

Garden Grove Adult Education



GARDEN GROVE ADULT EDUCATION

Adult EEditor

Garden Grove Career Expo!

By Denise Clynes

The Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce in partnership with GGUSD, CCROP, Costco, Embassy Suites, Coastline College, One-Stop, Pro Path, Cypress College and EDD are sponsoring a Career Expo. On Wednesday, April 22 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm students can meet with close to 50 potential employers in one place.



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Flyers are being distributed around both campuses. A copy is on page 2. Take the opportunity to discuss it with your class(es) and post in your classroom.



[Where?](#)

The Expo will be on the Garden Grove campus of Coastline College. It is located on the northwest corner of Euclid & Garden Grove Blvd., right across the street from our Lincoln facility.

[Special Workshops](#)

There will be 2 important workshops to improve interview skills. Students should consider attending one of the workshops before talking to the prospective employers at the expo. They are scheduled for 1-1:30 and 2-2:30. The workshops will be at the site of the Expo. Look for signs.



[Come Prepared](#)

First impressions are important when seeking a job. Students should be prepared when they come to the Expo. Some suggestions are:

- Bring copies of resume
- Dress sharp (business attire)
- Be prepared to ask questions
- Be prepared to interview

Don't miss the Garden Grove CAREER EXPO!



**Find your
first career or
get a new one!**

**FREE
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to EXPO
& workshop!**

Meet face-to-face with employers who are hiring for positions right now! Interview on-the-spot or collect information on companies to send your resume to in the future. There's even a special resume workshop to help you present your skills in the best manner possible. Don't miss out! For detailed information call (714) 241-6209 ext. 17316 or e-mail rdoncaster@coastline.edu.

**Wednesday
April 22, 2009
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Coastline Garden Grove Center
12901 Euclid St.
Garden Grove, CA**

- Bring your resume
- Dress sharp (in business attire)
- Meet with potential employers
- Interview on-site

PLUS

**Special interview skill
workshop!**

Choose from two sessions:

- 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. or
- 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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A Very Special Arts Festival



By Pamela Clauss

Students from Chapman Education Center, Adults With Developmental Disabilities Program will be celebrating their artistic talents while exhibiting their art work at the 33rd Annual Very Special Arts festival, "Happiness Is....". The festival is presented by Orange County Department of Education and is part of the 24th Annual Imagination celebration. The Very Special Arts Festival will be held at Westfield Main Place Mall in Santa Ana, Saturday April 25, 2009 from 11:00 to 4:00 P.M.



Sharper Minds Ahead at Lincoln Education Center!

By Debbie Kaiser, Older Adult Instructor

This is a very exciting time at Lincoln Education Center. We are partnering with Posit Science, a leader in brain health programs. We are now offering our students a program that has successfully improved memory, listening abilities, and alertness in mature adults. You may have heard of Posit Science or its founder, [Dr. Michael Merzenich](#), as both have been featured on CBS Sunday Morning, Forbes' magazine, and The Wall Street Journal. I am writing you to encourage your friends or family members to sign up for this fun and engaging program.

Goal is Mental Sharpness

Together with Posit Science, our goal for this program is to help our students remain sharp, vital, and independent. The program is self-paced and adjusts to fit each person's capability level, so everyone can

benefit from the training. The program is computer-based. Students only need to know how to operate the mouse.

Class Schedule

Classes debuted in our new Brain Fitness Center, Room D-1, in October of 2008 and continue to run Monday through Friday 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM. Anecdotal results from people who have participated in the program have been extremely positive. Participants are noticing changes in their lives. Some have begun to improve their memory, thinking, and listening abilities.

More Information

For more information, please stop by D-1 or call the front desk at 714-663-6291.

Thank you for helping us to pioneer the advancement of the exciting new science of brain fitness.



Debbie Kaiser shows student mental fitness exercise.

Denise Clynès

2009 Silver Spoons Recipient

On April 26, Denise Clynès will be recognized at a special event that will be hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, Women's Division. Denise is the 2009 Silver Spoons recipient. The Silver Spoons recognizes city wide the wonderful volunteers from non-profit organizations in the Garden Grove community. The recipients represent the true meaning of "volunteerism". Denise is truly a dedicated employee and very deserving of the award. I know that we all congratulate Denise on her well deserved award.



Medical Billing & Medical Coding Careers

By Denise Clynès

There are two new "career technical education" courses being offered this year. "Medical Computerized Insurance Billing" and "Medical Coding" are held at our Chapman-Hettinga Center on Monday & Wednesday and Tuesday & Thursday evenings, respectfully.

