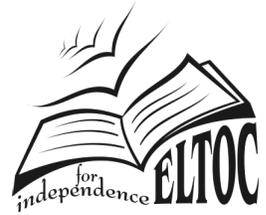


Your News



December 2012

Attention ELTOC students!!

We would like to start sending out the newsletter by email as much as possible. If you have an email address, and would like to receive the newsletter by email, please let us know! **Just send an email to esl@eltoc.ca** stating you wish to receive the newsletter by email, and you'll receive it in full colour electronically from now on. Thanks!!

- The ELTOC Staff

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ELTOC IS LOOKING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS!

As all members of ELTOC already know, we are always looking for new volunteers for our program. Our waitlist is constantly growing as the need for our services increases and the word spreads about us within the community. If you know someone who might be interested in doing some meaningful volunteer work, who can commit 2-3 hours a week and a 6 months commitment to a match, please let them know about ELTOC. Our volunteers are absolutely vital to the success of our organization. Without them, we would not exist!

Eltoc.ca has all the information interested tutors will need, and they can apply from there. Our goal is to expand and to serve as many newcomers as we can. Thank you from all of us at ELTOC!

SUPPORTING ELTOC THROUGH THE UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

If you support the United Way, please consider including ELTOC when specifying how you want your United Way donation allocated.

Although ELTOC is not a United Way agency, all donors have the option of designating any charity of their choice on their donation form, including ELTOC, under the category - **Other Charitable Giving Choice**. A \$25 minimum gift is required. You will need to provide the following information if you choose to designate ELTOC as a recipient when allocating your United Way donation.

Canadian Charity: ELTOC

Registered Charity Number: 131666448RR0001

Charity Address: 153 Chapel St. - Suite 201, Ottawa, ON, K1N 1H5

Mmm... Camino!

As always, our fairly traded Camino chocolate, coffee, snack bars, and much more, are for sale at our office.

Visit www.eltoc.ca for more information.



What's Your Issue: Literacy

One of our tutors, Kendra Seignoret, who volunteered in Guyana last year, has written an article for the Youth Challenge International to help raise awareness on the importance of literacy:

"Reading has always been a great love of mine ever since my grandmother taught me to read when I was three years old. As I got older, my companions changed from Amelia Bedelia and the Bernstein Bears to the oddities of Goosebumps. When my parents dragged me to dinner parties, I didn't mind too much as the Famous Five were dragged right along with me. In high school and then university, my strong reading and writing skills served me well. However, it was not until after university that I truly started to realize how lucky I was to have strong literacy skills. My family has always valued reading and education, both of which are imperative for literacy development. Not everyone has the opportunity for either, much less both, during their lives..."



To read the full article, go to:

<http://ycicanada.wordpress.com/2012/10/15/whats-your-issue-literacy/>

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 September and November 2012:

Huida Abdalrahman

Batool Al-Azzawi

Rola Al-Dannawi

Najat Choukri

Ayyan Eissa

Onofre Escorcia

Farzana Fazli

Yakout Foudaili

Pabi Gurung

Nada Kassem

Hanane Khallouki

Amani Obwaini

Paw Puay

Rahmata Radji

Kamar Salman

Su Feng Tan

Maria Del Carmen Tenes

Tursun, Gulsen

Yoon, Eun Hui

A word from our Executive Director!

On behalf of ELTOC I wish you all a wonderful holiday season!

This was a very busy year for ELTOC. Between April 2011 and March 2012 we worked with 229 student and tutor matches, and with 151 tutors. We are very fortunate to have been touched by volunteers who give so freely. Ottawa is a better place for the support of these wonderful people.

Our office will be moving this spring. The building we are currently in under the Heartwood House (HH) umbrella has been sold for new development. HH has purchased a property at 400 McArthur, which is under construction. All organizations are responsible for funding their own renovations, so a big thank you to Citizenship & immigration Canada and our donors whose generous support will see us through the relocation.

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 September and November 2012:

Peggy Gallant
Barbara Witt
Joanne Moloney
Lynda Danquah
Pat McLachlan
Claudie Larouche
Y. S. Yoong
Ita McCabe

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

While this holiday season especially remembers those that are gentle, kind and giving, ELTOC will never forget the gift of the volunteers who offer their time and service so selflessly all year round. ELTOC also thanks its extremely hardworking Board of Directors with Ann Thompson as the president, its ESL counsellors Jane Nicholls, Diane Ramanathan, Kelly Brockwell and Nancy Fanjoy and its administrative assistant, Jeff Wolfson, all who have made ELTOC's work such a success.

