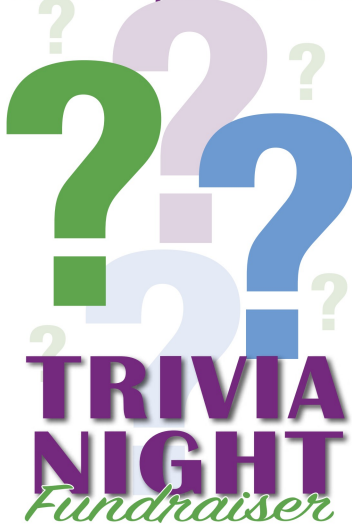




Trivia Night Fundraiser Raises Money for TEACH



Thank you to everyone who made our first Trivia Night a success! Trivia contestants braved the snow and cold temperature on January 24 to enjoy an evening at Hawthorne's Backyard in West Chicago. In addition to answering trivia questions, participants bought raffle tickets and took their chances at a split-the-pot heads or tails game. Proceeds from the Trivia Night fundraiser will purchase a set of Kindle Fires for tutors and students to check out for use during their tutoring sessions. Thank you to Hawthorne's Backyard and owner Lou Kopinski for hosting our event, to Go4It Entertainment trivia company, and to all of our contestants for supporting TEACH - a fun time was had by all!



Save the Date for TEACH's Annual Benefit Dinner!



Save the Date for our annual benefit dinner! The event will be held on **Saturday, May 4, 2019 at the Hyatt Lodge (McDonald's campus) in Oak Brook**. The evening will begin at 6:00pm, so please mark your calendars to enjoy a night of delicious food and entertainment! This year's Cultural Unity Award honorees are the Woznica Family for dedicating their lives to serving immigrants, refugees and the underprivileged, and Lourdes Duarte, WGN-TV Evening News Host and 4-time Emmy award-winning investigative journalist. Look for your invitations in the mail in March - see you there!

Constantine's Corner

Dear TEACH Tutors and Friends,

You've probably seen our mission statement on the website, letters and outreach materials:

Through free individualized English instruction, we work toward systemic change in society by empowering students to build their strengths and the effective use of their voice. We work to ensure the inclusion of those who are typically excluded, underrepresented or undervalued. TEACH exists - That All May Be One

Read the words, and they're just that - words. Look beyond the words to the vision the Sisters of St. Joseph had when founding what is now TEACH, and you only need these three:

Empowerment - Change - Unity

You, as tutors, bring life to these words with the unique gifts you give to your students: **empowerment** through applied knowledge of our language and culture, **change** through your impact on the quality of life of your students and their families, and **unity** through the bridges you build between their cultures and ours.

Thank you for being the spirit that allows TEACH to fulfill its mission and stay true to its founding vision.

Constantine

Resources for Teaching Idioms

Do you find your student asking about idioms? With the frigid weather that swept the USA this week, many of us have been "freezing our buns off".

For more information about this and other cold weather idioms, check out:

<https://www.grammarly.com/blog/cold-weather-idioms/>

For some tips on how to teach idioms to your student, read:

<https://busyteacher.org/3712-how-to-teach-english-idioms-and-their-meaning.html>

And finally, if you're looking for a list of idioms, Dave's ESL Café is a great place to start: <http://www.eslcafe.com/idioms/> These websites are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to idiom resources!



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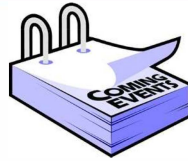


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CALENDAR



Monday, February 18:

President's Day/no tutoring sessions

Monday, March 4/RESCHEDULED:

Professional Development Workshop
Downers Grove Public Library/1050 Curtiss Street
4:00-5:30pm/North Meeting Room
Please RSVP to Susana at (630) 217-0396 or
Cathy at (630) 248-9594

Tutor Information

NEW Tutor Training

Saturday and Sunday, February 8 and 9/9:00am-3:00pm
St. Barbara's Parish Center, 4009 Prairie Avenue, Brookfield

PASSWORD Information

Access tutor resources at our website:

<https://www.teachempowers.org/tutors/tutor-resources/>



Tutors Needed!

TEACH is always looking for new tutors at all of our locations, but we have a strong need at the following locations:
St. Frances of Rome Church/1500 S. 59th Court, Cicero, IL 60804

tutoring classes meet Wednesdays 9:00am to 2:00pm

Cicero Library/5225 W. Cermak Road, Cicero, IL 60804

tutoring classes meet Wednesdays 9:00am to 2:00pm

Summit Library 6233 S. Archer Rd., Summit, IL 60501

tutoring classes meet Wednesdays 3:00pm to 8:00pm

St. Blase Church/101 S. 75th Ave., Summit, IL 60501

tutoring classes meet Fridays 9:00am to 2:00pm

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Volunteer, donate and find out more at
www.TEACHempowers.org



Tutor/Student Spotlight



Alexander accompanies his mother Gabi for her tutoring session with Ed.

Ed is one of the TEACH volunteers who tutors at St. Joseph Church in Addison IL. Now retired, he used to teach music at a school in Villa Park. Ed played the French horn, taught wind instruments to young people and conducted brass ensembles from 1958-1980. He also worked for a company that made outdoor signs, managing accounts and projects.

Ed and his wife raised seven children. He became interested in tutoring after seeing an article in a parish newsletter in Wood Dale asking for volunteer tutors. Ed decided he would give it a try. Five years later at 90 years young, he continues enjoying tutoring his students Gabi and Jorge.

Ed explains, "To learn English is to extend your attention to detail when you realize you have to memorize a great amount of information. I am always proud of my students with the slight improvements they make. I enjoy talking with my students about our families, and how to raise children to be respectful and successful in this world."

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Sr. Rosemary Ward: Tuesday AM & PM/Bolingbrook Greenleaf Apts.

Mariela Soejarto: Thursday AM/Lombard Church of the Brethren

Mary Beth Niziol: Friday AM/Summit St. Blase

STAFF

Susana Aguilar

Monday PM/Bloomington Library
Tuesday PM/Brookfield St. Barbara
Wednesday AM/Cicero Library
Wednesday PM/Addison St. Joseph
Thursday AM/West Chicago FNBC
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Thursday PM/Downers Grove Library

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Tuesday AM/Brookfield St. Barbara
Wednesday PM/Summit Library

Constantine Bitsas

Tuesday AM/Addison St. Joseph

Sites used as needed:

Addison Library
La Grange Library

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