Prerequisites

Both classes do require that student successfully complete Medical Terminology & Human Anatomy prior to taking either of these classes. The Med Term class is offered at both Chapman and Lincoln at night and during the evenings.

Medical Billing

Billing and Coding, since they are part of the industry sector of medical, are jobs that are in high demand.

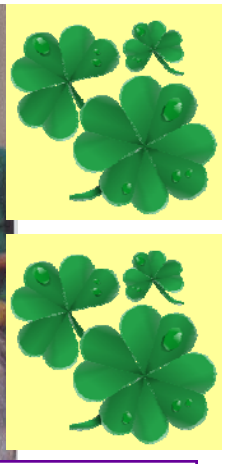
A medical "biller" can work in a doctor's office, hospital, care facility or billing company. In class you will learn the skills to prepare a medical bill, process it, on a computer, complete insurance company forms and other front of the office skills. At the successful conclusion of this course you will be qualified to seek employment right away.

Medical Coding

A medical coder primarily works at a hospital or billing company. Skills include learning the different numerical/alphabetical codes for all the various medical procedures and how to complete the billing process and how to use the numerous coding manuals for the industry. At the conclusion of this class, one is prepared to sit for the state "Certified Medical Coding Exam". But if one chooses not to sit for the exam, there are some facilities that will employ you.

Some people to chose to start their own billing company but this takes being employed by a medical office, hospital or facility first so that one can establish themselves and get valuable experience before venturing out on their own.





Older Adults at “Wearin of the Green”

By Joanne Johnson

Students from the ESL class were participants in the “Wearin of the Green” St. Patrick’s Day Contest at the New Life Day Care Center. Class members are: Ida Sym(3rd from left), Young Sook Kim, Jin Ok Jung, and Julie Um. Julie Um won the grand prize.

Counselor’s Corner



GED Test Update

By Hazelle Ferrer

Beginning January 1, 2012, the General Educational Development Testing Service (GEDTS) will be releasing a new test series for the GED. The GED Test is regularly assessed to certify that the content reflects current curricular and academic standards for high school graduates. The expectations of the high school curriculum in 2002 (the last time the test was revised) differ from those that will be expected in 2012.

What does that mean?

That means by December 31, 2011, examinees must have taken and earned minimum scores in all five content areas (Language Arts / Reading; Language Arts / Writing; Social Studies; Science; and Mathematics) as well as meet the minimum total score on the 2002 Test series. If not, examinees will need to take the entire 2012 Test series once it becomes effective. Unfortunately, scores cannot be combined from previous GED Test series.

What can you and your students do?

Reading classes and GED Test Prep classes are available on both the Chapman and Lincoln campuses. Please encourage your students to study and attempt any of the GED subtests if they are ready to take them. Even though 2012 seems so far away, it will be here before you know it!

Are your students ready to take the GED?

New examinees must register to take the GED. Saturday test dates are available and must be attended by new test takers because there is a mandatory orientation. It is best for new students to register in advance to secure a spot on the test date of their choice. Returning examinees can take tests on designated Saturday test dates and Tuesday night test dates, but they are first come – first serve. It is highly encouraged for returning students to line up early on test dates to make sure they can get in to test.

Students Must Register

Students must register at the Chapman campus to take the GED Test. It is approximately 30 minutes to complete the registration process and a photo ID is required on the day of registration as well as the day of the test. Please call (714) 663-6520 if you or your students have any questions

SAVE THE DATE!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2009

6:30PM

MULTIPURPOSE ROOM @ CHEC

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA/ READING /GED INDEPENDENT STUDY

By Janet Schmidt

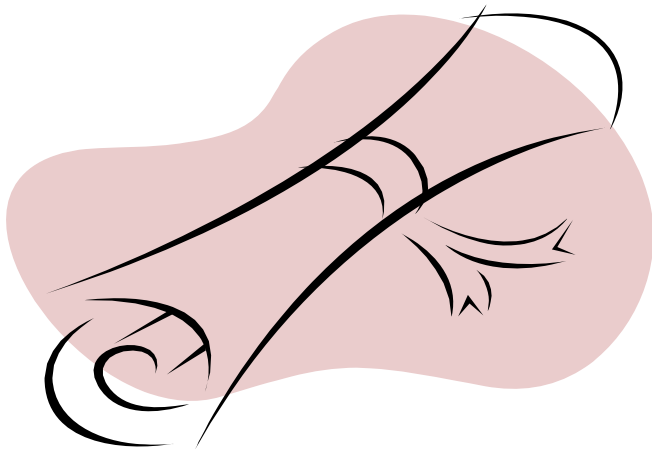
We are pleased to see so many students taking advantage of our High School Diploma, Independent Study, Reading and GED programs. Our attendance is on the rise as well as our graduates and GED recipients. It is rewarding to see those who want a better life for themselves and their families.

