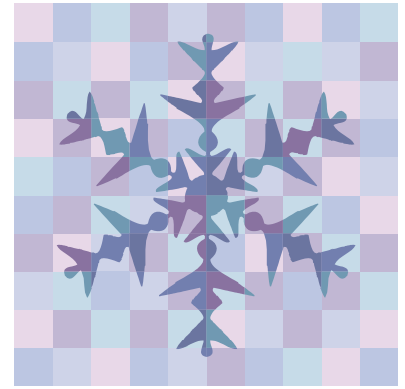


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From the Director ... After watching William Shatner in a TV commercial, I was reminded of The TV series *Star Trek* and Captain James T. Kirk of the Starship Enterprise, whose mission it was "to explore strange new worlds; to seek out new life and new civilizations; to boldly go where no man has gone before".

In a way, literacy tutors have the same mission. Helping someone who has constantly failed, listening as they open up about their "secret" and teaching their students how to make the changes necessary to have a better life may seem like entering a new and different world. We truly cannot conceive what life must be like for those without the ability to read, or read well.

Unfortunately, the Wayne Pike Adult Literacy Program has fallen victim to the cost-cutting changes in state-level funding. The Pennsylvania Department of Education's Bureau of Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE) changed its 2011-2012 funding guidelines in ways that drastically impacted the very core of our program.

These changes restricted the type of student we can serve. If we applied for state funding, over half of the students now meeting with volunteer tutors would not be able to continue instruction. Since we are the only program that provides one-on-one basic literacy services in our rural area this would severely limit our ability to serve the needs of our local population.

As a result, the board of directors decided to keep the integrity of the WPALP intact and did not apply for funding from ABLE this year. This decision has resulted in a loss of 65% of our annual funding!

An interesting aside to all of this is the fact that over 2/3 of the state-wide literacy programs that

were previously funded by ABLE and did apply for funding, did not receive funding this year.

We are still in operation in 2011 due to the forethought and planning by members of the board. In order to keep their vision for a literate society possible for the residents of Pike and Wayne counties, donations from the Lamplighter Campaign have helped our program continue this year.

The dedication of our volunteer tutors and office staff, whose deep care and commitment to the WPALP, is evident in the success of their students. We continue to have a wonderful program due to the efforts of all of our Volunteers, the Board of Directors, Executive Director, Tutor Coordinator and Diane Gaffney, our dedicated and very part-time office assistant.

We are continuing to seek funding from the private sector and grant writing has become a much more prominent role in my life. The quote from the ending of my favorite Robert Frost poem helps to remind me to keep a clear perspective on what has now become an important part of our program, the finances.

"...Two roads diverged in a wood and I, I took the road less traveled by and that has made all the difference"

*Looking forward to 2012!,
Jacci West*

The Wayne Pike Adult Literacy Program's Board of Directors, Volunteers, and staff wish to Thank ALL of our Sponsors. We wouldn't be here without your constant support!

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25th Anniversary Dinner fundraiser at Woodloch Springs. Left to Right: **Tom and Connie Hathaway, Carole Crane, Sandy Lefort** and past board president **Elaine Rose**

A Note from the Tutor Coordinator; Thank you to all our volunteers

I can't believe it's that time of year again when our snow birds begin to migrate for winter. Those dog day afternoons of summer seem like only yesterday!

So much has happened over the past year, some good and some not so good but we are hopeful for a promising 2012.

Even with loss of funding, we believe that our Program will survive through the difficult times.

We have the support of our Board Members for which we are very grateful and know that together we will find ways to keep our Program going. We need to be here when those seeking our help come knocking at our door.

As you know, The Wayne Pike Adult Literacy Program is the only "One on one" tutoring program for adults covering both Pike and Wayne counties.

Our office has

been very busy with an influx of students needing our help. We have received referrals from the Wayne County Job Training Office and the Tre-Hab office in Pike Co.

Tutors Sandy Meagher and Joan Smith have been tutoring GED in order for young adults to be able to move forward with their employment and higher education goals.

