



JUNE 2010

From the Owl's Perch

El Monte-Rosemead Adult School

From: SANDRA STEVENS
Principal



GREAT NEWS TO END THE YEAR

Recently, I received a letter from the Accrediting Commission for Schools on the outcome of the March 2010 Accreditation visit. Here is the letter in its entirety.

Dear Mrs. Stevens:

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges is pleased to announce the action taken by the Accrediting Commission for Schools granting El Monte-Rosemead Adult School a six-year term of accreditation, expiring on June 30, 2016.

Members of the Commission studied the report of the Visiting Committee noting the stellar aspects of the school. The Commission is confident the school will continue to improve as the critical areas for follow-up are addressed within the action plan. We are asking all schools to provide a brief written report on progress made by implementing the schoolwide action plan at the end of the third year.

Please accept our congratulations on the quality of instruction being offered in your school. An appropriate certificate of accreditation will be forwarded to you in the near future.

*Very truly yours,
Dale J. Mitchell
Commission Chair*

WASC VISIT RESULTS

Our WASC Accreditation Visit was very successful. The members of the Visiting Team were very impressed with our adult school program. They had an opportunity to visit many of the classes throughout the community and only had wonderful comments to share about the classes. The team especially enjoyed the meeting with students and reported that our students really appreciate what they are learning from their teachers. **Mrs. Betty Andrews**, the WASC Chair, said our program was **OUTSTANDING**". This was truly a total school effort, and everyone did their part for the Accreditation Visit.



Betty Andrews (Center) and the entire WASC accreditation team on the last day of their visit.

OUTSTANDING

RECOGNITION OF RETIREES

Several of our El Monte-Rosemead Adult School staff are retiring this year. We would like to wish them well in all their future endeavors and let them know that they were a valuable part of this established institution and they will be greatly missed. Good Luck and Congratulations!

Enid Glick - Enid will be retiring from the El Monte Union High School District, Adult Education Program on June 30, 2010. She came to the adult school in 1978 as a vocational education teacher. Enid served our Adult Program as a teacher, counselor, and assistant principal. Enid plans to relocate to sunny, relaxing San Diego where her two daughters and grandchildren reside.

Harold Kern - In 1968, Harold was hired right out of Arroyo High School as an adult ed assistant. After finishing college, he was hired as a teacher in the ESL program in 1972. Harold will retire after 42 years of dedicated service and plans to spend his retirement traveling with his wife, Sandy.

Virginia Ronquillo - Virginia has worked for the adult school since 1993 as an ESL teacher. She became lead teacher for the ESL Distance Learning Program in 2003. She will retire after 17 years with the adult school.

Lanny Sudjono - Lanny was hired as an Adult Ed Assistant on June 1, 2005. She will retire from that position on June 30, 2010, after 5 years of dedicated service.

Dolores Morales - Dolores was hired as an Adult Ed Assistant on December 7, 2000. Her most recent position was working in the ESL Distance Learning Program. She will retire on June 30, 2010 after 9 years of committed service.

Tahani Arnaout - Tahani was hired as a Key punch Operator I, on August 13, 1984 at the District office. She will retire as an Office Clerk II on June 30, 2010 after 26 years of dedicated service.

Chao Ma - Adult Education teacher - Computer Education program

Rebecca Rivera - Adult Education teacher - ESL

INTER DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

The committee met for the first time on Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. The members are representative of all of the programs offered at EMRAS. The committee also includes a student and two members from our community. The purpose of this committee will be to oversee the implementation of the Accreditation Action Plan. We began the discussion by brainstorming what a successful and productive meeting would look like in terms of operational principles. We then identified norms, which will serve as guidelines during the course of our meetings. The following are the norms for the Inter-Department Leadership Team:

- Members will be prompt and on time
- Meetings will last one hour
- No one member shall monopolize the discussion
- The agenda will be followed
- No sidebar conversations
- Members must respect each other
- Members should attend all meetings

We also agreed that **Ref Gonzalez** will be the recorder, and **Silvia Perez** will be the time keeper. **Nancy Bruno** and **Trina Cardona** will assume the role of co-facilitators. We are currently working with **Mike Mullen** so that the minutes of the Inter-department Leadership meetings will be distributed school wide via email.

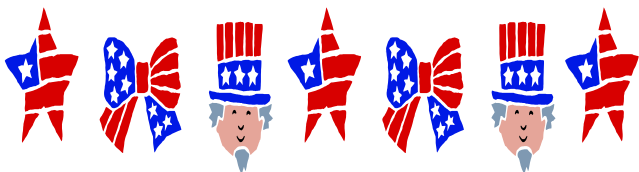
SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

From: Christine Nevarez

Socks – it's not a very large word but it is a very important item to our troops. We have been collecting new pairs of socks for our care packages and we have now collected over 300 pairs. I would like to send a special thank you to all the evening teachers and students at the Ramona Center who donated 228 pairs of socks and to **Carmen Hernandez** who organized this very generous donation.



