



New Classes, New Teachers

Fall brings new morning classes for VITA students. Because of the growing popularity of the morning classes and increasing enrollment, the VITA staff made changes to the schedule in order to better meet the needs of the students.

A divided phonics class will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30am-12:00pm. "I found that, in the larger class, some of the students were not getting the

most out of the lessons. Splitting the class made sense to fix this problem," said Janel Fontenot, former teacher of the larger class. The second part of the class will be taught by Phyllis Ledet, a VITA tutor.

On Thursdays at 10:30 am, VITA will be offering Fun with Reading, taught by Audrey Martin. Martin will help students with their reading skills by reading plays, practicing public speaking, and reading

newspapers and magazines.

Yvonne Bogan has agreed to teach a beginning conversation on Thursdays at 9:00 am. A returning VITA volunteer, Bogan spent many years teaching ESL.

For more information about the new classes, or if you would like to teach a class at VITA, contact a staff member to share your ideas. We would love to hear from you.

Nighttime Class at Alfa Omega International

In the months of October and November, VITA is hosting an eight-week beginning level English class at Alfa Omega Church on South College in Lafayette. Tanya Yentzen, a VITA tutor, is teaching 20 Spanish-speaking adults basic literacy skills.

This collaborative effort reaches out to working adults who need to improve their reading, writing, and English

speaking skills and who cannot take advantage of the morning classes at the VITA office. Alfa Omega church will provide the space and daycare for the participants' children.

"The group is very eager to learn and asks thoughtful questions," said Kathy DeGlandon, one of the coordinators of the program. "They are so happy to be in class and learning new skills,"

DeGlandon continues.

Another eight-week session is planned for the middle of January. If you would like to volunteer for this worthwhile program, contact VITA for more information.



Tutor Support a Sweet Treat

New and veteran tutors were pampered with a sweet treat at Borden's of Lafayette on June 15, 2011. The tutor support meeting was held to introduce new tutors to veteran tutors and to share ideas.

"At the time of the meeting, some of the tutors had not met their new students, and these



Seated Left: Dennis Sullivan, Vic Hummert, Roselyn Hummert.

Seated Right: Janel Fontenot, Bruce Snow

tutors were able voice their concerns, if any, and ask questions of experienced tutors," Janel Fontenot shared.

The next tutor training will be held on February 7, 2012 from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Tutors who have a topic they would like to share can contact Janel or Kathy at VITA.