We have a Life Skills Program in place at the Wayne County Correctional Facility (WCCF) available for both male and female inmates, ten having received Certificates of Completion. A new basic financial course, "Control Your Money", for male inmates is being facilitated by tutor Helen Barr. We are grateful to Helen for the fine work she is doing with the inmates at the WCCF.

At the Pike County

Correctional Facility (PCCF) a new GED class for male inmates will be starting soon and will also cover improving skills for those inmates who show a need through our testing.

This new ongoing class will be facilitated by Rhoda Barr. We appreciate the fine job Rhoda has done in tutoring both male and female inmates at the PCCF. If anyone is interested in tutoring male or female inmates at either facility please call 570-253-3233 and I will be happy to go over the details with you.

Pairing tutors with students is not an easy process. I must take into consideration the educational needs of each student, whether an adult basic student, a struggling or non-reader, English as a second language student, GED preparation or students who need to focus on their Math and writing deficits. In addition, we

offer help with studying for the citizenship and drivers permit tests. Tutor and student location as well as a mutually convenient time and place to meet are not always an easy task.

Many students come to our Program with an enormous amount of barriers and challenges in their daily lives. In some cases, it may be necessary for tutoring sessions to be put on the back burner temporarily due to more pressing concerns at home. I want our volunteers to know that we appreciate your patience and understanding.

Thank you to all our volunteers for your support of my new endeavor "Child in The Mirror". It has truly been a labor of love.

Wishing everyone a healthy and happy Holiday Season!

