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Student Stories Please send us your stories or poems for the March newsletter

Remembering Friends Past and Present in this Holiday Season

By Marlene Osuna Echeverria

The people you meet, make your dreams come true! For example, Beverly in 1996. Beverly was my manager when I first came to the USA. My first impression of her was that she was mean. However, she later became one of the most important people in my life. Because she opened her heart, her house, her country, and my mind to become somebody here. She gave me a job and she was my best friend here. She was like a second mother. She said she was my second American mother. She helped me to speak English every day and to work hard every day. She loved my family like her own. I loved her family like my own too.

In 2008, when I went back to Mexico. She could not go with me even though she wanted to go. She had had heart surgery. I had to leave to take care of my real mother. Beverly made plans to move to Mexico with her family, but she cannot make it because she died. Every day, I keep her in my heart in my mind. She is my angel because she sends me angels every day like my tutors like Miss Olga and Miss Angela.



Thankful, by Juanita and Bonifacio Hernandez



I am happy for all Those good and bad moments that have happened, like when the hurricane arrived, were many things, but thank God everything is fine for the moment that I can say the most. What matters of all this is that together we try to get ahead taking our English class with the teacher Valerie. In this little story we want to wish you happy holidays in this autumn 2018.



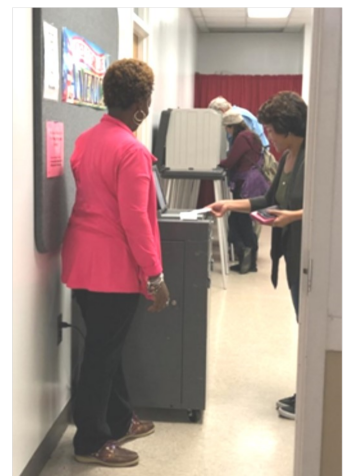
Your Vote is Your Voice in America, by Esther Thi

My name is Esther. I'm from Burma, I've lived in New Bern 8 years in North Carolina. After 5 years I took my citizenship test and passed it. That day I became an American citizen. I am very proud of myself, because I can vote now. I can live in a free country. This land is our land.

Two weeks ago, I had my first-time voting experience at the City Hall in downtown New Bern. In America, we have two political parties, the Democratic Party and Republican Party. If you want Democratic or Republican, it was your own choice.

Before we vote you need to register first at Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Taking my drivers license, when walking through the door, I saw the voting booths lined up beside the walls in a row. I walked to the table where they gave me my ballot. And then took my ballot to a voting booth where I filled out my choices. It made me feel free. I felt excited, but I was nervous. But, I did it that day!

If you want to vote like me, learn when to go, where is the place and what time it is open. Before you go you need to know who you want to vote for. My one vote was important for me and you can vote too.





Congrats, New Citizens!

We celebrate our students who have passed their citizenship interviews:

- ◆ Steven Ong (Pa Aye), tutors Katsiya Vilayouth & Jan Green
- ◆ Kay Moe, tutor Dennis Pymm
- ◆ Nancy Villafranco, tutor Randy King
- ◆ Gay Doh Htoo, Jan Green
- ◆ Myint Thein, tutor Betty Williams

Alvara's Life, by Maria Chavez

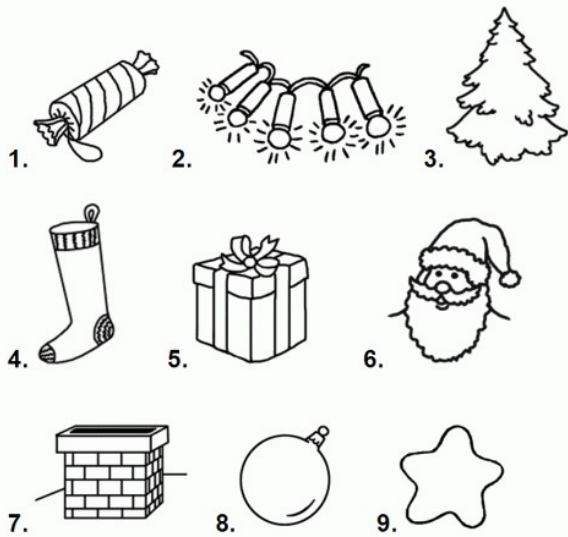
Alvara was born in Mexico. She was a 11 years old girl. But something bad happen on her life when she was little. Everything for better life to her and her family. She learn little bit early how peoples life can change. Alvara live in Mexico with their parents as a young girl.

When something bad and sad happen in her life, change for something better Now she's growing with a better educacion and with a profeccion. A proffecion is difficult in her country becuse they are poor people. Now she is completing her dream. When she was 11 years old girl, she never thought one time she would be studying for law. Now she wants to study Immigration law. In conclusion Alvara is complete her dream and now she is helping others.

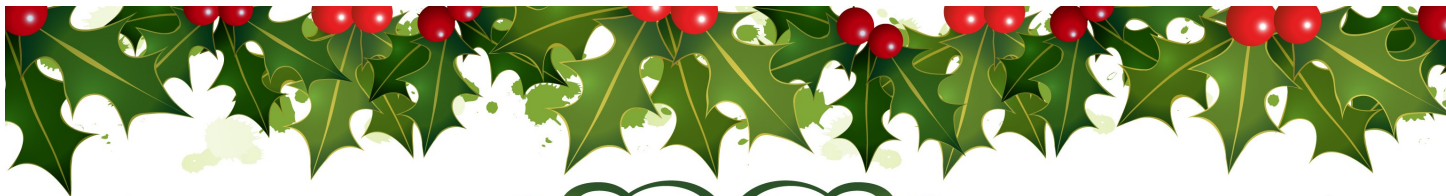


Christmas Things

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(Chimney, Cracker, Lights, Ornament, Present, Santa, Star, Stocking, Tree)



Merry Christmas

Wishina you and your famila a wonderful holiday season and new year!

