



A L.O.V.E. Letter

From Local Outreach Volunteer Educators



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Participating Schools & Community Centers

Elementary Schools: Bartow, Bethesda Home for Boys, East Broad, Gadsden, Garrison, Georgetown, Gould, Haven, Heard, Islands, Isle of hope, Low, Notre Dame Academy, Port Wentworth, Southwest, Spencer, West Chatham, White Bluff

Middle Schools: Bethesda Home for Boys, DeRenne, Hubert

High Schools: Savannah

Community Centers:

- Aldersgate United Methodist Church/ Performance Initiatives Center
- Salvation Army Center
- Savannah Baptist Center

L.O.V.E Sponsors

Asbury United Methodist Church
Congregation Mickve Israel
Isle of Hope United Methodist Church
Messiah Lutheran Church
St. James Catholic Church
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Savannah Christian Church
Skidaway Island Baptist Church
Skidaway Island United Methodist Church
Speedwell United Methodist Church
Trinity United Methodist Church (Pooler)
White Bluff United Methodist Church
Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Island
Rotary Club of Skidaway Island
Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation
Wal-Mart Corporation

L.O.V.E. Officers

Chairwoman—Joyce Glenn
Vice Chairwoman—Ann Tremaine
Secretary—Marby Varley
Treasurer—Dave Dawson
Training—Catherine Ruhl and Sherri Brecker
Recruitment—Wilma Tysee
Senior Site Coordinators—Marion Hofstein, Ginny Pierce and Julie Clary
Past Chairwoman—Alice Wright
Chair Emeritus—Fred Loe

Chairman Chatter—

Another school year gone! Can you believe it? I hope each of you enjoyed working with your kids. I know they find the time with you a highlight in their school day. As the old saying goes “A man never stands as tall as when he stoops to help a child.” Stand tall! You do a great job.

Update on Fred Loe: Ann Tremaine and I visited Fred Loe while he was in rehab. He was glad to see us and we undated him on the happenings of L.O.V.E.. As we send this out he is headed to Florida with his family to celebrate Nancy's and his 60th wedding anniversary.

The Board held their last meeting until September. There were several items I want to pass along.

We have Wal-mart money left to spend. We have located printers at Wal-mart. These printers would benefit students and mentors as well as the school. In August we will be asking if your school needs a printer. The only thing we ask is the printer be kept in the media center and could be used by the mentors. This is our first year to work with Wal-Mart and hope to continue this partnership in the future.

We welcome three new members to our Board. Norma Beck will be the new Vice Chairman. Ann Tremaine will become the co-chair with me. Next year Norma will become co-chair with Ann and we will select a new vice chair.

Jackie Riley will become our corporate recruiter, and Aileen Clarkson will become a senior site coordinator. You can read more about these two ladies in this newsletter's profiles.

Ann and I each attended two culminating activities for our Oral history project at Savannah High School. Lynn Schwartz has

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done an outstanding job with these students. The project has provided many experiences that these kids would never have and gave them skills to use for a lifetime.

We encourage you to ask a friend to join us as mentors in the fall. Have a safe and fun summer. Stay cool!

Joyce Glenn
Chairman

Board Briefs:

- Received a briefing on school changes for next year.
- Decided to use extra Wal-Mart money to buy printers for schools that requested them.
- Bill Munroe purchasing books from Wal-Mart to give to students.
- Report from nominating Committee: Recommended starting a rotation featuring a vice chair and two co- chairs. This was voted on and approved. Also approved the appointment of Norma Beck as vice-chair; Jackie Riley as Corporate Recruiter; Aileen Clarkson as Senior Site Coordinator.
- Gave final approval to send kids to summer camp as recommended by Bill Munroe.

MEET THE MENTORS
by
Carolyn Szlasa

Aileen Clarkson arrived in the United States three years ago from Manchester, England with her husband, who is employed by Gulfstream, and her two sons. Her 9th grader attends high school at the Savannah Arts Academy and Aileen's younger son will begin 7th grade at the Visual & Performing Arts School at Garrison this fall.

In a very short time, she has become a vital part of the Savannah community and an important member of our L.O.V.E. program. Aileen was recently asked to become a member of our board of directors, a position which she eagerly accepted. In her new role as Senior Site Coordinator, she will function as a liaison between the board and site coordinators at six of the schools served by our program.

Previously, Aileen was a substitute teacher at St. Andrews and a volunteer at the adult learning center in the evenings. In the U.K., she taught adult education at a community college.

After reading an article in The Savannah Morning News about the L.O.V.E. program, she visited the web site,
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liked what she saw, and began mentoring at Islands Elementary last fall. Unlike most mentors who work one on one with students, Aileen worked with a group of three fifth graders teaching math skills.

Aileen says, “I find it rewarding to inspire the love of math through game playing and other avenues which are not used in their daily classroom activities. I enjoy utilizing many of the resources from my past teaching experiences.”

Aileen is team manager for her son’s soccer team and plans to mount a recruitment campaign for L.O.V.E., this fall, targeting the soccer moms in her community. L.O.V.E. is fortunate to have such an energetic and enthusiastic member of our program.

Jackie Riley was reading a newsletter for another organization one day when a brief description of L.O.V.E. caught her eye. She went to the web link provided to do a bit of research about the organization, then contacted L.O.V.E. through the web to become a mentor.

She began her mentoring program this past fall at Islands Elementary where she taught reading to two second grade boys. “They remind me so much of my sons when they were growing up. They were two years apart and were always so competitive. These two boys were in the same classroom and were also competitive with one another.”

Jackie was recently asked to join the board of directors to work on Corporate Recruiting. She will be calling on companies to recruit mentors as well as solicit monetary donations.

Jackie and her husband own and operate a home inspection business and we’re happy to hear that business is good. Their two sons, now 31 and 29 years old, live in Richmond, Virginia and Pasadena, California. Jackie was born and raised in Macon and moved to Savannah from Atlanta six years ago.

The graphic features the words "Summer Vacation" in a large, light blue, sans-serif font. The text is decorated with several colorful flowers: a yellow flower with a white center is positioned above the 'S' in "Summer"; a pink flower is placed below the 'm'; a yellow flower is above the 'e'; a yellow flower is below the 'r'; a pink flower is below the 'i' in "Vacation"; a yellow flower is above the 'o'; a pink flower is below the 'n'; and a pink flower is below the 'n'.