May marked the third year that the El Monte-Rosemead Adult school has been sending care packages to support our troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. As we all look forward to the July 4th holiday, we are reminded how very precious our freedom is and how blessed we are to live in such a great country. Please remember that our packages and cards mean so much to the brave men and women who serve our country and help preserve the freedom we all enjoy. I want to wish everyone a very happy July 4th and a fun and relaxing summer.



WALDEN HOUSE SUCCESS

Everyone at the El Monte-Rosemead Adult School is extremely proud to recognize the efforts and success of **Tiffany Romero**. Tiffany participated in the Walden House G.E.D. program, taught by **Sandy Kaplan**. After careful preparation and completing practice tests, Tiffany took her G.E.D. exam proctored by **Tim Campa** and **Olga Lopez**. We all were very pleased when the scores came back. She passed! Tiffany's desire and dedication have paid off, and we are all very proud of her. **Ms. Glick** has arranged for her to receive a scholarship at graduation, and several of the students from Walden House will be in attendance. Tiffany will be honored not only for her achievement, but for setting a good example and proving that hard work and a positive attitude are the key ingredients that will lead to success in life.

END OF YEAR LUNCH/DINNER



Staff at Rosemead center enjoying the delicious food from El Sombrero.

The Ramona and Rosemead Centers enjoyed food from El Sombrero Restaurant. The lunch/dinner included beef and cheese enchiladas, Mexican rice, beans, chips, and a drink. The food was delicious, and it was a good time for all staff to spend time together. We would like to thank all the classified and maintenance staff at both sites who worked so hard to make it enjoyable for the rest of us.

CCAE NEWS

El Monte-Rosemead students and staff would like to congratulate **Maricyl Rosewitz** for being selected as this year's recipient of the South Coast El Monte Chapter State CALCO Award (Excellence in Teaching Award). Maricyl received a state award of recognition from the California Council of Adult Education for her outstanding accomplishments in service of El Monte-Rosemead adult students.

Ms. Rosewitz truly understands that learning is lifelong and has given her expertise to many students with a thirst for knowledge. It is the strength and dedication of teachers like Ms. Rosewitz that enables our students to reach and surpass their educational goals and become lifelong learners and productive members of our society.



Calco Award winner Maricyl Rosewitz with Sara Shapiro, Erix Oliva, and Sandy Stevens

Maricyl, from all of us at El Monte-Rosemead Adult School, Congratulation on your well deserved recognition.



CCAE NEWS

Thanks to our students and staff fund raising efforts (Nacho Sale, and Drawings), the California Council of Adult Education Scholarship Fund was able to contribute \$1400 for the Charlotte Snowden memorial grant.

Because of the collaboration between CCAE Scholarship Fund and Gary Lee Optometry in El Monte (626) 442-6620, we were able to provide one of our students with her much needed glasses. Thank you, **Gary Lee O.D.**, **Arlen Farajian ,O.D.** and **Kristen Lee O.D.** for helping El Monte-Rosemead Adult School students with their vision needs.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Summer School

June 21, 2010 - July 29, 2010

CAHSEE Testing

Tuesday, July 27 - Language Arts

Wednesday, July 28 - Math

Fall 2010 Semester Begins

Monday, August 30, 2010



ADULT ED WEEK

Every year the El Monte Rosemead Adult School celebrates Adult Education Week. This year's theme was "Celebrating Our Global Community."



Students participated in a variety of activities such as a cultural fashion show, dances, poetry reading, and songs from their native countries. Children from Maxson Elementary Ballet Folklorico group performed a folklorico dance, and a community group called the Hai Phong Association performed a traditional Chinese dance.



Children from our Granada Child Care Center paraded in their native outfits and sang "It's a Small World." The global celebration included a cultural food experience with students at the Ramona Center enjoying hamburgers from In-N-Out, and the students at the Rosemead Center enjoyed a taco plate from Super Burrito.

ADULT ED WEEK



As part of Adult Education week, students' work from all departments was displayed at the Ramona and Rosemead Centers. The Ramona Center gave campus tours for students to learn more about the Career and Technical Education, ESL, and High School Diploma Programs. The Ramona Center also hosted a Scholastic Book Fair to promote reading awareness.



