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**April 9, 2014**

March was a month of incredible training opportunities beginning with the Metroplex Literacy Conference at Dallas Baptist University and ending with Part 2 of Getting Prepared to Teach the GED 2014 at the March Fourth Friday. The Tarrant Literacy Coalition also hosted its first ever Project BEST GED Graduation honoring 15 graduates from fall/winter 2013. Spring tends to be a busy season for educators and maybe you shared the experience of March madness as well. I challenge you to not let a busy schedule prevent you from attending our free training events planned for April and June.

Joan Grigsby will be leading our April Fourth Friday training focused on developing academic language skills to support adult reading comprehension. Educators across literacy levels know their students need to become stronger readers to better support themselves and their families. As a GED instructor, I realize that even my higher level students need to develop better reading skills to succeed with the more rigorous reading requirements of the new GED test. The techniques explored in this session will also be helpful for teachers of higher level ESL students and all ABE teachers/tutors.

May Fourth Friday will begin Memorial weekend, so our next training session has been rescheduled for June 6 and will focus on health literacy. This event will be beneficial for all types of adult educators particularly ESL and ABE instructors. Watch for a future email with

## March in Review



event details and registration information.

**What:** April Fourth Friday Forum

**When:** Friday, April 25 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am

**Where:** Tarrant County College-Opportunity Center  
5901 Fitzhugh, Fort Worth, TX 76119

**Why:** Learn how to develop academic language skills to support comprehension by enhancing language and critical thinking abilities.

Space is limited. Register today!

[Click to register now!](#)

When Tarrant area literacy instructors and tutors face challenges, they know where to turn for support...

**FOURTH FRIDAY FORUM**

APRIL 25TH 9:00-11:00

5901 FITZHUGH AVE. FT. WORTH 76119

Sometimes my students seem stuck. What can I do to help propel their learning?

Tarrant County College

The Learning Center of North Texas

Tarrant Literacy Coalition

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Rollins  
Community Outreach Coordinator



## Sixth Annual Corporate Spelling Bee

*Mr. Valleau Wilkie, Honorary Chair*

*Tuesday, April 29, 2014*

It's time again for the most exciting spelling bee you will ever attend! The 6th annual TLC Corporate Spelling Bee is set for Tuesday, April 29th at the TCU Brown-Lupton University Union. With more than 50 adult spellers competing for thousands of dollars in prizes, plus the coveted Traveling Trophy, this year's Bee is sure to be the best yet!



You can make your dinner reservations online now, but hurry, because the ballroom will fill up fast! To make reservations online, use our DONATE NOW feature on the top of this newsletter. Dinner tickets are just \$50 per person, which includes a great meal, plus an opportunity to watch some of the best adult spellers in Tarrant County as they shine under the bright lights and amazing pressure of Fort Worth's only all adult spelling bee!

Cash bar reception begins at 6:00 p.m., dinner is served at 6:30 and the spelling competition begins at 7:00 pm SHARP!!

Queen Bee J.R. Labbe will emcee the evening with Gary Cumbie on hand serving his sixth term as Wordmaster. FW Police Chief Jeff Halstead will keep our spellers in line by serving as the official Timekeeper - the only Spelling Bee timekeeper in these parts who carries a real gun!

Join us for a great night of fun which generates support for a very serious mission - to improve the quality and increase the quantity of adult and family literacy in our community.

[Click here to make your reservation now!](#)

**Make plans to attend this year's  
Health Literacy Symposium**

**We want to feature  
YOU**

in upcoming issues of the Coalition newsletter. You get to hear about our efforts and events all the time but we really want to hear from you! Please submit stories and articles to: [Jennifer Rollins](#) Be sure to include a short author bio and some general information about your program

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# Save the Date

**2ND ANNUAL HEALTH LITERACY SYMPOSIUM:  
BUILDING HEALTH LITERATE ORGANIZATIONS**



[Register now by clicking here.](#)

There's no cost to attend and spaces are filling quickly.

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