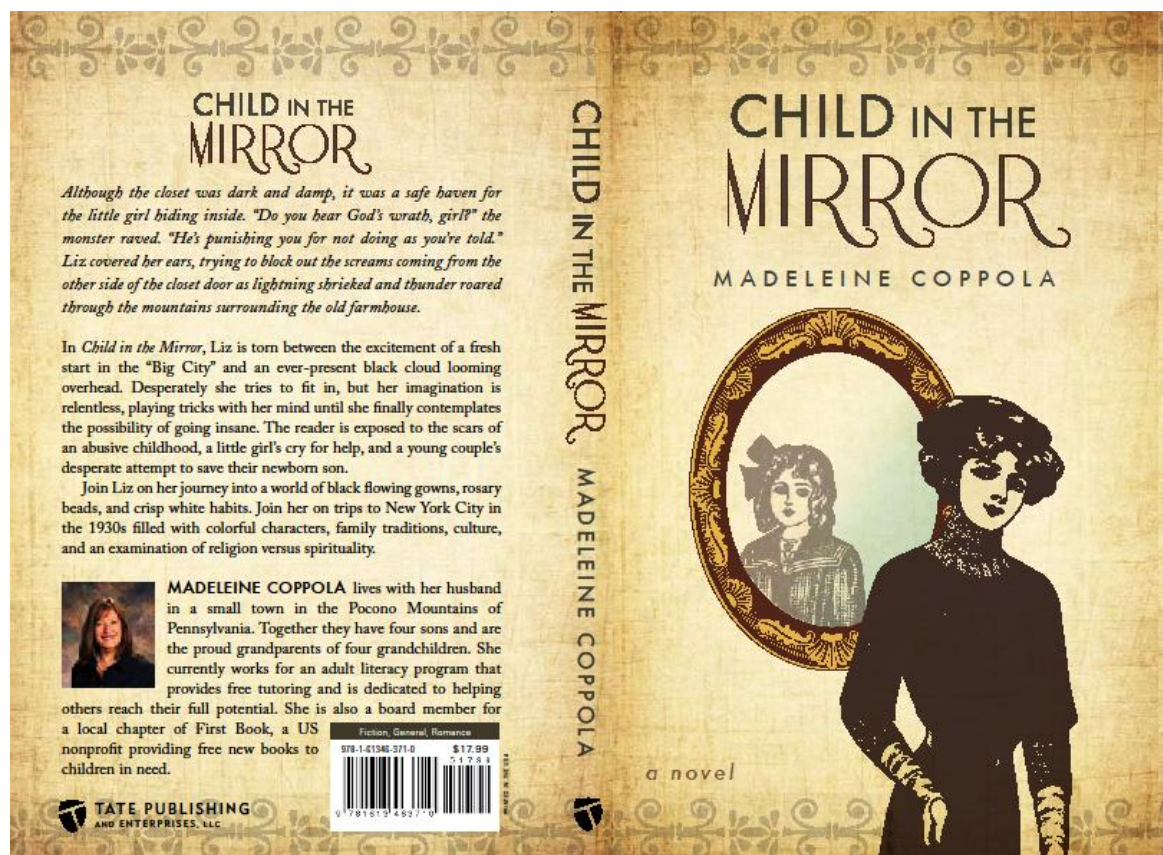
Maddie Coppola

Congratulations to Maddie on her first novel

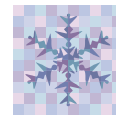
Child In The Mirror!

If you would like to order one of the Pre-Release books before the holidays please call the office. Maddie will be happy to autograph your copy!

Look for copies and e-books in stores after Jan. 10, 2012



Tutor Development and Networking



Top: ABLE Technical Assistant for volunteers, **Ginger Espigh** facilitates WPALP Tutor Training held at the Hawley Library on February 25, 2011

Below: Director of Tutors of Literacy in the Commonwealth (TLC) **Kim Rossman** looks on as WPALP volunteers discuss ways to document their tutoring sessions at the Feb. 25th workshop.



2011 TUTOR VOLUNTEER AWARDS

50 HOURS

Helen Barr, Susan Blanco, Mo Brooke, Madeleine Coppola, Carole Crane, Linda Darling, Susan Dimmick, Peggy Evans

100 HOURS

Rhoda Barr, Susan Blanco, Lisa Conner, Madeleine Coppola, Susan Dimmick, Peggy Evans, Don Hageman, Sandra Meagher, Benee Schlangan

300 HOURS

Donna Jennings, Audrey Wenders

750 HOURS

Rosemary Clist

1000 HOURS

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5-Years of Service Awards:

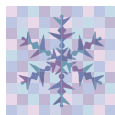
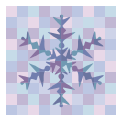
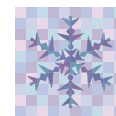
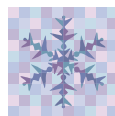
Diane Gaffney, Donna Jennings

Outstanding Volunteer of the Year

Erin Gordon, Robert Lynch and Connie Hathaway

shared this award for their effort to bring Vintage Baseball to Hawley and the Wayne Pike Adult Literacy Program as a fundraising event

August 16, 2011 at Ehrhardt's Waterfront Resort Restaurant
Hawley, PA



Left - **Annette Petry** presents "Patterning" for ESL students and Right - **Diane Gaffney** presents "Making It Easier" at our Tutor Development Workshop on December 3, 2011 at **Cora's 1850 Bistro** in Hawley

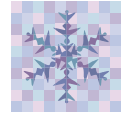
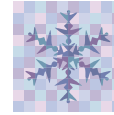
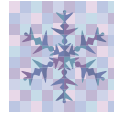


Above - Volunteers received their Tutor Certification at the Tutor Development Workshop on December 3, 2011.

From L-R Director Jacci West, **Jim Broughton**, **Pat Prezelski**, **Gail Blau-Kalman** and Tutor Coordinator Madeleine Coppola

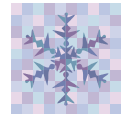
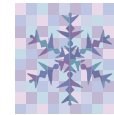
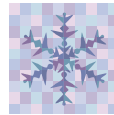
Missing from the photo are; Mo Brooke, Sally Schwartz and Gloria Talman

Student Success!



- Pat's student passed her manicurist license exam in May Congratulations Carmen!
- Mo's student passed his GED in October, enrolled in college and has started on a career in law enforcement!
- Diane's student passed her GED in November!
- Annette's student is learning English at the same time she is studying a medical certification course in English! She has passed her first set of exams with scores of 90+!
- 10 of Helen's students at the Wayne Co Correctional were awarded completion certificates!
- Benee's student attained his goal of improving his math to reach adult secondary. He is now enrolled in college pursuing a career in the medical field!
- Donna' ESL student went to the movies with her daughter and, for the first time, understood the dialog. She was very happy!
- Midge's ESL student gave a heartfelt, impromptu speech at our Tutor Recognition. She did a fabulous job!

