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### **Literacy Volunteers Raises Funds through ScrabbleBee**

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual ScrabbleBee was the buzz of the valley Thursday night, raising nearly \$40,000 for Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley. There are 39 teams who strategized playing Scrabble to win prizes, bid on silent auction items, purchase raffle tickets, and have a honey of a good time. The event was held Thursday evening, April 23, 2015 at the Sleep Inn Conference Center, Eau Claire.

For the ScrabbleBee, teams of up to six players worked together to build words in the Hare and Tortoise divisions. Three timed games are played throughout the evening, and the team achieving the highest total for all three games was declared the winner. Here is the list of winners in all the categories.

Winning Scrabble Team - Hare division:

- First place: Nestle
- Second place: Weld, Riley, Prenn, & Ricci
- Third place: Applied Data Consultants
- Fourth place: HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital
- Fifth place: Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC)

Winning Scrabble Team - Tortoise Division: Clearwater Kiwanis

Highest fundraising team: Luna's Ladies

Top three individual fundraisers

- First Place: Katherine Schneider
- Second Place: Joan Voigt
- Third Place: Sheila Sorensen

Best Team Costume: Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC)

ScrabbleBee was sponsored by Citizens Community Federal, Manpower, Northwestern Bank, RCU, Royal Construction, Volume One, WQOW TV 18, and Xcel Energy. Emcee for the event was Amie Winters of WQOW. Co-Chairs were Marianne Klinkhammer and Terri Hoepner, and volunteer Word Waiters were assigned to each of the teams.

Check out the Literacy Volunteers web site at [www.lvcv.org](http://www.lvcv.org) for photos and more details. For more organization information, contact Executive Director MaryJo VanGompel at 715-834-0222.

### **About Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley**

Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley is a community-based literacy program that offers adults the opportunity to gain the skills they need to make a better life for themselves and their families. They do this by taking the time to understand the unique needs of each learner and tailoring our services specifically to them. Founded in 1986, LVCV's mission is to provide flexible literacy programs to help adults and their families reach their education, employment, and life goals. All programs utilize tutoring provided by trained and supported volunteer tutors. With offices in Chippewa, Dunn and Eau Claire counties, LVCV is classified as a tax exempt, 501(c) (3) non-profit organization.