One of our adult learners told us that “Learning to speak, read and write and understand when others are speaking has changed everything in my life. It has made me feel like I’m somebody now. I’m more a part of things.”

One potential tutor “… I like to add that my life is truly more enjoyable now that I feel useful again. Meeting Carol Sandmeier and Katie Weber, tutors at St Gall’s and attending your presentation at Douglas County Library has given me new purpose in life. And working with Rosemarie Sherman is an added gift!”

Students Martha and Pedro Coscarart writes: “Rosemarie Sherman, has been an excellent teacher with lots of passion for her students. Rosemarie has taught us a lot and helped build more confidence in improving social skills. We have admired the form of teaching and practice we receive with her in class. We are grateful to her and the ESL In-Home Program for giving us this opportunity.”

New Student: “My name is Esayas S. Tesema, I prepared this letter for my ESL program for why I came to the United states of America. Before I came here, I used to live in Addis Abeba, the capital city of Ethiopia. My wife, Yodit, a student of the ESL program lives in Carson City, Nevada. Before 3 years ago, my wife started an immigration process and received my Visa for me to live in Carson City with her and become a student in the ESL program.”

“I am really enjoying tutoring, and am so glad I joined the program. Thank you,” Britany Ortega

“My life is so much fuller now since becoming an ESL Tutor. The rewards are tremendous by watching my student progress. Thank you for this program” BJ

“I am a single mother who dropped out of school in 8th grade and could not find a job because I have no high school diploma. I am now in an ESL In-Home GED class which will help me find a job.” Gratefully, RW
MORE STUDENT SUCCESSES

1. Congratulations to the following students for passing the exam and becoming U.S. Citizens:
   a) Patricia Gonzales
   b) Sersy Martinez
   c) Victor Buenrostro
   d) Claudia Arellano

Our program would not be as successful as it is without the help of our currently active 145 community volunteer tutors, and our five AmeriCorps/Vista members. One important goal is to make connections and build relationships. When it makes sense, we create new partnerships with community groups. At other times, we simply help to “connect the dots” by introducing agencies to other partners that make sense for them. It is all about building communities. Our vision is to engage the whole community in building literacy. Our volunteer tutors and Vista members get out and talk about the importance of literacy. Literacy is not just about speaking, reading and writing; it is also about respect, opportunity and development.

Every dollar we receive will help pay for books to start students on our waiting list.

STATISTICAL UPDATE

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Total Tutor Hours for Year 2012:

5,912

Total Students Waiting in all Counties: 398

We need tutors, we need tutors, we need you!!

ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada provides an individualized approach to teaching adults the skills they need for personal growth and employment. The Program works with many immigrant individuals and those whose lives were devastated by trauma in their original countries. We provide the necessary education for clients to reach their full potential. We help them to gain the self-confidence they need to move on. In this regard, because we are growing rapidly, we need funds to purchase additional instructional material to help the people on our waiting list who are anxious to learn to speak, read, write and understand English, some wanting GED preparation, and Computer Literacy and Citizenship Study. Because classified advertisements call for computer skills, it was necessary to start a Computer Literacy class. Some students who are taking the class learned that some companies require you to apply for a job through the Internet. That’s another reason learning the computer is necessary. Now students in the class know how to apply for a job on the computer. They can fill out an application. They hope to find a job in anything. “I like coming and learning, and learning about computers,” one student says, “even if it takes so long.”

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If you think you may want to try this program please call 775-888-2021 or Donna J. McElroy at 775-246-8765.

Thank you for your attention to this notice.

NEW PARTNERS

One hand helping another:

- Northern Nevada Literacy Council
- JOIN, Inc.
- Family Homeless Shelter

Many of you may be aware of the fact that we have folks in Northern Nevada who do not speak our language well. Ever wonder what it might be like to be in another country and not be able to go into a store to buy food for your families? What about trying to find a cold medicine for a sick child? Ugh!

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## RECIPES

### David’s CHOC-OAT-CHIP Cookies (About 4 dozen large)
- 1 cup (2 sticks) margarine or butter, softened
- 1/2 C granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons milk
- one 12-oz. pkg semi sweet chocolate pcs (2 cups)
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup chopped nuts (optional)
- 1 cup chopped chocolate chips
- 1 cup crumbled Gorgonzola cheese
- 1/4 tsp. Tabasco or other hot sauce
- 1/4 C sour cream
- 1/2 C bacon drippings or vegetable oil

**David adds:**
- 1-2/3 C more chocolate chips/chocolate chunks combined; Makes one batch like this. Next batch he adds 3 medium handfuls of M&Ms to the batter. The next batch he adds 3 medium handfuls of peanut butter M&Ms to the batter. The cookie batter gets more and more chocolaty.

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees F.;
2. Melt butter and mix in sugars.
3. Add eggs, milk and vanilla; beat well.
4. Add combined flour, baking soda and salt; mix well.
5. Stir in oats, chocolate pieces and nuts; mix well.
6. Drop a ball of cookie dough that is about 2” in diameter onto the ungreased cookie sheet (no flattening necessary) (7) Bake 15 minutes (check to see if your oven is the same as ours at 12 minutes. Do they look done?)
7. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheet; remove to wire rack.

### Vista Donna McElroy—Stuffed Prime Time Peppers
- 2 oz Walnut halves
- 4 oz Low Fat Cream Cheese
- 2 med green onions (white part + 1” of green)
- 1/2 C Low Fat Sour Cream
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 1/4 tsp. Tabasco or other hot sauce
- 1 C crumbled Gorgonzola cheese
- Small bag of mini red and yellow peppers

1. Toast walnuts, cool and chop; chop green onions. Place cream cheese, sour cream, salt, pepper and Tabasco in a bowl; stir until creamy. Add green onions, Gorgonzola, and walnuts. Refrigerate for one hour or longer to allow the flavors to blend. Cut mini peppers in half and remove seeds and membranes. Fill with cheese mixture and keep refrigerated for 10 minutes before serving.

### Taught to Donna by her Student, Sandra Salavarrieta from Bogata, Columbia—Fried Plaintains:
A side dish for a Colombian meal. Plantains are purchased separately and not in a bunch. The fruit is larger than a banana. Peel fruit and cut into pieces of about 2” and fry to a golden brown color. Take from skillet, put on a flat surface and press flat. Return to skillet for the final browning. This final cooking time allows the fruit to become a golden brown color and then it shapes into a flower in bloom. Taste is a real treat!

**NOTE:** Flatten the plantain by placing a piece of plastic over them, putting a saucer on top to push the pieces down.

### IMMIGRATION SERVICES
**Free consultations are given every 2nd Friday of each month.**

Mark your calendars for March 8 and April 12 from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00 to 5:00 pm at Catholic Charities, 500 E. Fourth Street, Reno 89512

Walk-In services on Saturdays from 10:00 to 2:00 PM

We received a call from

**Frank Taylor, 885-7579, Kit Carson Toastmaster Club**

Read our Letter to Editor in NV Appeal:

He is suggesting that our students attend as guests regarding public speaking.

Meets at **Grandma Hattie’s Restaurant, 2811 S. Carson St., Carson**

Tues – 6:30 am – can go 2-3x times as guest for breakfast meeting.....or...

Tues – Noon: go as guest for lunch .....or......

Thurs – 6pm – includes dinner

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