105 students were interviewed and assessed in 2011



Overview and goals of our students:

- **21** students studied to prepare for the GED. Two students obtained the GED and three more will be taking the test in the near future.
- **10** ESL Students are working to improve conversational skills, vocabulary, and studying for the citizenship test.
- **10** Students continue to work on improving basic skills in reading, writing and math. Three are studying to pass the driver's permit test!
- **5** Students are focusing on improving math skills in order to attain higher education.

In addition, **27** incarcerated students have worked in a variety of areas:

- GED Preparation
- A "Life Skills" course which includes employment preparedness. Ten inmates have received Certificates of Completion
- A "Control Your Money" course that focuses on budgeting and how to set reasonable financial goals for the future
- "Refresher Skills", an ongoing course which includes GED Preparation

Pat Ware – 2011 Tutor of the Year

Pat started with our Program in March of 2008. When asked why she was interested in tutoring, Pat replied, “I miss teaching, love adult students and have been an avid reader since the age of 4. I would like to see others have that joy and benefit in their lives as well.” Pat has worked diligently with her ESL student Carmen for over 3 years now. “If my student doesn’t demonstrate mastery, I take a step back and repeat to find where she started not achieving total grasp of the material.”

Pat also shared, “Carmen works very hard with very little prodding so I know I’ve been blessed! Carmen is also able to laugh at herself – *a wonderful quality.*”

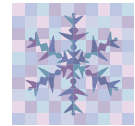
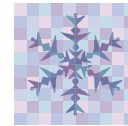
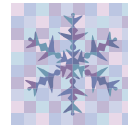
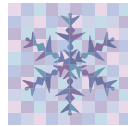
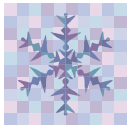
Thank you, Pat, for your dedication and caring. You are a real “tribute” to the mission of our Program.

Congratulations Pat!



L-R Exe. Director Jacci West, Student of the year -**Carmen Farrel**, Tutor of the Year - **Pat Ware** and TC Maddie Coppola

Carmen and Pat were awarded certificates from **Senator Lisa Baker** congratulating them as WPALP Student and Tutor of the Year at the WPALP Awards Recognition Luncheon August 16, 2011 held at Ehrhardt’s Waterfront Restaurant in Hawley



Carmen Farrel entered our program in May of 2008. Assessed at a fourth-grade reading level, Carmen set her initial goal to improve her reading and comprehension of the English language. Less than a year later Carmen met her goal with a post test showing her at a ninth-grade reading level. Little by little, Carmen and her tutor, Pat Ware, studied their way through the PA driver’s permit test, the New York City and Pennsylvania manicurist courses and the citizenship exam. Carmen worked on reading, writing, and pronunciation with her tutor in their weekly sessions. Carmen received her driver’s permit in October of 2009 and now has her PA driver’s license.

In 2010, Carmen expressed her desire to become a US Citizen. Pat immediately began preparing Carmen to pass the citizenship test. After months of study, Carmen passed the test and is now a proud American citizen. On the day Carmen and her husband Robert drove to Philadelphia to take her test, Pat knew Carmen would pass and lined her driveway with tiny American flags as a welcome for their homecoming.

Carmen always had an interest in manicuring, and with her tutor’s encouragement, Carmen chose to take the course in English instead of Spanish. The two worked diligently together on the manuals and vocabulary. Carmen passed her final exam in April 2011 and has since received certification from New York and Pennsylvania. Carmen’s accomplishments speak volumes of what our program is all about and what our original founders had in mind when the Wayne Pike Adult Literacy Program began 25 years ago.

Congratulations, Carmen!

WPALP Fundraising News...

Evening at the Ritz Theatre



Our Annual Evening at the Ritz Theatre, Hawley on Sept. 24 was another huge success.

A special thank you to the Ritz Company Players for 15 years of donating one half of the night's proceeds to the WPALP.

As always, WPALP volunteers brought a delicious array of finger foods for the buffet after the play.



