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### Board Members:

-Laurie Klinkhammer, President  
-Leah Motschenbacher, Vice  
President  
-Greta Heike, Treasurer  
-Stacy Secker, Secretary  
-Paul Kulig, Past President  
-Michael Ahrens

## November 2015

### **Happy Thanksgiving! We are grateful!**

Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley will be participating in #GivingTuesday again this year! In case you haven't heard, the goal of #GivingTuesday is to create a global day of giving back that celebrates generosity and kindness. #GivingTuesday, the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, falls on December 1, 2015.

Our goal is to raise \$6,000. We have confidence that you'll be a part of reaching that goal. All of the donations received will go towards increasing literacy services, which currently serves over 400 people in the Chippewa Valley community, and offers adults the opportunity to gain the skills they need to make a better life for themselves and their families. We hope you're able to join the millions who are making #GivingTuesday a huge success!

To participate now, visit the Support page on the Literacy Volunteers web site at <http://www.lvcv.org/support> and

-Barbara Anderson  
-Carlton Brambelow  
-Drew Duggan  
-Tom Giffey  
-Dr. Mary Ann Hardebeck  
-Terri Hoepner  
-Larry Jolivet  
-Marianne Klinkhammer  
-Lori Krings  
-Sue Lane  
-Allyson Loomis  
-Keena Mohr  
-Lisa Patrow  
-Pa Thao

### **Thanksgiving Meals**

Thanksgiving Dinner, Trinity  
Lutheran Church, 1314 E.  
Lexington Blvd., Eau Claire.  
Seating at 11:30 AM & 12:30  
PM.

Thanksgiving Day Banquet,  
Hope Gospel Mission, 8 S.  
Farwell St., Eau Claire, Noon-2  
PM

### **Latest U.S. Citizen**

Congratulations to Tong (Lor)  
Kasue, who was recently  
awarded U.S. Citizenship! Tong  
arrived in the United States in  
2010. She has attended  
English Language Learning  
classes at CVTC and has been  
helped over the years in her  
studies by LVCV tutors Susan  
Rusboldt and Deanne O'Mera.  
Most recently, tutor Carole

include the words "Giving Tuesday" in the Comments section. We are so excited to celebrate #GivingTuesday with you.

### **LVCV Seeks Development Director**

LVCV has an opening for a new position -- Development Director. To find out more about it, [click here](#).

### **Northwestern Bank Sponsors ScrabbleBee**

It's hard to believe, but ScrabbleBee is just a few short months away: Mark your calendars for the 15th Annual ScrabbleBee, which will be held Thursday, April 21, 2016, at a NEW location -- The Lismore Hotel & Conference Center in downtown Eau Claire. Mark your calendars, start recruiting your friends, neighbors and family to form a team.

The new, larger venue will allow us to expand the fun to 50 teams. If your business or organization



would like to sponsor a team or is interested in joining our growing list of generous backers -- which now includes Northwestern Bank as a major sponsor -- contact Literacy Volunteers now at [715-834-0222](tel:715-834-0222) or [info@lvcv.org](mailto:info@lvcv.org). Northwestern Bank joins event sponsor CCF Bank and major sponsor Xcel Energy and Wisconsin Public Radio! To learn all about the event, including sponsoring, playing, and pledging, visit [www.lvcv.org/scrabble-bee](http://www.lvcv.org/scrabble-bee). All proceeds from the Bee go directly to our literacy programs and services.

### **Board Profile: Carlton Brambelow**

Carlton Brambelow joined the LVCV board in July 2015. He is relatively new to the Chippewa Valley area, having moved here three years ago to be a part of JAMF Software. Prior to his relocation, he worked as a web

Boos helped Tong in studying for the citizenship exam. Well done, everyone!

### **Student Anecdote**

Chippewa Falls student Mai recently shared an accomplishment in her family. All seven of her children are presently attending or have graduated from college. When her tutor praised her for her part in this, she said that it is first of all “genetics” and secondly “luck”! Great job, Mai!