This year have said good-bye to Kelly, Jane and Jeff, who have left us to spend more time with their respective families. They are and will be really missed; however, we wish them all the best. We welcome our new administrative assistant, Liza (Elizaveta Lisovskaya) who started in October, and our new counsellor, Nan (Nancy Savage) who will be starting in January.

Have a WONDERFUL
holiday season!

Sincerely,
Mita Basu



Congratulations!

Ruma Zazai got her
Beginner driver's licence!

Linh Tran gave
birth to a baby boy

Joanne
Woodhouse
gave birth to a

Featured Recipe - Winter Salad

Season's Greetings!

Winter Salad (also known as Olivier Salad or Russian Salad), invented in 1860s by Lucien Olivier, a chef at a Moscow restaurant, is now a traditional Russian dish served during the New Year festivities. It is delicious and really easy to make. Try it!

Ingredients

4 medium-sized potatoes
4 eggs
1 onion
4 pickles/ small cucumbers
1 can of green peas
2 medium-sized carrots (optional)
1 apple (optional)
250 g. of pre-cooked meat/chicken/
sausage (optional)
mayonnaise and salt to taste



Directions

Boil and peel potatoes and carrots

Boil and peel the eggs

Peel the apple

Chop potatoes, eggs, onion, pickles, carrots, apple, and meat into 1 cm. squares

Drain the green peas and stir them in

Add salt to taste

Stir in the mayonnaise right before serving

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 March 2013

ELTOC's NEXT ISSUE : "I think English is..."

How are your English studies coming? Do you find studying English easy or difficult?

We are also always looking for more yummy recipes!

Please send us your submissions by March 05, 2013



By: Giti Abbasi

A nursing student who was lost overnight in the mountains while hiking has been found. Giti Abbasi explained she was with a group of students enjoying a day of hiking, which the college had organized. She said they left the college in the early morning, and they expected to be back at seven o'clock in the evening.

Giti said two leaders accompanied them. One of them was their coach, and the second was a climbing guide. She explained that, after ten hours, the climbing guide recognized they were on the wrong trail and changed direction, but after a three-hour climb, they were still in the same place. At that time the climbing guide announced they were lost.

Giti said the group was tired, hungry, and very worried. When the sky got dark, the coach and the guide were looking for shelter. They found just a very big stone, and they all sat behind that stone. She explained the weather was cold, and they were scared by any noise; they felt close to death.

A number of students got blue from the cold at four o'clock in the morning. She said when the sky got a little light, they continued to climb until noon, but they were not on the right trail. Giti explained, when the group arrived at the foot of the mountain, they had to climb up another mountain while all the students were full of fear, and some students fainted. Truly, all of them were waiting for help or a miracle. She said at that time they heard a voice, and they saw a helicopter in the sky just above their heads. The helicopter dropped down many packages, including food, water, clothes, and a map.

Giti said she can't exactly explain that unbelievable moment. They were crying and laughing together. This is the last sentence she said, "I learned to be always hopeful."



As you may know, there are a lot of changes happening at ELTOC. We have a few new faces, a new place and would like to wish a fond farewell to a dear friend and colleague, Jane, who will be leaving ELTOC in December.



Jane is going on a well-deserved vacation to South Africa to visit her family. We wish her well and look forward to hearing about her new adventures.

Jane's successor, Nan Savage, will be taking over Jane's caseload starting January 28th, 2013. Nan is a very experienced LINC/ESL teacher, a former ELTOC tutor, and has also volunteered on ELTOC's Board, so she comes to ELTOC with a good idea of what's needed to support our tutors and students.



And special thanks goes to our office volunteer, Marc Dagenais, for all his help throughout the year!



Happy holidays!

Featured Websites:

<http://www.mymoondrops.com/spelling.html>

Website for making up your own words/sentence for tracing. Great for literacy students!

<http://www.dltk-cards.com/bingo/>

Make your own bingo cards in various themes and styles.

<http://www.busyteacher.org>

This website has it all, worksheets, articles, seasonal units, and much more!

ELTOC Inspirational Quarterly Quote:

"To study and not think is a waste. To think and not study is dangerous."

- Confucius

