

THE ADULT LITERACY CENTER OF OZAUKEE COUNTY PRESENTS

# 7TH ANNUAL SPELLING BEE

# BACK TO THE BEEACH

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

6-9:30 PM

OZAUKEE NONPROFIT CENTER

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# COWABUNGA!

Thank you for joining the Adult Literacy Center of Ozaukee County for our adult spelling bee benefit and supporting our programs, tutors, and students.

Tonight, we celebrate the life-changing work of ALC. Our dedicated tutors work with students to help them realize their full potential through improved literacy. Whether it is learning English, preparing for the GED or improving their overall literacy, our students increase their self-esteem, enhance employment prospects and feel more confident engaging in the community.

Our students and tutors rely on generous individuals like you to financially support ALC. Your support provides curriculum, tutor training sessions, and opportunities for students to build social networks.

We hope you enjoy the event and witness the impact your support has on the lives of others. You are the reason our students succeed!

Sincerely,

## **The ALC Board of Directors**

Amy Schmelzer – Executive/Program Director

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Mark Burkholder, Tim Chopp

Kathy Bystricky, Tutor Representative

*Maureen Machado from Cedarburg High School designed the Back to the BEEach poster as part of an annual collaboration with Art Department Chair Deb Mortl and her Commercial Design class*

# ABOUT US

## Mission

The mission of the Adult Literacy Center of Ozaukee County is to provide individualized educational services for adult learners to improve academic and life skills in order to pursue their personal, professional, and life goals.

## History

Founded in 1988, ALC began as a mission of Grace Lutheran Church in Grafton. To expand its service in the community, ALC became an independent nonprofit organization in 2013. Over the years, ALC has grown to include GED study, citizenship preparation and ESL. Grace continues its support by providing office space, tutor rooms and utilities to keep administrative costs at a minimum.

## Why Literacy Matters

Low literacy skills impact employability, income level, parenting and health. A parent with low literacy skills is more likely to have a child who has poor grades, behavioral issues and may eventually drop out (*Wisconsin Literacy*). According to the National Coalition on Literacy, improving basic adult education skills could save \$200 billion in government support programs. A better educated workforce means an increase in workplace efficiency, higher income, families who are more independent and children with a brighter future.

## Collaborations

ALC collaborates with Milwaukee Area Technical College and Concordia University Wisconsin and is a member of:

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# **PROGRAM**

Social Hour

Welcome

Spelling Bee Rules/Team Introductions

Spelling Bee Round 1

Mission Appeal

Spelling Bee Round 2

Break/Raffle Winners Announced

Championship Round

Award Ceremony

**Catering by Sendik's**

**Dessert by COOKIES BY KATHY**

Tickets required for wine and beer bar  
available for purchase at check-in

## SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Catch a wave and help support ALC!

### Bar, Wine Pull & Raffle Tickets

- 25 tickets \$100 (\$25 discount)
- 12 tickets for \$50 (\$10 discount)
- 6 tickets for \$25 (\$5 discount)
- 3 tickets for \$15



Buy tickets at the ticket table with cash, check or credit card. Save time and scan the QR code above or pay online at [www.adultliteracyoz.org/spelling-bee-appeal-tickets](http://www.adultliteracyoz.org/spelling-bee-appeal-tickets).

### Wine Pull

Draw from the box of corks and reveal the wine you won! Value ranges from \$15 - \$65 per bottle. One Pull (receive 1 bottle) – 3 tickets

*Please refrain from enjoying your wine until after you leave.*

### Team Buy Back

Teams and guests can buy a team back ONE TIME for the cost of \$100 once they are eliminated. A team or guest has just 30 seconds buy back in at the time of elimination. Payment can be made via cash, check or credit card. Please visit the check-in table to pay via credit card.

### Mission Appeal

We invite you to donate to the Appeal and help us reach our goal of \$6,000. Giving levels are \$100, \$65 and \$35.

Please pay your pledge before you leave or online at [www.adultliteracyoz.org/spelling-bee-appeal-tickets](http://www.adultliteracyoz.org/spelling-bee-appeal-tickets) or mail a check to the ALC at 715 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Grafton, WI 53024, by **May 31, 2024.**

## Premium Basket Raffle

Place the ticket labeled “ticket” in the box and keep the “keep this coupon” ticket. Winner tickets will be drawn during the second break of the Bee. Must be present to win.

