



## Frenzy of Activities for Fall

### **Orientation**— October, 1st, 8th and 10th, from 5:15-8:30.

Spread the word that Probate & Family Court Volunteer Services is holding pre-service orientation.

This in-service will provide an overview about opportunities to volunteer in prevention, probation and guardianship.

Call our office for more information:

922-4827



### **Volunteer Satisfaction Survey, coming in next Newsletter!**

### **CASA and Learning**

#### **Partner Meeting**

On **Tuesday, September 17, 4 pm—6 pm** volunteers will join with CASA volunteers to hear from Mary Barnes, TCAPS Special Education teacher as she explains the process involved in an Independent Education Plan (IEP). Several CASA and Learning Partners work with children in special education. Please plan on attending this important in-service training so that we might better understand the needs and the services provided to our kids. **All volunteers are welcome to attend.** Feel free to bring a friend who might benefit from this valuable presentation.

**Transportation**—It's time again for volunteer transporters and attendants to meet, to eat, to revisit our procedures and to share what we've learned this year. 79 successful transports to boot cam, secure or non-secure detention have been completed this year. Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, September 12, 2013, from 5:15 pm—7:30 pm** and join volunteer services, probation staff, and TCAPS liaison officer for a lite supper, as we take a look back on what we have accomplished this year, and what to plan for in the next. R.S.V.P., 231-922-4827, by September 9th.

### **I.D Card Renewal**

Your ID badge needs to be renewed and we are asking volunteers to please come into the Volunteer Services Office on **Wednesdays from 2 pm to 4pm** in order for us to take your picture. If this day/time does not work for you, please call us at 231-922-4827 to schedule a different time. The new ID badges will be good for three years. **\*Note:** Background checks are now required on an annual basis. We will use current release forms to complete these checks.



## Happy Birthday

### September

Maryann Wichtner	Patricia Bowen	Gayenell Gentelia
Don Hutchinson	Paul Hathaway	Melissa Morgan
Diane Cowley	Marilyn Vlach	Nathan Juett
John Evans	Jeana Paquet	Margaret Olsen-
Alexander Moore	Peggy Friess	Biggar
Michael Herron	Eileen Larsen	
Phil Hamburg	Jeri Cooke	
Diana Zapalski	Patty Marar	

### October

Jim Valko	Dave Speirs
Joseph Fraser	Robin Komrska
Margaret Gove	Lisa Hoffman
Dolores Rode	Jen Carlson
Jim Doman	Jim Dawson
Sue Soderberg	Robyn Savory
Violet Brott	
Nancy Crandall	

## Beanie Babies

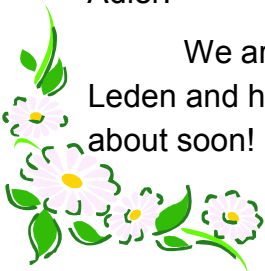
**ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!** On **Tuesday, November 26, 2013**, Grand Traverse County will hold our Annual Adoption Day proceedings. Judge Stanton would like to continue the tradition of having children who come before the court receive a small gift. In conjunction with this very special occasion, we are asking for your help to replenish our supply of “Beanie Babies, “stuffed animals, and small cars/trucks (matchbox type) and books”. Donations may be made by dropping off toys during a monthly meeting or by bringing them to the volunteer services office by **November 15**. Your donations will ensure that all of our newly adopted kids receive a toy and ensure others will receive one, all year long. Thank you! **\*Note: Security will be happy to take your donations at the door, for your convenience.**



### Thoughts & Prayers

We were sorry to hear about the passing of our friend Helen Adler, wife of long time Probate Court and Governmental Center Information desk Volunteer, Harold Adler.

We are thinking of Betty Leden and hope she is out and about soon!



Thank You Matt Shumate!

A **BIG** thank you from Volunteer Services goes out to Matt Shumate, who volunteered his time this summer to update and convert our paper forms into electronic forms that will be available in the near future, on our website. We appreciate all of Matt's efforts this summer during his break from Michigan State University.



**Fishing Fun**



Despite the weather forecasts, we were able to hold our annual Learning Partner Fishing

and Fun Activity as scheduled on July 31st. Thank you to Volunteers Linda Dittmer, Nancy Fraser and Barb Harmer for your Fishing Fun efforts!

**Back to School Celebration**

Learning Partners will celebrate back-to-school with a nature hike and pot-luck picnic dinner on **August 28th**. Students, their families and Learning Partner Volunteers will have the opportunity to participate in a nature scavenger hunt in a special guided hike at the Grand Traverse County Conservation District Sabin Pond Trails. Students and siblings will end the evening better prepared for school as they receive supplies in a backpack donated by Sunrise Rotary Charities.

**Meeting Date Change**

See pg. 1 for Sept. meeting info. Thank you back pack stuffers: Ruth Bay, Bev Saur, Laura and Jim Shumate.



On **Tuesday, September 17th** at 4:00 p.m. Mary Barns, Special Education teacher, TCAPS. (See Page 1), will meet with CASA and Learning Partner volunteers.

In **October**, we will welcome GALS, Stacey Truesdell and Kyle Trevas. Stacey and Kyle are new to our court in this role.

Please join us and meet Stacey and Kyle so they might learn from you on how CASA works and how you can best work with them.

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**CASA Conference 2013**

**Nov. 8th-9th**

The Bavarian Inn Lodge of Frankenmuth



Guest Room Rates: \$125 per Standard  
\$175 per Suite

Use group number when reserving: 11K1YW  
Taking Reservations and Conference Registration Information will be coming soon.