Left - A salute to each team ends the games. Pictured in authentic 1864 uniform dress, **the Atlantic Baseball Club** wore dark blue pants and long-sleeve shirts. The **Roxbury Nine** dressed in authentic 1898 style uniforms on July 23, 2011

The Wayne Pike Adult Literacy Program sponsored a Vintage Baseball Doubleheader exhibition game on Saturday, July 23 in Bingham Park, Hawley PA. We had a chance to see how the game was played in the nineteenth century by the

Vintage Baseball Association's teams –
THE ROXBURY NINE VS.
The ATLANTIC BASEBALL CLUB

Game # 1 played by 1898 rules
Game # 2 played by 1864 rules



Diane Gaffney wearing an authentic 1890's Girl's Baseball outfit she made especially for our event.

2011 eXtreme Spelling Bee On Track for Literacy



Right - **Conductor of Words, Art Wehrhahn** with **Jake Vecchio**

Left - Spelling Bee Judges L-R: **Ellen Schaffner, Diane French, Simone Palmer**



“All Aboard”! Get off at the first and only stop, **Dingman Delaware Elementary School**, the site of the Second Annual eXtreme Spelling Bee.” The Wayne Pike Adult Literacy Program together with First Book-Wayne/Pike, partnered for a day on April 2 to raise funds and promote literacy for both programs. Both non-profits agree that educating adults ultimately helps educate children.

Art Wehrhahn, a huge train buff, willingly took on the role of *Conductor of Words* for the eXtreme Spelling Bee's train themed event “On Track for Literacy”. Art Wehrhahn is Film Department Manager for the Museum of Modern Art.

Jake Vecchio, a five year old Pre-schooler from Dingman Delaware Primary, was decked out in full costume as assistant engineer, endearing the audience as he blew his Stourbridge Line train whistle signaling that the Bee was about to begin!

Nine Teams participated in the Spelling Bee event, battling over the power of words and language. Winners were “The Broadway Limited” participating team members were: **Meg Welker, Joan Perna** and **Janice Kimble**

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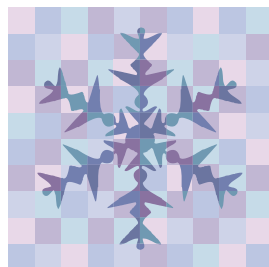
February 25, 2012

**3rd Annual
eXtreme Spelling
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**On Track For
Literacy**

**Western Wayne
Middle School**

**Watch for
details!**



Board members pictured L-R: **Bill Samford, Priscilla Krum, Sandy Lefort, Annette Petry, Connie Hathaway, Margie Richmond and TC Maddie Coppola**

When state funding guideline changes drastically impacted our program our board met the challenge. A lot of time and work went into new funding sources.

The Wayne Pike Adult Literacy Program provides the ability for adults to improve reading, writing and math skills, learn English, pass the US Citizenship test, pass the GED test, gain or retain employment, or just simply learn how to read a book to their children. We have an excellent program with many dedicated volunteers, some having served since our inception.

Since 1989 the WPALP had applied for and was granted funding by the Bureau of Adult and Basic Literacy Education (ABLE) under the Pennsylvania Department of Education through a combination of the 1986 State Act 143, 1989 Federal Workforce Investment Act Title II, and Federal English Literacy/Civics Education. The Bureau of ABLE granted funding on a yearly basis to qualifying adult and family literacy programs, ESL/Civics and Higher Ed programs throughout the state.

Recent funding guideline changes have made it more difficult for our all volunteer, one-on-one literacy program to meet the eligibility requirements. The office staff and the board of directors work diligently every year to raise funds in order to cover program expenses which also include the purchase of books and materials for those students who fall outside changing funding guidelines.

Over the last fifteen years the WPALP has also provided additional training and annual tutor workshops for volunteers.

Our good news in that we have been awarded a \$21,119 grant from the Villaume Foundation! This is a giant leap towards becoming privately funded to be able to continue our program.

We are all deeply grateful to the Villaume Foundation board for their commitment to literacy and we are looking forward to continuing to help the students who enter our program looking for help.



OUTSTANDING TUTOR

Over the years we have had many dedicated volunteers who have given of their time and energy to the WPALP. We would like to highlight two outstanding volunteers, one has been with our program for over fifteen years and the other is just starting. They both have a deep commitment to the WPALP. That dedication is the heart and soul of our program.