### **Beach Bling (Value \$995)**

- Rose Gold Diamond Band from The Pagoda Fine Jewelry

### **VI Peel (Value \$750)**

- Series of VI peels from Versatile Aesthetics & Wellness

### **A Day in Port Washington (Value \$455)**

- One-night lodging at The Harborview
- Gift certificate to The Beacon Restaurant
- Gift certificate to Steerage Dining Saloon
- Vines to Cellar wine tasting with two glasses
- Gift certificate to The Board Shack
- Socks, water bottle, wood signs & ceramic plate from Eclectic Avenue

### **Summer Fun (Value \$250)**

- Igloo Cooler from Dick’s Sporting Goods
- Wine
- Starbucks mug & coffee
- Out & Out & Lime Cantina Gift Certificates
- Two Rivoli movie passes
- Wood sign from Eclectic Avenue

### **Birds & Blooms (Value \$170)**

- Gift certificate and fresh from the garden products from Brush and Blooms, including soap, lotion, planter, seeds, puzzle and more!
- Hand-crafted hummingbird feeder from Everything GiGi
- Garden stake from Eclectic Avenue

*Check signs on raffle table for last minute changes or additions.*

# THANK YOU

*Thank you to the dedicated members of the Bee Committee. It is because of your work that this year's Bee is possible!*

Jane Armstrong Linda Borkenhagen Kathy Bystricky Cecile Duhnke Jean Fugate	Dana Glasstein Debbie Gronowski Judy Jones Amy Schmelzer Sheri Urban
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*Thank you to the generous organizations that donated to our Premium Basket Raffle & Appeal Prizes:*

Brush and Blooms The Board Shack Dick's Sporting Goods Eclectic Avenue Everything GiGi The Harborview The Pagoda Fine Jewelry	Pick n Save Starbucks Steerage Dining Saloon Versatile Aesthetics & Wellness Vines to Cellar
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## ***Special Thanks to***

Ed Borkenhagen  
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Bill Gronowski  
Ozaukee Nonprofit Center  
The Schmelzer Family  
Tim Schoessow



# BACK TO THE BEEACH

## RULES OVERVIEW

- ✓ Teams have 20 seconds to consult on the spelling of the word.
- ✓ The speller has 30 seconds to come to the microphone and complete the spelling of the word without any aids or coaching.
- ✓ Once starting to spell the word, the speller may stop and restart from the beginning one time. Once the spelling of the word is done, that is the final spelling.
- ✓ **REMEMBER** - Once you are at the mic, say the word, spell it, and say it again.
- ✓ Each team can **BUY BACK IN** only one time for \$100. A team will have 30 seconds to consult about buying back in at the time of elimination. Spectators may buy a team back in.
- ✓ No buying back-in during the Championship round. Rules for the Championship round will be reviewed at the start of the round.



Scenes from  
the  
2023 BEE

## SPELLING BEE OFFICIALS



### **Doug Jarecki, Emcee**

Doug is a local actor and playwright who has appeared on stages throughout southeastern Wisconsin. His scripts have been produced by various theatres as well, including his holiday hit *'Twas The Month Before Christmas*. Doug is Director of Education at the Waukesha Civic Theatre and a former 8th grade spelling bee champ!



### **Connie Pukaite, Judge**

Connie settled in Mequon in 1966. She served as mayor of Mequon from 1986 to 1992, and as an alderman from 1981 to 1986, again from 2014 to 2017. She spent 26 years as Executive Director for the Association for Retarded Citizens, then 14 years with Wisconsin Housing & Economic Development Authority (WHEDA), advancing community development and housing options for people of all income levels. Connie is now a full-time community volunteer, serving Mequon, Thiensville and Ozaukee County in multiple ways.



### **Lee Wiskerchen, Judge**

Lee served the Grafton School District for 35 years as a teacher, gifted and talented coordinator, and administrator. Now in his retirement, Lee enjoys spending time volunteering, traveling and golfing.



### **Mark Koehler, *Scribe***

Mark has served on the Grafton School Board for the past eight years. He and his wife, Nancy, have been Grafton residents for 34 years. They both retired in June of 2023. Nancy is a member of the Adult Literacy Center board. They have two adult sons, CJ and Nathan. Mark has been involved in many different community organizations over the years including Grace Lutheran Church, Grafton Lions Club, Grafton Little League and the Grafton Booster Club. He's currently the treasurer of the Circle of Empowerment non-profit organization, which serves people in rural Nicaragua.



### **Maureen Wiskerchen, *Timekeeper***

Maureen taught English and Spanish for 35 years in the Grafton School District and then for 4 years in the Cedarburg School District. She now spends her time pursuing her interests, volunteering, and traveling. Maureen has two grown daughters and 4 grandchildren.

## **2023 Spelling Bee Champions**

### **GIN & PHONICS**

Andrea Cole

Dave Johnson

Jamie Schmelzer



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