



ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada

Newsletter

One-on-one English Tutoring in ESL, GED and Citizenship AT NO COST!

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Thank you for reading this!!! We heard recently that Email is becoming old fashion. People are communicating more through blogs, Facebook, Linkedin, instant messaging, texting, tweets, Foursquare, Path, social networking, bulletin boards, chat lines, Skype, and some new things we can't even remember or know about. With all of that coming at you, THANK YOU for opening this old fashioned Email.

AN AMAZING TUTOR NANETTE TRACY

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Born in New Jersey, Nanette joined the Army and became a Medic as a Private and rose through the ranks to Sergeant, working in the Emergency Room at West Point, New York.

On leaving the Army in 1979, she went to Arizona State University receiving a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (BSN) and then becoming a Registered Nurse at Maricopa Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ. Nanette then returned to the Army for 9 years as an officer stationed in a Medical Center in Hawaii as an RN, then in South Korea as the first female nurse in a clinic near the DMZ line..

Ending her military career in 1996, Nanette came to Carson City in 2005 and volunteered in various fields ever since. She joined the ESL In-Home Program in November 2010 tutoring students in GED and soon after, added ESL tutoring in order to assist adults who needed to learn English language skills.

One of her students, Fatima Gutierrez, a dentist in her native country of Nicaragua, is currently working as a dental assistant in Carson City due to her increased knowledge of the English language. Her other student, Aurora Fernandez, is an ultra-sound technician in a factory that produces airplane parts.

Both students reported that their co-workers are understanding them better, and the students say their communication at work has improved tremendously due to Nanette's help.

Not only does she tutor, but Nanette has been a volunteer helping the Director of the program two to three days a week with office administration. A very valuable person, indeed.!



Tutor: Nanette Tracy



Student Aurora Fernandez



Student Fatima Gutierrez

MORE STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

1. Rob Evans , Carson City Tutor reported that his student, **Maria Alvarado**, has successfully completed her English course at WNC and is continuing with our Program to advance further.
2. Sparks Tutor, Lael Metzker reports that one of her students, **Angeles Valera** passed his driver’s license test and bought a car. He continues with ESL and GED studies. Also, that Lael’s student, **Carmen Estupinan**, is now helping her 3rd grade daughter with reading and writing. She also received a Library card.
3. Vista Donna McElroy reports about one of her tutors, Carol Bauer. Carol’s student, **Esperanza Medina** has now become a tutor herself. She is now teaching a new beginner.
4. Tutor Jay Wilkes in Fallon reports that two of his students—**Maria T. and Maria B.** are now employed because of their improved English language skills.
5. Tutor Carol Edmund in Carson City reports that her student, **Mary Chims**, has finished her GED preparation and is now ready for her exam.
6. Citizenship Tutor, Sinclair Hugh, reports that one of his students, **Karen Ramirez**, passed her U.S. Citizenship exam. Congratulations, Karen.



Happy Students

PHOTOS OF WORKSHOPS

Education does not stop even if you are Homeless

Our Vistas attended a Homeless Event: ESL In-Home Program is pleased to announce that we are also helping the homeless who have job interviews in hand . We have 2 Homeless new students now taking our GED preparation class. Others have signed up for additional educational help such as writing resumes, etc.

WHERE WILL I PUT IT ALL?



A man was standing in line at the bank when a commotion started at the counter.

A woman was distressed, exclaiming, “Where will I put my money? I have all my money and mortgage here! What will happen to my mortgage?!”

It turned out that she had misunderstood a small sign on the counter. The sign read:

WE WILL BE CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY

RECIPES

From: Vista Michael Wakeley,
Cascade Chicken Noodle Soup (Serves 8)

- 2 T. Vegetable Oil (olive oil is ok too)
- 1 Cup Onion, chopped
- 3 Medium cloves Garlic, minced
- 10 Cups Chicken Stock
- 1 Teaspoon dried Thyme, crumbled
- ¼ Teaspoon dried Dill (optional)
- ¼ Teaspoon pepper
- 5 sprigs Parsley
- 2 Carrots, sliced
- 6 ounces Wide Egg Noodles
- 1 pound cooked Chicken Breast, cubed
- 2 Tablespoons Cornstarch
- 2 Cups plain, Greek style yogurt - must be Greek style

Heat oil in a large, heavy pot. Add onion and cook over medium-low heat until onion is soft, about 10 minutes. Add garlic and cook 2 minutes longer. Stir in chicken stock, thyme, dill, pepper,

parsley. Cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 20 minutes. Remove and discard the parsley.

