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# The Chalkboard

A monthly update brought to you by Literacy Volunteers - Chippewa Valley

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## February 2014

### Power of Partnership

Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley was proud to be a part of the Xcel Energy United Way video.

The video was shown at all Xcel United Way employee meetings and helped the organization raise over \$155,000 for the United Way. [Click here](#) to watch the video.



### Wisconsin Literacy Awards

For the past 10 years, Wisconsin Literacy has asked local community-based literacy organizations to nominate outstanding students, tutors, programs, businesses, and advocates to be honored at their annual Celebration of Literacy. This year staff from LVCV nominated Sr. Diane Boehm for Tutor of the Year and Dorothy Sorlie for Advocate of the Year.

**\*Tutor of the Year:** Awarded to a tutor who



demonstrates a commitment to his/her learner(s) and has made a significant contribution to fulfilling the mission of his/her literacy agency through tutoring.  
\* **Literacy Advocate of the Year:** Recognizes an elected official, agency professional or member of the public who has advocated on behalf of adult learners and the programs that serve them.

### **Tutor of the Year: Sister Diane Boehm**

Sister Diane has a heart for teaching and literacy . She has mentioned repeatedly

how privileged she is to tutor her students and how hard they work. Observing her students reveals they find her consistently approachable, they love her sense of humor, and they



strive to meet her high expectations. LVCV staff and students are truly the privileged ones. Sister Diane's time, talents, and treasure are all lasting gifts to our collective work of advancing literacy in Wisconsin.

### **Honorable Mention Literacy Advocate of the Year: Dorothy Sorlie**

Whatever Dorothy has been doing since 1986, literacy has been in the forefront of her mind. As a visionary leader, she made connections for comprehensive adult programming. She has been a tremendous resource in whatever role she found



herself and has been able to connect to various people in the community. She still continues to find the opportunities to make a difference. Dorothy is a model for the definition of advocate!

Congratulations to Sister Diane and Dorothy for their awards. We are so fortunate to have them as part of our organization. Both women will be recognized in a special

ceremony in Madison Wisconsin on April 1.

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## Celebrate Writing

We all know happiness is contagious. Please share your "Happiness Interview" for this year's LVCV collection of student writings *Celebrate Writing*. [Click Here](#) for more information on submitting your story. **Deadline is April 1st.**

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## New Tutors

Our team of tutors continues to grow as we welcome a new group of volunteers to Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley. Fifteen volunteers attended Tutor Training in February!



Welcome to Connie Banchik (pictured above left), Louise Bentley, Viv De Ford, David Dial, Brent Gonyea, Penny Graham, Larry King, Jen Lohmann, Tami Nowak (pictured above right), Sue Ogden, Karen Overhulser, Betsy Patchet, Arden Thorsbakken, MaryJo VanGompel, and Kelly Zugay.

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