Rosemead Center students enjoyed a health/resource fair which included twenty exhibitors. Students were able to receive health screenings and information from representatives such as the California Highway Patrol, Employment Development Department, Work Source, Social Security, and Asian Pacific Family Centers.



STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEES

The El Monte Union High School District

These are the members of the El Monte Union High School District Student Scholarship Committee at our adult school:

Sandy Brown, (Medical), **Susan Wall**, (CTE), **Tim Campa**, (Counselor), **Sheral Stout**, (CTE), **Paul Diaz**, (Counselor), **Mary Segovia**, (ESL), **Vicki Moreno**, (ESL), **Refugio Gonzalez**, (HSD) **Luis Serrano**, (HSD), **Nancy Bruno**, (Counselor), **Lisa Ton**, (Counselor), **James Taite**, (Director)

This committee decides which students receive the awards from the district scholarship fund. For the past several years each high school in the district, as well as the adult school, has received \$2000 per school year to award in June: however, the adult school divides our monies between January and June. The monies for this scholarship come from employees throughout our district. You may donate to this scholarship fund through payroll deduction if you wish. The forms are available in September.

Here are the guidelines for EMUHSD scholarship. The student must be either:

- ✓ Graduating from the Adult High School Diploma Program
- ✓ Completing the GED requirements
- ✓ Exiting an advanced level ESL class and continuing at a different school or entering the CTE or high school program at EMRAS
- ✓ Seeking and/or attained employment in his or her CTE field

and the student must be either:

- ✓ Continuing his or her education at college or
- ✓ Continuing his or her education at a trade/technical school (including the EMRAS CTE program)

Please read them carefully to see if any of your students qualify. Applications are available in the resource centers at both sites or from a committee member. Contact any of the above committee members if you have any questions or concerns.

All applicants are asked to give his or her completed scholarship application to his or her teacher. The teacher, in turn, gives it to the committee member in his or her department, along with a verbal recommendation. Then the committee member brings the scholarship application(s) he or she has collected to the committee meeting where the students are selected to receive their award.

The scholarships are either awarded at graduation ceremonies in January, June, or in class.

CHARLOTTE P. SNOWDEN GRANT

The Charlotte P. Snowden Grant applications are available during the same time period as the district scholarship, although funds from this grant may help students at anytime during the school year. If you know of a student in need of help please contact one of the committee members. The monies for this scholarship are raised through fundraisers during the school year and from donations from staff and CCAE. The members of this committee are:

Alice Drumm, (CTE), **Arlene Oyola**, (HSD), **Bruce Patnou**, (ESL), **Harold Kern**, (ESL), **Isolda Robinson**, (ESL), **Vicki Moreno**, (ESL), **Janet Kershaw** (Parent Ed) **Mary Segovia**, (ESL), **Lisa Ton**, (Counselor), **Refugio Gonzalez**, (HSD) **Rocio Lazos-Quevedo**, (CTE), **Paul Diaz**, (Counselor)

Charlotte Snowden, for those of you who did not know her, was an ESL teacher for many years at the Ramona Center until her untimely death in 1998. This grant was started in her honor by the teachers that worked alongside her.

**CHARLOTTE SNOWDEN
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

June 2010

Hayde Cajero	CTE	Ramona Center
Diana Acevedo	CTE	Ramona Center
Jacqueline Acevedo	CTE	Ramona Center
Maria Cano	CTE	Ramona Center
Venessa Jacobo	CTE	Ramona Center
James Alphonse Ponnet	ESL	Ramona Center
Brenda Gonzalez	CTE	Ramona Center
Richard Rodriguez	CTE	Ramona Center
Ziling Chen	ESL	Rosemead Center
Chiu Eng	ESL	Rosemead Center
Wie Kai Huang	ESL	Rosemead Center
Carlos Mejia	ESL	Ramona Center
Aida Estrada	ESL	Ramona Center
Jose Fregoso	ESL	Ramona Center
Humberto Castaneda	ESL	Ramona Center
Erick Vazquez	ESL	Ramona Center
Jennifer Guzman	HSD	Rosemead Center
Cristina Rodriguez	HSD	Ramona Center



**EL MONTE UNION HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

June 2010

Snow Hou	HSD
Jian Sun	HSD
Susana Lopez	CTE
Lisa Marie Arden	CTE
Daiva Escalante	CTE
Maribel Ortiz	CTE
Lina Yu	CTE
Xing Ying Zhang	CTE
Celia Alfaro	ESL
Carlos Olivarez	ESL
Ernestina Miramontes	ESL
Else Lin Sun	ESL
Huong Thanh Quach	ESL

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER

