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The Azusa Literacy Council, in partnership with the Azusa Chamber of Commerce, presents the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual

# Azusa SCRABBLE Night

Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**The Azusa City Library**  
729 N. Dalton Ave  
Azusa, CA 91702  
(626) 812-5232

Tickets  
\$15 in advance  
\$20 at the door

*Ticket price includes*

*Dinner, 3 rounds of play, and raffle ticket*

**Cash prizes awarded to top three contestants**

Tickets available at The Azusa City Library, City Hall & Chamber of Commerce

and online at [www.azusachamber.com](http://www.azusachamber.com) or call (626)334-1507

Additional raffle tickets can be purchased at event

Azusa Scrabble Night is a fundraiser to benefit The Literacy Program of The Azusa City Library

**Get your game on. Buy your *titcsek* now!**

*Something to Think About*

### Investing in Adult Education Pays

According to research by the McGraw-Hill Research Foundation, “The U.S. will not be able to replace current workers from the pool of young people now entering or in school – a 2005 Southern Region Education Board report notes that as the population gets older and more baby boomers retire, the percentage of working-age adults with a high school education will actually decline by four percentage points by 2020. . .

“The current workforce comprises approximately 150 million workers. The public schools in the country graduate three million students annually. Thus, only two percent of the annual workforce can be supplied by public schools. By projecting that statistic out for ten years, only 20 percent of the workforce in 2020 can come from public schools. Eighty percent of the 2020 workforce will consist of either adults currently in the workforce or those trying to enter the workforce today. Providing a competent workforce means attending to the adult population today.”

Providing adult education and literacy instruction for Azusa’s adults will not only help our workforce, it will result in quite a positive impact on our economy. Public benefits of adult education and literacy include:

- Increased tax revenues
- Greater business productivity
- Increased consumption
- Increased workforce flexibility
- Decreased reliance on government financial support

Source: “The Return on Investment (ROI) from Adult Education and Training, Measuring the Economic Impact of A Better Educated and Trained U.S. Workforce, McGraw-Hill Research Foundation Policy Paper, 2011



*Young . . . Americans are entering a much more demanding job market with similar literacy and numeracy skills as those who are retiring. This is scary.”*

OECD Secretary-General  
October 8, 2013

**Are you interested in bringing English language and basic literacy tutoring to your worksite?**

Contact **The Literacy Program** at

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### Student Testimonial



“I am Egyptian. I speak Arabic. I want to learn English to have a job and to understand what is said to me in the market and in the streets, everywhere.”

Ammira Pasado  
Grassroots ESL Student  
Canyon Christian Fellowship



### Congratulations New Volunteer Tutors!



**Basic Literacy**

Jonathan Sanderson  
Joanne Tabellija

**Grassroots ESL**

Melody Bethel  
Michael Cabrera  
Caroline Hainry  
Evelyn Vargas

### Tutor Training and In-Service Schedule

**Basic Literacy Tutor Roundtable** — for new and experienced tutors  
Wednesday, May 14, 12:00-1:00 pm  
Azusa City Library

**Grassroots ESL Tutor Workshop**—for new tutors  
Saturday, May 17, 9:00 am—1:00 pm  
Azusa City Library

**Grassroots ESL Tutor Roundtable** — for new and experienced tutors  
Saturday, May 17, 2:00—3:00 pm  
Azusa City Library

Congratulations and All the Best to our volunteers who have graduated from Azusa Pacific University and are moving on.

Katie FitzPatrick Steven Howard Dierendre Peara

Thank you for sharing your talents with the Azusa community.

*“Literacy is not just about reading and writing; it is about respect, opportunity and development.”*  
— Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, United Nations