



June 2014

Your News

Would you or someone you know be interested in joining the 2014-15 ELTOC Board of Directors?

We are currently putting the slate together for the 2014-2015 Board of Directors which will be elected at the Annual General Meeting on September 18, 2014. We are looking for a candidate with good writing skills to fill the position of secretary. The secretary is responsible for taking minutes of the board meetings. It is possible that a second board vacancy may open up. This will be announced on our website www.eltoc.ca.



We ask that candidates be prepared to commit to joining the Board for at least a year, and preferably more. Board meetings are held once a month, usually on the third Thursday of every month. New board members will be invited to join one of the Board's working committees. Committee meetings are scheduled according to need and the convenience of the members.

If interested, please send your resume to mita@eltoc.ca. As part of the recruitment process, candidates will be asked to come in for an interview. Successful candidates will need to provide two contacts for reference checks and complete a police records check.

Mark your Calendars, Everyone!

The annual ELTOC AGM will be taking place during the evening on **Thursday, September 18th, 2014.**

All ELTOC students and tutors are welcome and encouraged to come to this event.

We will be sending out formal invitations to the AGM closer to the actual date. The event will review the past year at ELTOC, feature guest speakers and entertainment, and will of course have our usual delicious snacks and refreshments.

We hope to see you there!

- ELTOC Staff

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Student Submission: Summer

SUMMER PLANS

By: Shumaila Amer

In this summer I have lots of plans.

First we will go to Toronto and Niagara Falls. Because this is a very beautiful place and there are many different things to enjoy.

We have plans for three days. We are going to book a hotel. Every day we will go outside. I want to ride on a jet boat. I want to see the aquarium. There is a baby dolphin. We want to go to Safari, because my baby Haiqa likes animals.

SUMMER

By: Shumaila Amer

In summer the weather is very beautiful. Outside everything is green, green grass, green trees. Different colours of flowers. They are very beautiful. I like to hear birds, children playing in the garden. I like road trips. Sometimes I and my husband went to long drives. I like rainy days.

In summer we went to a beach. We did B.B.Q. We did not wear lots of clothes, we only wore a shirt and pants and went outside.

New Students

The staff at ELTOC would like to extend a most heartfelt welcome to our students who joined us for the first time between April 2013 and June 2013:

Khu Khu

Amat Al-Saifi

Yi Tan

Faten Al-Katib

Cynthia Urdaneta

Kaythoo Your

Raeda Ibrahim

Nagla Osman

Raya Jalbir

Sandy Simon

Rana Al-Hashimi

Rana Haskour

Zartoal

Yacoubi

Chu Po

Hongnan Sun

Leila Nikuze

Lama Belal

Yaw Ma Tha Meko

Ying Lu

Alvine Bogning Sayou

Halima Saifi

★ **Congratulations!** ★

New Tutors

The staff at ELTOC would like to extend a most heartfelt welcome to our tutors who joined us for the first time between April 2014 and June 2014

- Judith Carruthers
- Thelma Cartwright-Hopwood
- Louisa Marino
- Sylvia Frehner
- Pam Fedouruk
- Shelby Smith
- George Greig
- Tina Ly
- Hedda Blom
- Zufistan Malik
- Eliza Ho



Welcome!

*****And a very BIG thank you to all returning tutors who've taken on a new student!*****

Halima gave birth to a healthy baby boy at the end of May!



Salvador passed his citizenship test at the end of May!

Marzia had a baby girl at the end of May!

Mona passed her citizenship test in April!

Nahid passed her citizenship test in June!



I started learning English in March 2013. I was in level 2. Because I have a new baby, a tutor came to my home to teach me English. At the beginning I was not able to speak with others.

I was afraid to answer the telephone because I could not speak English.

I was lucky that Pat was my teacher. She comes to me every Wednesday.

She started teaching me simple books, and now we have moved to use intermediate level books.



I like her way of teaching. I study grammar, stories, writing and conversation with her.

My English language started to improve and I am becoming more confident.

Now I can talk to my neighbours on the cell phone and I sing to my daughter English songs.

Pat is an experienced tutor. I benefit from her skills. We love Pat as a tutor and as one of the family members.

Thank you Pat, you are so kind. I wish you all happiness.



ELTOC would like to give special thanks to all those students and tutors who contributed to this newsletter!

We need student submissions!

Our Next Issue will be published in September 2014

ELTOC's NEXT ISSUE: Tell us about your summer, or your kids going back to school!

We'd love to hear all about the summer, or about your kids and back to school time.

We are also always looking for more yummy recipes!

Please send us your submissions by September 15, 2014



The Yemeni students organized a Farwell party for the Ambassador of Yemen at Carleton University, Ottawa. The party was amazing as they performed a traditional Yemeni dance followed by a gorgeous Yemeni style fashion show.

For entertainment, they acted out an old fashioned Yemeni wedding and played a short movie called "The Beauty of Yemen". At the end of the movie, a song was played out and everyone joined to dance with the rhythm.

The food they served was spectacular. They prepared foods like bint al-sahn, fatta, and mandi. They also served traditional beverages like coffee and juice. After serving the main dishes, sugary sweets were served with some tea.

As the evening came to end, they ended the presentation with a farewell speech to the Yemeni Ambassador and thanked him for all the work he had done to make Canada a wonderful place for the Yemeni people that entered and created a special place in people's memory.

The party ended at 11 pm and everyone left very satisfied.

Announcement:
Financial Literacy Workshop at the Heartwood House

Scotiabank has awarded the Heartwood House a grant out of their community fund to host a financial literacy workshop geared towards New Canadians and the ESL community.

Staff at Scotiabank would now like to provide this workshop.

If you would like to attend, please email admin@eltoc.ca or call 613-232-8566 and let us know the time of day that would be most convenient for you.



Tips from Our Tutors

An Excellent Listening Activity!

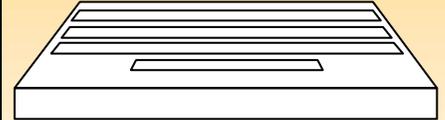
Samantha, one of our tutors, developed a great listening activity for her student. She recorded on her phone a conversation of her volleyball team talking about the activities they had done with their families the previous weekend. Samantha then wrote out the transcript of the conversation and also put together some questions and exercises based on the conversation. Samantha has recorded several other conversations and she commented that her student is less reliant on the transcripts to get the gist of the conversation since her listening skills have significantly improved over the last few months.

Samantha's student really appreciates listening to authentic conversations of young Canadian women talking about their lives and thoughts in an informal situation. They also enjoy listening to the CBC newscasts which are found on the following website, www.cbc.ca/edmonton/learning-

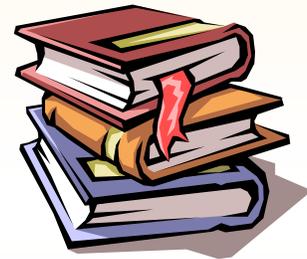
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Facebook!

Look up our new page:

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Remember, the eltoc.ca/resources page has many links to useful ESL related websites!

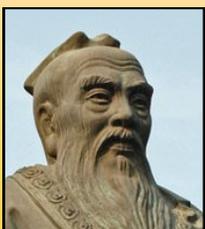


Featured Websites

Listening Activities: www.dailyesl.com

Activities for ESL Students: a4esl.org/

Pronunciation: <http://www.soundsofenglish.org/>



ELTOC Inspirational Quarterly Quote:

"Education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace."

— Confucius