

## October Tutor/Student of the Month

Linda Kolowski & Yuricela



*Congratulations to Yuri & Linda for being chosen  
October's Tutor/Student of the Month!*

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Tutor: Linda Kozlowski retired, then moved up north and wanted to become a part of the community so she became a literacy tutor, and we're glad she did!

She trained in May 2023 and her current student is already her 2nd student. Linda has such a friendly smile and a great personality that she is very welcoming to people she meets. Her current student, Yuri, says she learns well from Linda and enjoys the humor, and the occasional song, that goes along with learning English. (Linda loves karaoke, by the way).

Student: Yuricela (Yuri) was born and raised in Mexico. She came to the USA in 2020 where she and her husband are employed on a local dairy farm. They have a son who is pre-school age. Yuri felt it was necessary to learn English both on the farm and in the community so she requested assistance. Linda says Yuri is bright, pleasant and eager to learn new words and phrases. Yuri and Linda seem to make learning fun at the Coleman library where they meet.

### A Message from the Prez...A Word from Janet Glime

When I visit the tutor/student group to see how they are doing with the materials that have been given, I am always amazed at the friendship that has developed between the students and their tutor. I saw this first-hand this year when Lilly Vang and I taught together with contracted workers from Fincantieri Marinette Marine. We were so fortunate to have Cameron from Trade Team USA contracting service join us in teaching the class; and, we were also fortunate that we had a group of wonderful, fun-loving people as students. It became a joy to meet with them.

Our Council's plans now are to host an English Conversation Club and meet monthly for pizza and soda. All students will be invited and all can use their English language skills in ordering and seeing how each other are doing in their lives. We're just waiting until some of this coldest weather gets behind us so we can enjoy going out in the evening. Brrr! But, hope to see everyone together soon!

Then, in spring we also plan to host a "Tutor Time-Out" luncheon to show appreciation for tutors' time and effort. It's always a pleasure when we can join together for some fun to celebrate all the learning that takes place.

Note to tutors: Thank you for your fine service. Should you know of a person that has a passion for helping others, enjoys seeing another make positive changes in his/her life and has time for a regular meeting with an individual, please mention about being a literacy tutor; we would love to have them.

## November Tutor/Student of the Month

Linda Warren & Karla



*Congratulations, Linda & Karla for being chosen as November's Tutor & Student of the Month!*

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Tutor: Linda Warren began as a tutor back in 2017. Karla is now Linda's 5th student. In fact, one of Linda's previous students improved her English well enough that she was able to begin her own on-line business. Linda has now been matched with Karla since Sept of this year. They began with basic English and Karla is learning rapidly. Linda is good-natured and calm and maybe gets some of that from her Master Gardener experience at the Harmony Arboretum. Karla says Linda is a very good teacher and she enjoys learning from Linda. By the way, Linda is from England so she understands what it's like to move to a new country.

Student: Karla was born and raised in Mexico and came to the USA in August 2023. She is employed on a dairy farm and likes working there. Along with learning farm terms she is learning baking conversion measurements. Because Karla enjoys reading about other people, they will begin reading biographies of Americans. Karla appreciates Linda's patience in teaching. Linda says Karla is bright and always willing to learn more.



*Thank you so much to the quilters. Marsha Mellen (tutor) & Joanne & Chris, (quilters).*

An industrious and charitable group of women meet regularly from Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Marinette to hand make and donate quilts to various agencies or people in need around the world. A few of the women are shown here with their lovely products to give away.

It just so happens that a local literacy council is assisting six refugees from Haiti. Those six individuals have been assisted with local home placement for their own safety and well-being since their home country is currently considered unsafe. And, guess how many quilts the women had to give away? That's right: 6! So, the women from the church happily donated the quilts to the literacy council to be given to those refugees, knowing that Haiti is usually hot and the people from there may not have a warm blanket for their bed.

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