### **AmazonSmile:**

When doing your holiday shopping, remember that when you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to LVCV. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1657040> and support us every time you shop.

### **Goodshop**

The 2nd annual Goodshop Sunday event is November 29th, the Sunday between Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Your favorite brands will be offering double donations or exclusive deals. To learn more about how you

developer in the Kansas City, Missouri area. Before that he spent six years in the Navy as a Hebrew linguist. Over the past three years, Eau Claire has become his home. He said, “It’s the best place I’ve ever lived. From day one I was struck by the sense of community in Eau Claire and the vibrancy of a growing city.”



As a father of three boys, two of whom have IEPs for their reading skills, LVCV is the first organization locally, outside of JAMF, with which he’s been really excited to become involved. “I see the struggle with my kids daily, and can’t imagine that struggle extending into adulthood. I want to help others get the help that my children receive from the programs they’re involved with in school, and I believe being involved with the LVCV board is the best way I can help.”

### **Workforce Training Update**

Student Luis Luna completed training to earn a Forklift Certification! Content knowledge and successful operation of a forklift have broadened his English skills. He can now use these new skills at his job at Menards.

Many thanks to Career Development Center Supervisor Eric Giardina for his partnership with us!



Would your student enjoy earning a workplace certification or increasing a practical skill set? We offer forklift

can raise funds for LVCV through this program, click [here](#).

### Thrivent Choice

LVCV is now listed in Thrivent Choice's charitable grant program. Find us on their website in the searchable online catalog. Thrivent Financial will direct Choice Dollars to us in a particular month.



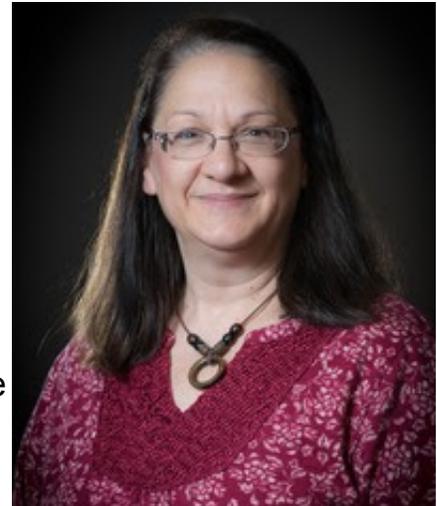
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experiences, ServSafe food handling skills, basic keyboarding, and practical math. In all offerings, literacy skills and real life are intertwined. Offerings are available immediately. Let's hear from you! Questions are welcome. Ask your supporting staff member or contact Cheryl at [715-834-0429](tel:715-834-0429).

### Staff Profile: Laura Reisinger

Laura Reisinger came to Literacy Volunteers with an extensive background in non-profit administration and fundraising. Her education includes a Master's in Vocational Education. Laura has been with LVCV since the fall of 2004. She started out as the Dunn County Coordinator for 5 years, then moved up to Education Director for 5 years and has now returned to the Dunn County Coordinator position.



Laura is passionate about her work as a correctional educator. "There is nothing more gratifying than helping someone achieve their GED and see a brighter future for themselves," she said. She has served on the Correctional Education Association – Wisconsin Chapter Board of Directors since 2006 and is currently in her second year as President.

Laura is pursuing her doctorate in Career and Technical Education at UW-Stout with an anticipated graduation date in May 2016. Her dissertation will be focused on developing a profile and needs assessment of Correctional Educators in Wisconsin.

## LVCV Closed for Thanksgiving



All Literacy Volunteers offices will be closed Nov. 26-27 for Thanksgiving. The Family Literacy Program is closed Nov. 23-Nov. 27.

### Need Help?

We have a variety of programs to help you acquire the necessary skills to achieve economic self-sufficiency. [Click Here](#) to see services that we provide.



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