



The NMCL Report

New Mexico Coalition
for Literacy

Volume 3 Issue 1
September, 2006

Congratulations to the NMCL Student of the Year: Marcos Martinez!



Marcos Martinez with his
tutor Margaret Barker

Those of you who attended the NMCL 18th Annual Meeting in June are certain to remember the glowing look on student of the year, Marcos Martinez's face – who wouldn't remember that moment. Here is a little more information about Marcos, for those of you interested in his story.

Marcos began to work with his tutor, Margaret Barker, in 2001 as a student at the Literacy Volunteers at TVI (now CNM). Though he held a high school diploma, he did not know the alphabet, how to tell time, read a map, or do math beyond counting on his fingers. Now, he can write stories, read a menu, tell time, measure, use a dictionary, encyclopedia, and the internet, among some of his accomplishments. He went from extremely shy to confident, feeling a sense of pride in his achievements and himself. Upon his working with his dedicated and crafty tutor, Marcos learned how to tell a language experience story, whereas before he could not. Together, the two used creative projects to build skills, and he currently has the foundation to make the connections he was not capable of making before. Due to his hard work, perseverance, and creativity, Marcos has made great strides in his reading, writing, and mathematical abilities. He is better able to engage in the activities he enjoys most, such as writing and reading about his

favorite show, All in the Family!
Congratulations, Marcos. You earned it!

NMCL 2005-2006 Award Recipients

Board Member of the Year: Sylvia Rodriguez, Literacy Volunteers of Doña Ana County, Las Cruces

Distinguished Service Award: Sylvia Duran-Nickerson, Doña Ana Branch Community College – ABE, Las Cruces

Exceptional Literacy Program: Roswell Literacy Council

Outgoing President: Harry Pearson, Las Cruces

Partnership Award: New Mexico State Library

President's Award: A. Elizabeth Gordon, Ph.D., Carlsbad

Student of the Year: Marcos Martinez, Literacy Volunteers @ CNM, Albuquerque

Honorable Mention

David Ballejos, Read "Write" Adult Literacy Program, Moriarty

Edelweis Pailos, Literacy Volunteers of Santa Fe

Tamie Simmons, Read "Write" Adult Literacy Program, Moriarty

Trainer of the Year: Donna Aragon, Literacy Volunteers @ CNM, Albuquerque

Volunteer Tutor of the Year: Susie Morss, Lincoln County Literacy Council, Ruidoso

www.nmcl.org

Inside this issue:

<i>Artesia Literacy Council</i>	2
<i>Roswell Encounter</i>	2
<i>ProLit Accreditation</i>	2
<i>LV DABCC</i>	3
<i>Lasting Impressions</i>	3
<i>Socorro County</i>	3
<i>Entrepreneurship</i>	3



New Mexico Coalition for
Literacy
3209 B Mercantile Ct.
Santa Fe, NM 87507
505.982.3997
1.800.233.7587
Email: info@nmcl.org

“CREATING A
PATHWAY TO
THE FUTURE FOR
NEW MEXICANS
THROUGH
LITERACY”



Artesia Literacy Council's 10 Year Anniversary!

"Few will have the greatness to bend history itself, but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation." John F. Kennedy, US President

On March 14, 2006, Artesia Literacy Council (ALC) did not bend history but it did make history by celebrating ten years of voluntary service to Artesia and the surrounding area. This celebration was held at the ALC center, located at the Westside Church of Christ building, 2002 West Grand Avenue.

Past President of the coalition, Ellen Harbaugh, read a framed statement from The New Mexico Coalition of Literacy. The statement read: "New Mexico Coalition for Literacy commends The Ar-

tesia Literacy Council for providing excellent literacy services to adults and families in Artesia and surrounding areas for 10 years, through superior training of volunteers and outstanding support of tutors and students. It was signed by President, NMCL, Harry M. Pearson and Executive Director, NMCL, Rena Paradis.

We all can celebrate Artesia's success, because we all benefit from a literate New Mexico. Ten years of uninterrupted service to Artesia. Way to go, ALC!



AN ENCOUNTER OF THE BEST KIND IN ROSWELL:

Artesia Literacy Council Director, Gerry Wilks, had an interesting encounter in Roswell recently. No, it was not an UFO encounter. After a "church in the park" service in Roswell, (the family's church had been destroyed by an arsonist and is being rebuilt), Gerry was very surprised to see her son, Phillip King, and **Congressman Steve Pierce** headed in her direction. Phil introduced them and proceeded to tell the Congressman about his mom's literacy work in NM. It was a very pleasant experience, though Gerry was so surprised by it all, she was somewhat tongue tied (hard to imagine!). It was a great opportunity to share, in person, information about our literacy work with one of our members of congress. By the way, Gerry says that Congressman Pierce has one of the nicest handshakes she has experienced in a long time!