Student Comments

As one student put it: “My goal is to get my diploma so when my children get bigger and older I have something to show them...My goal is mostly to prove to myself that I can do anything I put my mind to.”

Program success

There were six summer graduates, 16 fall graduates. There are 27 potential spring graduates so far and maybe more as time grows closer to graduation. One of our students is completing all of his high school credits in our program.



Independent Study

The Independent Study program has topped 100 students at Chapman in addition to those at Lincoln.

These students are working full time. They take lessons home to complete the schoolwork. Then they return to the classroom sites for testing.

GED

GED recipients are booming as well. Among the 50+ who received their GED in January and February, several were from GED skills classes taught in our adult program. Students who return to have their pictures taken are beaming as they show their GED certificates.



CASAS

CASAS results are steadily improving and students in all of these programs eagerly await the results. A certificate is given to each student who receives a three-point gain or more. Students look forward to receiving the certificates which has turned a tedious task into a more motivating experience.

Reading

The reading program has always been popular. Students are tested for their reading level and put into the appropriate reading group. They learn reading skills, vocabulary and are tested for reading comprehension. This is an excellent program for advanced ESL students on their way to the high school diploma or GED.

We are very proud of the efforts and progress of all the students in the academic program.

Learn the Fun Art of Water Color Painting

By Pam Clauss

Come and join the fun with Pamela Clauss in room 47 Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:10 P.M. Learn all about watercolor painting with all of the surprising, interesting, techniques that makes this medium so exciting and versatile. There are demonstrations, information hand outs, painting exercises, one on one attention and progressive lessons each week. Moreover, there are insightful discussions about the current art scene and the business side of art. Join a very friendly, supportive, energized group representing all levels of learning from beginners to advanced painters who just love to paint. Students experience real results and a sense of accomplishment while creating a portfolio of their lessons and art work. One thing, everyone has in common is a sense of adventure and having fun while learning. Therefore, leave your cares behind and come and enjoy three hours of bliss in a comfortable creative environment with a fabulous group of artists!

The *Three Cups of Tea* Project

By Davis Mejia

In the Spring, my academic transitional English class in H4 moves into a semester of advanced reading development through a program I developed called DARP---Developing Academic Reading Proficiency. It's always a challenge to select a good piece of literature that fits the abilities and interests of the class. This year, I was fortunate enough to rediscover a book I liked very much that had been reformatted into a young reader's edition. It seemed a perfect fit for both the personality and energy of this year's class.

A Bestseller

Three Cups of Tea was a bestseller a year or so ago. It told the story of Greg Mortensen, a mountain climber, who, facing death in his attempt to climb K2, is rescued by the villagers of Korphe located in the Balkastan region of Pakistan. As the people unselfishly give from what meager means they have to nurse Greg back to health, Greg develops a deep and lasting affection for these people and especially their children. Greg is shocked to see that the children sit out in the open cold and do their schooling with sticks in the mud and dirt. He leaves Korphe determined to return and build them a school. So sets the beginning of a great, life-changing adventure.

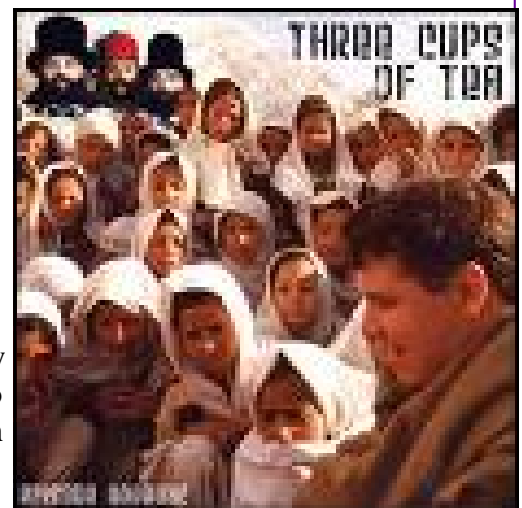
Pennies for Peace

The students have taken deeply to the profoundness of this story and have developed their own special project to support Greg's non-profit organization, "Pennies for Peace", which operated through CAI (Central Asia Institute). As many young students

across America have already done and are still doing, the students of H4 at LEC are donating their own pennies and change towards the "Pennies for Peace Project". The "Pennies for Peace Project" was Greg's response to Article 26, global education, from the U.N.'s Declaration for Human Rights. We have recently taken class and paired photos that we will use as post cards to send to Greg, along with a check for whatever among the students' pennies total. All of this is being generated through individual project books that the students themselves are writing. The project books have been designed to not only allow the students a more penetrating analysis of the book, but also a chance to be interactive with a socially relevant purpose.