Eveline Temkin...

Eveline became a certified volunteer tutor with the Wayne Pike Adult Literacy Program in 1996. For the past sixteen years she tutored incarcerated students, on an individual basis, once a week at the Pike County Correctional Facility!

Eveline was honored as our 2004 Tutor of the Year, and again honored as Outstanding Volunteer for the Pike County Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award in 2005. She has reached and surpassed the 1000 volunteer hour milestone! Most people don't realize that reaching the 1000 volunteer hour milestone while tutoring for one and one-half hours each week is quite an accomplishment! Eveline is an Outstanding Volunteer!

Eveline was born in Paris, France. Her schooling was disrupted during her childhood and Eveline ended up attending twelve different schools in 12 years. She struggled with reading as a child, and as an adult. Eveline married an American who was studying in Europe on the GI Bill. They returned to the US where they raised a family and Eveline worked for her father-in-law in real estate management. Her exposure to a great diversity of tenants taught her a lot about life and at the age of 39, she decided to finish high school in order to attend college. Her goal was to help people less fortunate. She attended night classes at Jersey City State College, now called Jersey City University. When she had enough credits to qualify for a job in social work, she secured a job working for the Department of Human Services. Her ultimate dream was to work for the Division of Youth and Family Service but she needed a Master's Degree. So, following her eight years of night school, she ventured towards a Master's Degree. As time passed, her many contacts with DYES made her realize that she could not deal with the frustrations of the job and the bureaucracy that would have made her powerless. Therefore she stayed in Human Services until she retired.

She moved to Shohola, PA with her husband, Marc in 1990. Eveline had many interests and for a short time volunteered as a Court Appointed Special Advocate in Sullivan County, NY to protect the rights' of children. Having experienced the isolation of one who cannot read, Eveline volunteered to become a literacy tutor for the WPALP. Her hope was to bring some light into people's lives. She has done just that and more at the PCCF!

Eveline and Marc are now living in Oregon with family. We pray for the best for Eveline and Marc at this time.

Thank you Eveline, you are a wonderful example of people who make a difference.

OUTSTANDING TUTOR

Rhoda Barr ...

“I want to help people reach their goals,” Rhoda replied, when asked why she was interested in tutoring. Rhoda became certified as a Volunteer Tutor with the Literacy Program in November of 2009 and shortly after accepted her first assignment, tutoring inmates at the Pike County Correctional Facility for GED, the equivalency of a high school diploma. In the short time that Rhoda has been with the Literacy Program, she has tutored 12 inmates and conducted two GED classes. Rhoda was honored as Outstanding Volunteer for the Pike County Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award in 2011!

A retired educator, born in Brooklyn New York, Rhoda earned her Bachelor, Masters and Professional Degrees from Brooklyn College. In 2001 Rhoda retired as Supervisor of Early Childhood for NYC Board of Education District 32, moving up full time to Hemlock Farms with her husband Phil in that same year. They are the proud grandparents of two grandchildren.

Rhoda is a dedicated and caring volunteer who spends endless hours researching and preparing lesson plans for her students. When asked what she does when a student does not demonstrate mastery, Rhoda replied, “I try another teaching strategy, determine the student’s learning style and adapt by teaching to his needs. I recently learned that one student retained information better when I read it aloud rather than having him read.”

In addition to volunteering as a tutor for the Wayne Pike Adult Literacy Program, Rhoda volunteers for Jewish Fellowship of Hemlock Farms and is a member of the Board of Directors. She received the “Bobby Laper” Award for Community Service. She is also a Member of the Hemlock Library Board and conducted a Library Story Hour Program for Preschoolers at the Library. She also volunteers at the Wallenpaupack Primary School, working with the reading teacher and second grade students. Rhoda also participated in the Wayne Pike Adult Literacy project for United Way’s “Pike County Day of Caring” in 2010. When asked what she thought was the best thing about the literacy program, Rhoda answered, “The quality of the people involved.”

Thank you Rhoda, you are the change that makes a difference in this world!