Volunteer Services is gearing up for fall in-service opportunities and reviewing our programs. We've put together a few thoughts and reminders for volunteers, that we hope are helpful in your volunteer work.

- \* We hope you're renewing your ID cards. For questions please call, 922-4827.
  - \* Please plan ahead for parking and getting through security if you have appointments and court hearings to attend.
- \* Do dress for the occasion: Volunteers do represent our court, a business casual appearance is encouraged for court hearings, agency meetings, or appointments with youth and families.
  - \* Reports are important. Some programs require monthly reporting while others are needed as assignments are completed.
- \* Your report helps us; 1) Know what you're doing. 2) Allows staff to understand and assist you. 3) Tells us where we need to improve. 4) Provides important information for Volunteer Services programming. 5) Provides records of contacts and hours you have given to our Court.

Our report forms (and soon to be our applications) are available via email. Call us if you have questions, as we may be able to help you access them. Also, to further assist you, we have report forms available on the extra office computer if you need to type up your reports.

***Many thanks to all of our volunteers  
for everything you do!***



## ***New Vision Academy 2013***



Many thanks to all of the volunteer facilitators for making the time to expose our youth to new ideas and skills to help them now and in the future.

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| <b>Norman Bowbeer</b>     | <b>Joe Riddle</b>            |
| <b>Niki Dunwiddie</b>     | <b>Elizabeth Black</b>       |
| <b>Shelly Bisson</b>      | <b>Lisa Danto</b>            |
| <b>Cassidy Fisher</b>     | <b>Trooper Kris Mikowski</b> |
| <b>Sabrina Scott</b>      | <b>Don Kuelhorn</b>          |
| <b>Mike Herron</b>        | <b>Sharon Herron</b>         |
| <b>Chris Oosse</b>        | <b>Adam Reister</b>          |
| <b>Dr. Craig Brakeman</b> | <b>Jim Adkins</b>            |
| <b>Philip Hamburg</b>     | <b>Shenandoah Chefalo</b>    |
| <b>Gerald Chefalo</b>     | <b>Ellen Briggs</b>          |
| <b>TJ Stewart</b>         | <b>Kathy Newton</b>          |
| <b>Brittany Spencer</b>   | <b>Karen Simpson</b>         |
| <b>Jill Kimball</b>       | <b>Mary Beth Novak</b>       |
| <b>Elizabeth Stevens</b>  |                              |



# GRAND TRAVERSE AREA LITERACY COUNCIL



I see a few leaves on the ground and tiny bits of color (probably due to our current drought), but fall must be coming as we are all being bombarded by 'back to school' ads.

GTALC had no Board meeting in July and as of this writing we have not yet had our August Board meeting. However, that does not mean that we are not at work. Students are still being tutored and projects initiated a month or two before are in process.

We continue to refine the new procedures for Probate and Family Court referrals and anticipate a completion of the new procedures by September. GTALC will then be ready to help court-referred adults seeking help in reading.

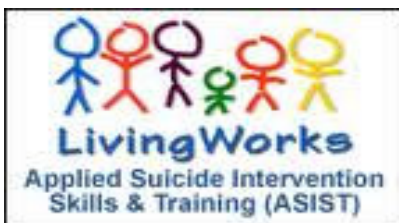
Working with our partners at Plante Moran, we have an outreach event scheduled for September 25. We hope to make lots of new connections with agencies, and potential client referrals to our organization.

Another part of our 2013/14 outreach activities will involve our Board hosting representatives of other organizations to share outreach techniques.

Our next tutor training is scheduled for October 22, 24, and 26. If you know someone who would like to become a tutor have them call our office at 231-922-4574 or email us at [gtaal22@gmail.com](mailto:gtaal22@gmail.com).

Respectfully submitted,

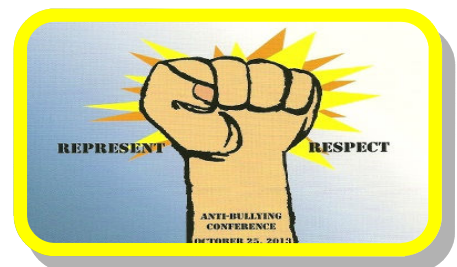
Dick Thompson, President GTALC



Applied Suicide Intervention Skills  
Training  
2-Day Workshop

**September 19 & 20, 2013**

Thursday & Friday– 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Central United Methodist Church-Cass St.



Anti-Bullying Conference

**October 25th, 2013**

For students 8th grade-adults.  
Hagerty Conference Center  
Northwestern Michigan College  
Visit: [www.michigan.gov/MDCR](http://www.michigan.gov/MDCR)



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\*All meeting are held at the Volunteer Services office unless otherwise mentioned.

**Learning Partners**

1st Tuesday-4:00-5:00 pm

**Tuesday, No Mtg. (see pg. 1)**  
**Tuesday, October 1st**



**CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)**

3rd Tuesday- 4:00-6:00 pm

**Tuesday, September 17th**  
**Tuesday, October 15th**



**Literacy Council**

3rd Wednesday-6:00 pm  
 Traverse Area District Library

**Wednesday, September 18th**  
**Wednesday, October 16th**



**Successful Fishing Trips!**

Thank you to Matt Dohm for another successful fishing season on West Bay. Your support of our youth is most appreciated and they really enjoyed catching these big fish!