Goal

Ultimately, the goal for all of this is to bring the reading experience alive in ways the students haven't experienced the English language before and to reveal a commonality between their own struggles and those shared by others they have come to know through literature.



Red Cross Recognizes Chapman

By Bill Langan

Recently, I went to a Red Cross function that recognized programs that supported them through blood drives. It was such a pleasant surprise when they called out Chapman Education Center and our program was recognized for increasing our donations **188% during the 2008 school year.** It truly speaks well for our staff and students. At Chapman, we are so fortunate to have such fine students and staff who are willing to donate to the Red Cross. I would appreciate your thanking our students on Monday for their exceptional efforts.

Thank you.
Bill



She's Back!

By Doc

Maureen is back and we are glad she is. She wants to thank everyone for their good wishes and support while she was gone.

Special Thank You's

Maureen wanted to give a special "Thank You" to Susan Neumann for filling in for me and doing Certificated payroll, Bob Wojciechowski for taking over the Open Purchase Orders, Amy Paradise for doing Classified payroll and Debbie Thayer for helping with the subs—their help is greatly appreciated.

And a little reminder: "Please do your payroll right the first time. Don't forget the absences"..

Emergency Preparedness

By Bill Langan

The Garden Grove Unified School District is being very proactive in regards to emergency preparedness. They recently applied and were accepted as a recipient of a grant that will allow them to expand upon their preparations for emergencies. The grant included the participation of the police and fire departments.

Benefits from Grant

We have recently received backpacks that contain items that will be helpful in the event of emergency evacuation from class. The backpacks will be distributed to each classroom. In addition, the grant allowed the district to work with a company that will visit our site and coordinate the recording of areas on our campus that will support entry by police and fire department personnel. All gas, water and electrical mains will be located, tagged and shown on a web site that will be available to emergency personnel.

Coordinated Efforts

I recently went to a district meeting to coordinate the efforts for Chapman that included representatives from each area. The program is also taking place on every school in our district. The possibility of an emergency situation occurring on our campus is very real and it is certainly reassuring to know that our district is being proactive and protecting staff and students.

Are you prepared at home? You may want to adopt some of these ideas.

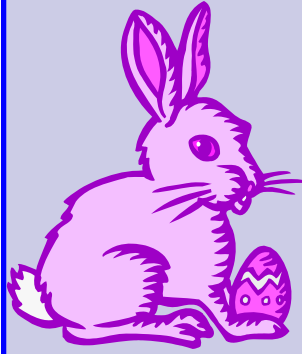
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May 29 12:30 - 2:30 LEC



Garden Grove

The Adult Editor is a newsletter for the teachers, staff and administration at Garden Grove Adult Education and ROP. To submit articles or ideas, send an email to Bill Langan or Nancy Fyson.



www.ggadulthoodeducation.org

Now includes course catalogs.
See the new, improved website.

Feature Teacher

Nguyet Le Thomas

Nguyet Le Thomas has returned to Lincoln Education Center, teaching Beginning Low/High ESL on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Nguyet formerly taught ESL in the evenings with [Kerri Amosa](#) before leaving for a short stint as Editor in Chief for an auto racing magazine. She realized life in the corporate world didn't mesh well with family responsibilities. She's now back enjoying her students, her work and, especially, spending more time with her nearly-three-year-old daughter.

Nguyet is a GGUSD graduate (from Los Amigos High School) and taught 9th grade English at Santiago High School before pursuing travel and graduate school dreams. She still contributes as a freelance writer and Website coordinator for several publications.

April Events:

- 6-10 Spring Break
- 13 EL Civics Release Mtgs this week
- 16 WASC Leadership, CHEC, 11am
- 20 EL Civics—Nutrition
- 22 Admin Professional Day
- 22 PST Mtg 12:30 LEC-Lunch
- 29 Blood Drive CHEC 8am-8pm

May Events:

- 13 Day of the Teacher
- 18-22 CASAS testing
- 25 Memorial Day
- 29 ESL Spelling Bee CHEC #20,11

June Events:

- 10 Last night classes
- 11 Last day classes
- 11 Graduation Day

Summer Events:

- June 22—July 31 Summer School

