

# Literacy Volunteers of Greater Bridgeport

*A program of the Friends of the Bridgeport Public Library*

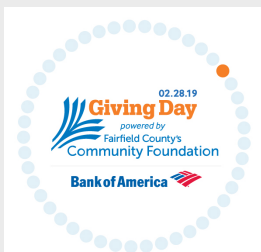
## WINTER NEWSLETTER

### Holiday Closings

Please note: All Bridgeport Public Library locations will be closed on Monday, 1/21 and Monday, 2/18 due to the MLK and Presidents' Day observances.

### Save the Date!

Please mark your calendars for the annual Fairfield County Community Foundation Giving Day, which will be held on 2/28/19. This is a 24 hour fundraising event which focuses on non-profit organizations in Fairfield County. LVBPT will be one of many worthy participating organizations, so we encourage you to spread the word about what we do and remind your friends and relatives to participate in Giving Day!



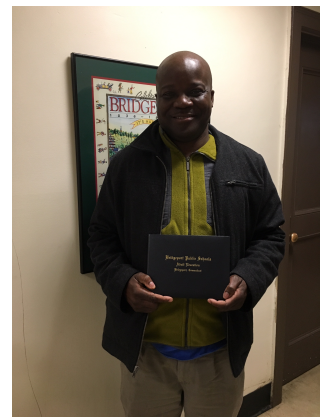
### Holiday Party

We held our annual LVBPT Holiday Celebration for tutors and students on December 9. Everyone enjoyed a potluck lunch with dishes from many different cultures and musical entertainment provided by talented volunteers. Thank you to Karen, Tom, Jean, Melissa and Dawn for playing and singing the holiday tunes!



### New Graduate / New Driver

We're very proud of our most recent high school graduate, Patrick, who completed the National External Diploma Program in November! And congratulations to Basic Literacy student, Richard, who passed both the written and road test portions of the driver's license test!



*Patrick*

## Welcome New Tutors!

We have 4 enthusiastic new tutors who completed the fall tutor training and have started working with students. Welcome to Neil, Nancy, Verna, and Karen!



## Grant Funding

### *Fairfield Rotary Club*

Thank you to the Fairfield Rotary, who provided us with a grant so that we will be able to print and bind a collection of our students' writings. We look forward to sharing their stories with you when the project is completed this spring!

### *Book Fund Grant in Memory of Mary Morgan*

We are very excited to announce that LVBPT is the recipient of a Book Fund Grant from ProLiteracy! This means that starting this summer, we will be able to order a designated amount of teaching materials each year, free of charge from ProLiteracy.

Mary Cunningham Morgan was born in Bridgeport, CT and graduated from Harding High School in 1943. Throughout her life she supported and volunteered in programs that supported education, healthcare and the arts. In her honor and memory her family has established the Mary C. Morgan endowment at ProLiteracy, that will support the National Book Fund, a ProLiteracy program that makes grants for educational materials to adult literacy and adult basic education programs to help teach adults to read and further their education. Starting in 2019 the endowment has designated that annual distributions be made to support the work of ProLiteracy member program Literacy Volunteers of Greater Bridgeport.



## New Tutors Needed!

Our next Information Session for potential new tutors will be held on **Wednesday, 2/13 at 12 noon** at the Bridgeport Public Library, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. If you know of someone who might be interested in attending, please ask them to email [lwolfeiler@bridgeportpubliclibrary.org](mailto:lwolfeiler@bridgeportpubliclibrary.org).