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Read "Write" Adult Literacy Program

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Holá and Seasons Greetings!

We hope your holidays were warm and filled with joy. Read "Write" is doing its best to stay afloat. We were just granted funding by the New Mexico Coalition for Literacy (Coalition), because they graciously offered a second round of opportunity. Our major funders for our program are the New Mexico Coalition for Literacy and United Way of Central New Mexico. However, we do seek grants from other funders on a regular basis. Read "Write" started as part of the Moriarty Community Library and grew to the extent that we became our own 501(c) (3).

We are now accepting old cell phones and small computer printer/ink cartridges for recycling. Help the environment and our literacy program here in the East Mountains. Donations can be left at either the Read "Write" Office or the Moriarty Community Library.

Why is our program so important? This is what we know about illiteracy in America.

As Many as 23% of the adult American population (40-44 million) is functionally illiterate (Level 1 according to the National Adult Literacy Survey), lacking basic skills beyond a 4th grade level. Illiteracy is widespread, a problem in every community, not limited to any race, region, or socioeconomic class.

Illiteracy Impacts the Economy. Adult illiteracy costs society an estimated \$240 billion each year in lost industrial productivity, unrealized tax revenues, welfare, crime, poverty, and related social ills.

Illiteracy and Health— Adults with low-level reading skills frequently suffer from health problems because they lack the ability to read medical directions, health-related literature, and prescription labels. Chronic health condition may go improperly monitored by patients who are functionally illiterate, and the overall well-being of these individuals may worsen overtime causing frequent doctor or emergency room visits, hospitalization, or even death.

Illiteracy and the Workplace— 40% of the labor force in the US has limited skills. American businesses lose more than \$60 billion in productivity each year due to employee's lack of basic skills

Illiteracy and the Criminal Justice System— The rate of illiteracy in America's correctional system is over 60% .

Illiteracy and America's Youth— The saddest casualty of the illiteracy in the US are the children who are affected by intergenerational illiteracy. Children of disadvantaged parents begin their school life behind their peers. Parents with minimal or no reading skills often cannot provide the kind of support their children need to do well in school. **Analysis has shown a direct correlation between young people's test scores and the grade level attained by their parents.**

It is important that we continue our efforts toward this crucial cause in our community. We could not do this without the generosity and support from our great community. Our greatest asset is our volunteers and we extend our gratitude to all of you for giving your time and talents to our program.

Muchas Gracias,
From the Board of Directors
& Staff Of The Read "Write"
Adult Literacy Program

"Improving Literacy One Person At A Time"

We're on the Web!

www.readwritenm.org



Old Time Green Chile Stew

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 cup oil: olive, coconut or vegetable
- 2 – 3 medium onions, chopped
- 4 – 6 cups water
- 2 – 3 lbs. Navajo churro lamb or home raised pork cut into bite sized pieces
- 5 lbs. Hatch mild green chile, roasted, peeled and diced
- 2 heads of garlic, peeled and sliced
- 1 Tbsp. fresh ground black pepper
- 2 Tsp salt
- 1 Tbsp. whole cumin seed, roasted and freshly ground
- 1 Tsp whole coriander seed, roasted and freshly ground
- 1 Tbsp. Mexican oregano, lightly toasted and freshly ground
- 1 Lb. fresh tomatoes or 1 16 oz. can of chopped tomatoes (optional)
- 2 – 3 medium potatoes, diced (optional)

Instructions

1. Before starting, have onions, lamb/pork, green chile and 2 cups water prepared and ready at hand.
2. In a heavy stock pot, preferably cast iron, heat oil over medium heat. When oil is warm, add flour and brown to make a roux. Stir constantly with a spatula, reaching all parts of the bottom of the pan to keep flour from burning. The mixture will bubble and foam as it starts to brown, then settle into a smooth consistency. The color will change from white to an old copper penny color and the odor will go from flour and oil to a roasted aroma. Be careful not to burn the flour, as you will need to start over. If in doubt, stop browning at a slightly lighter color.
3. To stop the browning process, add the onions and 2 cups water. It will hiss and steam as you add them, stir mixture well to cool roux and brown the onions. When onions have started to brown, add lamb/pork and brown.
4. Add chile and remainder of water, stirring well. While chile starts to simmer, roast cumin and coriander in small skillet over medium heat until they release their toasted aroma and add Mexican oregano at end to lightly toast. Grind them in mortar and pestle or food processor.
5. Add herb mixture to chile, along with garlic, salt and black pepper.
6. Stir mixture well, reduce heat to a low simmer and check on every half hour or so until meat is tender and flavor has mingled well. If desired, tomatoes and potatoes can be added at start of simmering for a different flavor profile.



Friday, March 13, 2015



7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Moriarty Lion's Club

Proceeds to Benefit the

Read "Write" Adult Literacy

Prizes needed for Bingo!

If you have a new or like new gift that can be used as a prize, please give to Fabiola or Tina at the Read "Write" Building. We need prizes valued at \$10 to \$25. Please join us and have a great time at Bingo.