Thank You to All Who Supported Our 25th Anniversary !

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**Warden Kevin Bishop Wayne County
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25th Anniversary



Left—Guest Speaker **Candice Kelly**, WBRE-TV news Anchor and WPALP Board President **Rev. William L. Samford**



Right—Exe. Dir. **Jacqui West** with **Pike County Commissioner Karl Wagner Jr.** and WPALP Board President **Rev. William L. Samford**

The Wayne Pike Adult Literacy Program celebrated twenty-five years of volunteer service to Wayne and Pike Counties with a fundraising dinner at Woodloch Springs on October 1, 2011. Founding volunteers Alice Brown and Priscilla Krum envisioned a literate society in which every citizen could be a well-informed voter. Our program has developed and blossomed far beyond their dream in 1986. The first tutoring sessions took place at Alice Brown's home, where five students met with their volunteer tutors around Alice's dining room table. Since then the WPALP has served over 3,000 students!

We welcomed Candice Kelly as our guest speaker for the evening. Candice Kelly is the weekday news anchor at 5, 5:30, 6 and 11 PM on WBRE-TV.

She first came to the area in 2004 as the weekend anchor/reporter for WBRE. In September 2006, she became the news anchor for its sister station, WYOU, during its interactive newscasts. Nearly two years later she returned to WBRE.

Candice started in television news after graduating with a BA in mass communications from Minnesota State University at Mankato. She first worked behind the scenes at KARE-TV in Minneapolis and then moved in front of the camera at KTTC-TV in Rochester MN. While there, she was a reporter and then an anchor/producer for the morning and noon newscasts. She also is a two-time regional Emmy award winner.

We wish to thank all those who work tirelessly to make sure that our students receive the best possible help. In order to accomplish this we must utilize community support from our "Friends of Literacy". These include not only those who so generously donate to the program but also those organizations who continue to provide the tutoring sites where tutors can meet safely with their students. We thank you for your continued support!

Tutoring Sites

Hawley Library - **Maura Rottmund**, Director; Newfoundland Area Public Library - **Carol Shaheen**, Director; Pike County Public Library Branches - **Ellen Schaffner**, Director of Pike County Library System; The Community Library of Lake and Salem Townships - **Carmela A. Carman**, Director; Wayne County Public Library - **Molly Rodgers**, Library Systems Director; Pike County Cooperative Extension Office; Pike County Correctional Facility Training Room; Pike County Workforce Development Office; Tre-Hab Office – Community Action Agency; Wayne County Job Training Office; Central United Methodist Church, Honesdale; First Presbyterian Church, Hawley; First Presbyterian Church, Milford; Saint Patrick's Catholic Church, Rectory Office in Milford; United Methodist Church of Matamoras.

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Pike County United Way Day of Caring September 17, 2011

This is the 7th year the WPALP has provided a project for volunteers of the Annual PC U – Way Day of Caring. It is the 2nd year the United Way of Pike Co partnered with the Wallenpaupack School District. The two projects that were provided on Saturday, September 17 were from non-profit organizations First Book-Pike/Wayne Chapter and the Wayne Pike Adult Literacy Program.

There were twenty two participants for the two projects at the Wallenpaupack Middle school. Twelve middle school honors class students with their class advisor Mrs. Beth Troop and nine high school students under the supervision of the Wallenpaupack High School Volunteer Coordinator, Marie Mitschele

Volunteers participating with the Wayne Pike Adult Literacy Program were tutors and board members Susan Blanco and Annette Petry along with Executive Director Jacci West. Jacci is also a board member of First Book-Pike/Wayne Chapter

The literacy program has provided an English as a Second Language picture file project for the past five years. This year the literacy program used the picture file and added supplemental teaching aides using the picture file to create extra teaching materials for a specific work book in the Laubach Way to Reading series we use with adults learning English.

We used one of the activities from our tutor training workshop and provided guidelines for the students to write a very short, one sentence per line, story using a controlled vocabulary to supplement the stories from the student work books. We are very pleased with the results of this project and plan to offer it again.



Above - Wallenpaupack Area High School and Middle School students work on supplemental materials for literacy.
Below - students show their completed literacy projects.