PROLIT ACCREDITATION FOR READ "WRITE"

July 12 Rena represented the NMCL and spoke at the annual recognition ceremony for Moriarty's Read "Write" Adult Literacy Program. The program gave awards to tutors and students and the NMCL congratulated them on their recent achievement of ProLiteracy America Accreditation. This was an evening event with over 100 in attendance. A representative from Congresswoman Heather Wilson's office, Tito Madrid, also presented awards to tutors and students. A big night for everyone, with lovely food, events and prizes.



“We Make the Road by Walking”¹

Literacy Volunteers of Doña Ana County, at Doña Ana Branch Community College, Las Cruces, NM is continuing to expand support services for our learners in the form of small group coaching sessions and literacy classes, funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. On another front, though, we’re undergoing some transition pains. Our long time .5 FTE data specialist, Maria Elena Schuyler, who is really a Jane of doing-everything-that-needs-to-be-done, is on medical leave after a period of reduced service. We hope to be back in high gear by the Fall, including some new members added to our exemplary Board of Directors.

We’re also involved in another transition—moving from our own (Maria Elena’s) databases to sharing the DACC ABE’s in-house database.

Lasting Impressions: The Private Presses of New Mexico

Recently, the NMCL partnered with the New Mexico State Museum and local programs in order to bring adult literacy students a special experiential learning opportunity – one that gives books a new meaning - bringing history, art, and literature to life! Lasting Impressions: The Private Presses of New Mexico, is this opportunity. It is the featured exhibit at the Palace of the Governors in Santa Fe until February 7, 2007, and the traveling version is now on tour via the "Van of Enchantment." See: <http://www.privatepress.org>

Tutors bring their students to the Van and guide them through the exhibit. Prior to this, tutors will have attended an in-service to prepare them to work with their students through exercises that are conducted in tutoring sessions weeks beforehand. They use an adult literacy guide, which

See Lasting Impressions page 4

So, as the rest of the state (there’s one other exception among ABE programs) goes to LACES, we’ll be going in another direction. We hope to meet up with everybody, though, in the same place—with increased services for the New Mexican learners who need them. Have a great summer!

¹Horton, Myles, and Paulo Freire. “We Make the Road by Walking: Conversations on Education and Social Change”/ Miles Horton and Paulo Freire. Brenda Bell, John Gaventa & John Peters, Eds. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1990). *Submitted by Stephen DeGiulio*



Literacy Volunteers of Socorro County

held their annual meeting July 20, with a pot-luck dinner and entertainment. The meeting was attended by 48, including the Honorable State Representative, Don Tripp.

Donald Trump, we're not!

Some of you have discovered how to bring outside funding into your programs by charging for some services. Programs sometimes charge for teaching Spanish to members of the community, some have used books to sell in store-front set ups; some of you charge modestly for training materials or registration for tutor training, and some of you have fundraising events on a pretty constant basis.

The NMCL wants to try to find outside sources for funding as well. Staff and board members are attending the Social Entrepreneur course in Albuquerque, offered by Jean Block. We've come up with some interesting ideas. We'll keep you posted.

Lasting Impression....

is a literacy-level version of the exhibit guide. The exhibit guide is too advanced for students, and the adult literacy guide is also a workbook. See this press release for more information about the guide and project: http://privatepress.org/press_release_111605.html Participating programs are paid a stipend by the NMCL to support the project.

If you are interested in participating and have not yet made arrangements with the NMCL, please contact us today!

Calendar for the Van of Enchantment:

October 14 – 15, 2006

Lincoln Cowboy's Symposium, Ruidoso Downs

October 20 - 21, 2006

Taos 7th Annual Storytelling Festival

October 28, 2006

Roswell Museum and Art Center, 100 West 11th Street

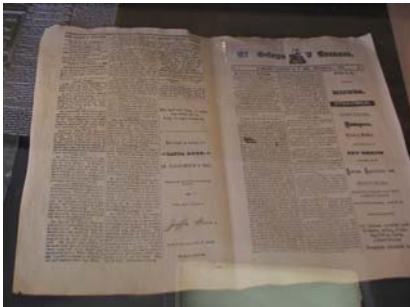
November 17 – 18, 2006

Festival of the Cranes, Bosque del Apache (approximately near the fire station and the Wolf Man), Socorro



Van of Enchantment

A complete listing of L.I. related events can be found here: <http://www.privatepress.org/calendar.php?categoryID=1>



Dear Kate, we hardly knew ye!

The NMCL must bid goodbye to Kate McGreevy. Kate got married in August and moved to Washington DC with her new husband, who is pursuing a career in law. We love Kate, and know she's doing what she wants, but will miss her terribly. Kate has opened doors we've never had time to access before. Her seven months with us has been productive and very helpful to everyone here.

Thank you, Kate. Congratulations and good luck!