RWALP Wish List

Call 505-886-3333

- ◆ xerox or copy paper
- ◆ notebooks and/or notebook paper
- ◆ Spanish/ English dictionaries
- ◆ computer Ink: HP 21 and 22 and dell series 6 color ink 810
- ◆ paper Goods: plates, napkins, plastic wear, cups, toilet paper, paper towels
- ◆ binders (all sizes– new or used)
- ◆ dividers and page protectors
- ◆ envelopes (all sizes)
- ◆ hanging folders (legal or letter)
- ◆ postage stamps, labels
- ◆ staples, tape, binder clips
- ◆ pens, pencils, erasers, highlighters, markers
- ◆ colored paper
- ◆ certificate paper
- ◆ USB or flash drives
- ◆ dolly for moving books

Book Sale

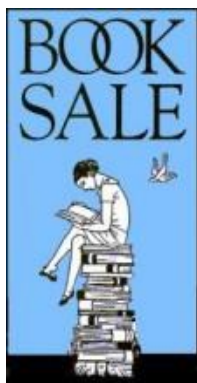
Moriarty Civic Center
Friday, January 30, 2015

From 10am-4pm
and

Saturday, January 31, 2015

From 10am-2pm

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and the Moriarty Community Library



Thank you for your Donations!

Gloria Predika

RWALP self-inking stamp

Rhoda Geduld

6 rolls of paper towels
24 rolls of bathroom tissue

Jo Onarheim

15 rolls of paper towels
45 rolls of bathroom tissue

Carol Marler

10 bottles of hand soap
2 Gel air fresheners



José Orozco– January 7th

Juana Rutledge– January 12th

Carol Marler– January 14th

Adela Lopez– January 16th

Marilyn Chilcote– January 21st

Teresa Duron- February 15th

Claudia Montes– February 25th

Benita Valenzuela– February 25th

Jace Alderson– February 28th



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Welcome New Board Members



Margie Olivas

I was invited to attend the Annual Board Retreat on September 6, 2014, as a guest. I attended the meeting and I knew then that I was definitely interested in contributing to the RWALP. I attended my first Board meeting on November 6, 2014. I am a Board Member and have the responsibility of maintaining the RWALP website. I am on the Personnel Committee and will be working with Myrtle and Marge to update the Personnel Manual. I will also be assisting Tina with grants. I have long desired to contribute to my community and, since I am recently retired, I now have the time. I have previous work experience and knowledge that will benefit the program and my community. I am excited about the learning opportunities this will provide for me. I am so happy to be working with Tina, and Jace again, and to form a working relationship with the entire Board and staff. RWALP is a top notch program that provides invaluable services to our community. I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of RWALP.

I am married to Mark, a retired law enforcement officer, and we have two daughters, Leslie and Lauren. I used to sew and I plan to start that up again soon. I enjoy reading, camping, fishing, and road trips! I am a member of Crossroads Bible Fellowship Church, and I am active in serving. I am working with others to begin a bible study life group that will focus on reaching out to those in need in the church and the community. I worked in administrative and office support positions for many years. In the private sector, I worked for US West Communications for 15 years. In 1995, I opted to take advantage of a voluntary separation package so I could stay home with my daughters and be able to better help my mother. As it turns out, the City of Moriarty was hiring at that time, and I began a 17 year long career in government. I retired from Albuquerque Public Schools in July, 2014.

Kyla Dennison

I started working with the Read “Write” adult literacy program as a volunteer in July of 2011. I helped with the newsletter and special programs like Bingo. In November of 2014, I became a board member. I decided to get involved with the Read “Write” Adult Literacy Program for two reasons. The first reason is because many of my friends in school are first generation Americans. Their parents did not speak English and did not have their citizenship. This program has helped many individuals to learn to speak English and get their citizenship. The second reason is when I worked at a childcare center I had second graders who did not know how to read, this broke my heart. Later I found out that their parents did not know how to read either. Many times if the parents read or show a love for reading their children learn to read and follow their parents in this reading habit. I believe that the Read “Write” Adult Literacy Program helps support these individuals as well as many others.

A little bit about me:

I am currently going to school to be an Elementary School Teacher. I have found that I love educating our future leaders. I come from the Dennison family in Stanley and look to them for their strong morals and ethics in doing the best they can at everything they do. I love reading almost all genres of books but especially the classics. I also enjoy painting, drawing, sculpting, and all other medias of art. Currently I am enjoying writing stories that some day may or may not get published as children’s books. I am currently a preschool teacher in Estancia, before that I was the Children’s Librarian for the Moriarty Community Library.

Ashley Williams

I entered into the Read “Write” Adult Literacy Program in September of last year at the Board Retreat, and I am the Liaison for the Moriarty Community Library. I decided to become involved with the program because I believe it is a great cause, and that our children’s program at the library will be of use to the children of the parents participating in the Read “Write” Program. My husband Travis and I moved to the East Mountains in 2010 to his family’s property, where they homesteaded over 100 years ago. We now have a beautiful one year old daughter, Hailey Marie, whom we are proud to bring up in this great community.

