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Trivia Bee



**Join us for a night of trivia, fun,
and friendly competition!**

**Tuesday, January 15, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

**Congregation Ale House
619 Azusa Ave., Azusa**

*Bring a 4-member team,
come alone and hook up with a team,*

Trivia games: free

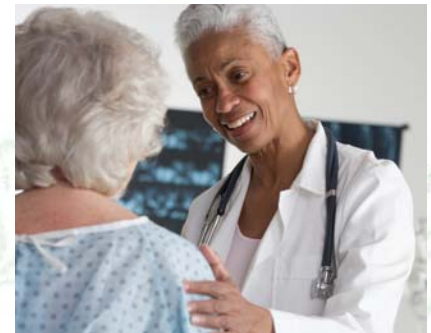
Proceeds to The Literacy Program: 10% of your food & drink purchase

Bee there . . . Or bee square!

Did you know . . .

According to the American Medical Association, poor health literacy is “a stronger predictor of a person’s health than age, income, employment status, education level, and race.”

(Source: Report on the Council of Scientific Affairs, Ad Hoc Committee on Health Literacy for the Council on Scientific Affairs, American Medical Association, *JAMA*, Feb 10, 1999)



Three-Way Partnership Creates Health Literacy Learning for English Language Learners

From October through December, The Literacy Program offered its first round of Health Literacy Learning for adults who want to learn English. The program was developed in partnership with the Neighborhood Wellness Center and Azusa Pacific University’s (APU) Department of TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages). It is funded by the Canyon City Foundation.

Role of the Wellness Center — In addition to practicing English skills, Health Literacy Learning gives students the added benefit of focusing on how they can improve their health. Nursing students from the Neighborhood Wellness Center visit classes to talk with students about health issues. They do blood pressure screenings. They give information on healthy eating habits and active lifestyles.

Role of APU's Department of TESOL — Classroom instruction is provided by APU students pursuing a Masters degree to teach English to Speakers of Other Languages. English language practice is built around the health and wellness topics and vocabulary presented by the Neighborhood Wellness Center.

The Results — Increased confidence in English ability and health knowledge helps to equip participants to be more proactive with regards to their health needs. The classes give them a jump-start in speaking more English in their community.



The next 8-week sessions will start in February. For more information, contact The Literacy Program:

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APU students teach English in the context of health and wellness topics.

Volunteering on the Rise

Americans significantly increased their commitment to volunteering and civic engagement in 2011, according to *Volunteering and Civic Life in America*, a report from the Corporation for National and Community Service and the National Conference on Citizenship. In 2011, 64.3 million adults volunteered through a formal organization — an increase of 1.5 million over the previous year and the highest rate nationally since 2005.

Have you been thinking it's time for you to get more involved in your community?

Well, now's the time!

Contact the literacy office to register for our next tutor training workshop:
literacy@ci.azusa.ca.us - or - (626) 812-5266

Saturday, January 19, 2013—12:30 p.m.—5:00

The Literacy Program Wish List

- Reading Horizons — software licensing for ten students = \$2,000
- Set of Books for three students = \$210
- Training costs for one new tutor = \$30
- More volunteer tutors