Add noodles to stock. Simmer, uncovered, over medium-high heat until noodles are soft, about 10 minutes. Add chicken and cover pot to keep soup hot. In a small bowl, stir the cornstarch into yogurt, then combine with 1 cup of the hot broth. Return this mixture to the soup pot and bring to a boil while stirring constantly. Remove from heat and serve immediately.

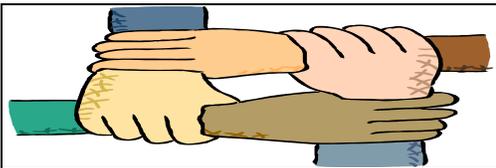
From Vista Donna McElroy:
Eclair Cake

- 1Box 3pkg. Size Graham Crackers
- 2 Small Boxes instant vanilla pudding
- 4 cups milk
- 1 8oz. Container Kool Whip
- 1 container premade Chocolate Frosting

Mix pudding according to directions on box. Fold in Kool whip. In a 9 X 13 dish put a layer of graham crackers. Pour half of pudding mixture over crackers. Repeat. Top with graham crackers. Remove the silver cover of the frosting container and microwave for 30 seconds. Stir and pour over grahams. Chill for 4 hrs. Cut and serve **YUM!**

UPDATES

We have added the following partnerships. New Helping Hands are:



- Community Service Agency
- Head Start, Reno
- Project Solution, Reno
- St. Teresa of Avila, Carson
- Project Homeless Connect, Reno
- Advocates Domestic Violence, Carson
- Restart Reno
- St. Gall's, Gardnerville

Citizenship Study

Reno: Now on Tues and Wed 5-6:30pm

Carson City 12-week Class will start on Saturday, April 7, 2012

GED Preparation

Reno Now on Tues and Thurs and Friday 3:30-5:00pm

Registrations are being taken now. Call 775-888-2021

AWARD CEREMONIES

for all Tutors, Students and their families will be held as follows:

Carson: April 21 from 12-4:00 at the Governor's Mansion.

Reno: April ___ location and time to be announced.

These are potluck affairs. Each tutor and student to bring a dish for themselves and their family.

Entertainment and sodas will be provided

TUTOR TIPS

Are you looking for a way to engage your learners in conversation and provide another medium for shy learners to participate? The following websites offer the possibility of creating multiple topics. These links are FREE:

www.floridaliteracy.org/literacy_resources__teacher_tutor__tutortips.html

-or-

http://online.themlc.org/file.php/73/Unit_3/

WANTED

AmeriCorps/Vista member for Washoe County. Paid position. We train how to recruit tutors and match with students who are waiting to learn English. Commitment one year. Call Florence:

775-888-2021

STATISTICAL UPDATE

Current Tutors.....109
Current Students.....228

United States Citizens— 76

Potential Students Waiting for a tutor: Carson..... 107
Washoe.....
Douglas..... 24
Lyon..... 29
Churchill..... 20

Total Waiting all Counties: 301

Total Tutor hours for Jan-Mar 2012: ____

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Mission Statement: ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada provides instruction at no cost to adult individuals who wish to learn or improve their English language skills regardless of sex, age, race, religion or national origin. ESL In-Home Program empowers people to become more productive members of their local communities by providing them with the language and cultural skills necessary for life in America.

To make donations to the ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada, go to our website — www.eslinhome.org — and click on the

DONATION button

Or send check to: 702 Sean Dr., Carson City, NV 89701

Invite your friends to become a tutor! Tell them why you enjoy the experience. Invite them to learn more about our program at our website: www.eslinhome.org. It is not necessary for tutors to know a foreign language or have prior teaching experience. We train at no cost. We currently have over 200 potential adults on our waiting list in the 5 counties we serve who are anxious to learn English as a Second Language. Join our program and make a difference in your community by breaking the language barrier.

From The Executive Director

Adults Need Strong Literacy Skills



Florence G. Phillips

Tutor's Question: — "Why am I doing this?"

Director's Answer: — Understanding doctors' orders, calculating how much medicine to give/take, reading health pamphlets how they can prevent disease — all are ways adults can keep themselves and their families healthy. Adults learning English language skills help prepare their children to enter school. Parents and grandparents helping their children with homework and reading stories to them, encourages children to read and communicate and stay in school.

You community volunteer tutors have the power to see that all adults in Northern Nevada have the literacy skills they need to support themselves and their families, be better citizens, and create safer, healthier, and stronger communities.

Remember: You can call me anytime you have a question, are experiencing frustration, feel you need more training, whatever.....I'm here to help you help your student. Call me 775-888-2021

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