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SCRABBLE SNAPSHOTS

From the Meriden-Wallingford Event



Editor's Correction: The Midstate Chamber of Commerce won the **Top Team** prize for the largest differential between their first and second games, NOT the Middlesex Chamber (as was previously published). Congrats!



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NEW BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Literacy Volunteers recently added 5 members to our Board. We asked the newest Board members to tell us a little about themselves, including what excites them most about Literacy Volunteers and their favorite book. Read more



Fouzia, a LV student, spoke to the audience about the positive impact Literacy Volunteers classes have had on her life.



For the 2nd year in a row, former Basic Literacy Program Manager, Betty Brumberg and her team "Bee's Buds" won the **Grand Prize** for raising the most money through pledges! Way to go!



This team harnessed the luck of the Irish!

about them below!

Erin Hunt

Product Manager, Product Development and Diversified Growth Initiatives, Prudential Annuities

What excites you most about joining the LV Board?:

I am honored to help raise awareness for an issue that affects all of our communities, and support an organization that delivers daily hands-on assistance to those in need of services.

Favorite book: *A Prayer for Owen Meany*, by John Irving

Random Fact: I traveled to 40 states in one calendar year!

Tony Interlandi

Lawyer

What excites you most about joining the LV

Board?: The chance to collaborate with other professionals who are passionate about the organization's mission.

Favorite book: *The Great Gatsby*

Random Fact: Fan of The Walking Dead television series.

Shohag Khandaker

Banking Center Manager/Vice President at Webster Bank

What excites you most about joining the LV Board?:

I live and work locally in Meriden and want to help the community know more about Literacy Volunteers. I believe in supporting the people who need us, helping them get to a better place in their lives.

Random Fact: I have a 5 year old daughter named Sabah and she says I am her Superman!



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For complete details about the AmazonSmile program, please visit [Program Details](#).

Lisa Sarubbi

Program Administrator, UIL Holdings Corporation

What excites you most about joining the LV Board?:

I'm excited to be a part of an organization that is helping address the literacy gap. I'm also looking forward to volunteering as a tutor!

Favorite book: I read a lot! It's hard to pick a favorite. I loved *Unbroken* by Laura Hildebrand. I always turn to *Harry Potter* when I don't have anything else to read.

Random Fact: I taught English in Germany for three years.

Shane A. Smith

Assistant Professor, University of New Haven

What excites you most about joining the LV Board?:

The opportunity to collaborate with individuals from various sectors and disciplines with one common **goal-- to advance literacy!**

Favorite book: *Going Home to Teach* by Anthony Winkler

SCRABBLE COMING TO NEW HAVEN!



Date: Thursday, April 30th

Time: 5:30-8:00 pm

Place: The Hopkins School,

[Register Your Team Today!](#)

GEARING UP FOR THE GREAT GIVE 2015

What are your plans for Cinco de Mayo this year?

Tutors, students, and staff members at Literacy Volunteers will be watching the leader board at giveGreater.org as the 36-hour online-giving event kicks off!

Beginning at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5th through 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6th, you can get in on the action, too, by visiting giveGreater.org. The Great Give is an online-only giving campaign for non-profits in the New Haven area. In addition to reachi [...]

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WHAT'S COOKING AT LITERACY VOLUNTEERS

Each month, this section features a recipe written and submitted by a Literacy Volunteers student.

March's LV Celebrity Chef is Ling Lui, from China. Ling attends the ESL class at the Keefe Center in Hamden with her tutors Charlotte, Rebecca, Jane and Eleanor.



Recipe: Salted Duck

Country of Origin: China

Ling says: Salted duck is simple to make and a delicious dish. This is a famous dish in Nanjing, China. When I lived in Nanjing for seven years during my childhood, my father made this dish for us. In my childhood, this was one of my favorite dishes. My whole family liked this dish and my father taught me how to make it in my teenage years. I make this dish for my husband and my daughter now. Fortunately they all like this one.

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