As for my hobbies, I enjoy reading a good book whenever I get a quiet moment to myself. I also enjoy watching movies and binge watching television shows with my hubby. We also like to camp, fish, and swim when the weather allows. I am a University of New Mexico Graduate with a Bachelor’s Degree in History. I worked in the Moriarty Historical Museum and Society for a short period in 2013, as an intern working with the World War II collection and display. I am currently the designated Children’s Librarian for the Moriarty Community Library.



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Thank You

Edgewood Civitans!



We would like to say a special thanks to the Edgewood Civitans for presenting the Read "Write" Adult Literacy Program with \$4,000. The money was raised through a gun show held at the Moriarty Civic Center during the Pinto Bean Fiesta in September. This generosity is appreciated, and we cannot thank you enough!

In picture from left to right are, Becky Kruper, Connie Foxe, Holly Taylor, Diane Stearley, Tina Cates-Ortega, Jace Alderson, Myrtyle Villanueva, Sophia McLeod, Fabiola Melendez, and Margie Olivas

Congratulations

To Our Two Newest Citizens!



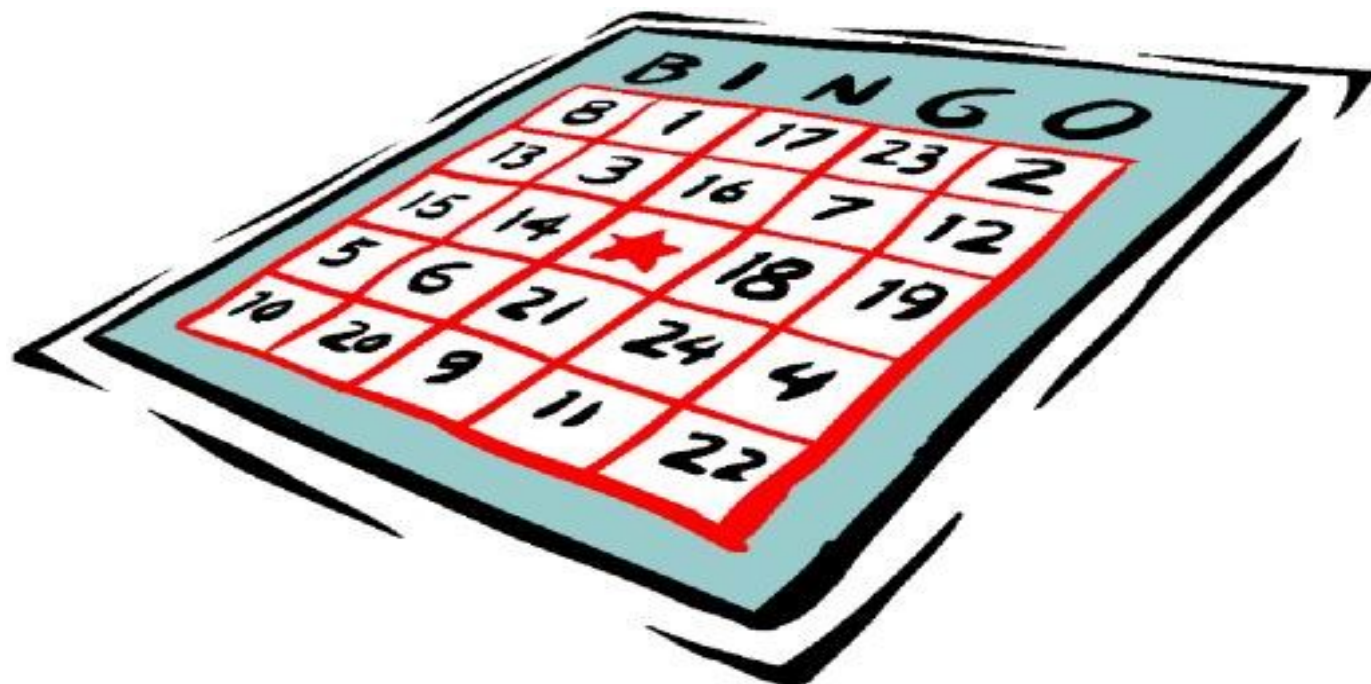
Glaris Acosta and Dora Carreon
 We are so proud of you both! Great Job!



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A Special Night of

BINGO



Friday, March 13, 2015

7-9 pm

Moriarty Lions Club

Prizes — Food — Raffle



To benefit the Read "Write" Adult Literacy Program



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Book Sale!

2 DAY EVENT!

Held At **The Moriarty Civic Center**

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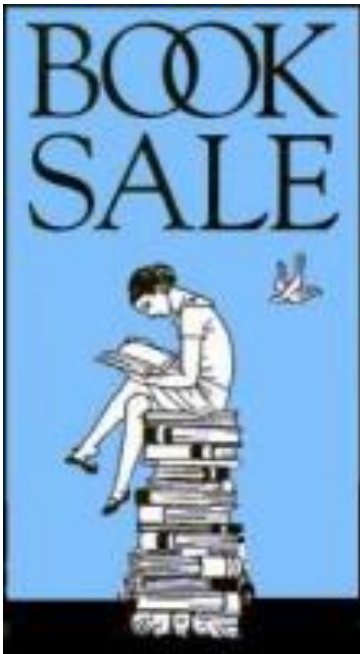
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