a basic computer skills class. That's way too advanced for him and we are not even up to that level yet. How can I encourage him to wait until he reads better?

Not Ready For This Yet

Dear Not Ready,

What is most important to remember as his tutor is to work toward a learning goal that meets his everyday wants and needs, rather than focusing on something that is at "his level." Remember any context-based material, including computer terminology, can be an appropriate and effective learning tool for any learner, as long as it helps him reach his goals. Consider using an application he is interested in and then use it to identify sight words, key words for phonics, and base words for word patterns. Reading for understanding is the key to improving reading comprehension and new vocabulary. A computer can be a perfect example of a "context-based material."

You may want to attend an "Introduction to PC" workshop with your learner and then talk with him about how you both can use it as a tool to help reach his goals. You can also contact READ/OC for more information about web sites and computer applications that relate to specific role/goal areas for your learner.

If you yourself are not comfortable with helping him learn basic computer skills, this can be an opportunity for the two of you to learn together, which reinforces the value of lifelong learning.

Paige Turner

In Demand! READ/OC Literacy Center Resources

The following is a partial list of READ/OC resources that are in high demand.

[A Dream That Walks](#) – A goal-setting resource

[Help Yourself](#) – An easy guide to understanding your learning style

[The English You Need For the Office](#)

[On-the-Job English](#)

[From Home to School](#) – A family learning tool to reinforce learning

at home and at school

[101 American English Idioms](#)

[English for Everyday Activities](#)

[Citizenship: Passing the Test](#)

Check out these and many more adult learning resources for all of the role/goal areas. There may be just the fit with your learner's current or future goals or interests. If you can't find what you are looking for, let us know!

Reminder:

If you have any of these titles or other READ/OC resources that you are no longer using, please return them to the literacy center or to READ/OC. Other tutors and learners may be looking for them!



LITERACY LEADS TO...

Financial independence | Sustainable employment |
Healthy lives | Community engagement | Safe communities

Join the **Stand for Literacy** movement and celebrate the transformative power of literacy

Share your story of how literacy changed your life!

On November 2, ProLiteracy launches an exciting grassroots awareness campaign in conjunction with the United States Conference on Adult Literacy (USCAL) with a digital "Stand For Literacy" mural celebrating the transformative power of literacy.

You can join the "Stand for Literacy" campaign by celebrating the transformative power of literacy through your personal story. READ/OC and Friends of READ/OC (FROC) would also like to expand this campaign locally by including stories in this newsletter and on our websites. Send your words or photos to READ/OC to share how literacy has changed your life or the life of someone you know. And do not forget to visit the Stand For Literacy digital mural at www.standforliteracy.org.

Celebrate your success and encourage another adult learner or volunteer to "Stand for Literacy!"

Note: Please limit videos to 60 seconds or less, with a maximum file size for image or video files is 25MB. Your personal story or message should be 600 characters or less. Or you can simply write one sentence about how literacy has changed your life! It will take only a few minutes of your time and you will become part of this unique and inspirational campaign.

Celebrating with Tutors and Learners at the Fall Feast - Thank You Friends of READ/OC!



PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

A well-deserved "Thank You" goes to the following dedicated READ/OC volunteers who selflessly and generously donate their time and talents, and share their love of reading to help change lives of Orange County adults and families. These volunteers were presented with President's Volunteer Service Awards* at the Fall Feast on October 1 for their volunteer commitment and service.

Silver Award (for volunteer service of 250-499 hours in a 12-month period)

Fredericka Veenstra

Bronze Award (for volunteer service of 100-249 hours in a 12-month period)

Lorna Adkins

Awilda Fagin

Erin Minto

Sommer Banich

Kathy Harcharik

Angela Ogletree

Norman Blanco

Tammie Hilliard

Mei Ling Peng

Darlene Carpenter

Pamela Hupp

Katie Rice

Nada Chatwell

Ellen Kirkland

Larry Rushing

Judith Chew-Darke

Barbara Krause

Pat Tonini

Debby Connick

Jerome Lopez

Eugenia Ukpo

Namrata Das

Kay Maglica

Kristy Dong

Jan Miles



**The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation recognizes the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our communities and encourage more people to serve. The Council created the President's Volunteer Service Award program as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.*

2011 FALL FEAST

Thanks to everyone who came to the Fall Feast on October 1! We had a fantastic time with food, games, awards, and fun for everyone! Here are a few highlights from the event:

- Friends of READ/OC members Linda Kricfalusi and Anita Taillon used their usual creative genius to put together a rugged woodland setting for the event, complete with a cabin in the woods, streams, moose, bears, and more.
- Everyone brought a dish to share. From porcupine balls to hand-decorated cupcakes, everyone found some great goodies to enjoy.
- The kids put together fun crafts, including rain makers, bird feeders, and coloring pages.
- Camping Bingo brought everyone together to win a gift basket or to choose a centerpiece to take home.
- This year's President's Award winners were announced. We had one silver and 26 bronze recipients this year! Our volunteers are **SUPER!**
- The Friends of READ/OC introduced their new leadership and honored the Friends who are stepping down from officer and committee assignments.

If you missed this year's Fall Feast, we hope that you will be able to join us for next year's appreciation events!

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Saturday, October 29
Tuesday, November 1

Thursday, November 3
Saturday, November 5

Thursday, November 10
Friday, November 11

Saturday, November 12

Tuesday, November 15
Thursday, November 17

Saturday, November 19
Thursday, November 24 &

Friday, November 25

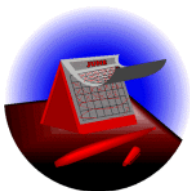
Tutor Training Workshop #1 @ HQ, 9am-4pm
Family Reading Time @ La Palma Library, 6:30-7:45pm
National Family Literacy Day
Family Reading Time @ El Toro Library, 6-8pm
Tutor Training Workshop #2 @ HQ, 9am-4pm
Learner Meeting & Potluck @ HQ, 10am-1pm
Family Reading Time @ Mesa Verde Library, 6-8pm
Veterans' Day Holiday - All Libraries & READ/OC closed
Family Reading Time @ Irvine University Park, 10am-12pm
Quarterly Tutor Meeting @ HQ, 6-8pm
Quarterly Tutor Meeting @ El Toro Library, 6-8pm
Family Reading Time @ Tustin Library, 6:30-8pm
Family Reading Time @ El Toro Library, 10am-12pm
Thanksgiving Holiday-All Libraries & READ/OC closed Thur. & Fri.

Be Thankful for Reading - Share it with friends & family!

If you are interested in contributing an article for READ WRITES, contact us at 714-566-3070.

When you have finished reading this newsletter, please share it with someone so they will know about the services and volunteer opportunities

[Click here to go directly to the READ/OC Calendar of Events](#)



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