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Craven Literacy Council's Student Newsletter

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

A Second Chance, by Liliana Campos

I have to leave my own country Venezuela due to the economic and now humanitarian political crisis that is going throughout my country.

The corrupt socialist government is reason enough to put your life and the life of your family at risk.

Making the decisions to emigrate is not easy, to leave the country where your family is, where your friends are, your profession, your work, your home, your language, your customs, the essence of who you are. But I have to find a place that would give us security and opportunities to move. That was my great motivation to leave Venezuela two years ago.

That is how we arrived in the United States and settled in the state of North Carolina, specifically in the city of Winston Salem. Through a friend i met who is today my loving partner who has supported me and provided all of his help, motivates me and encourages and teaches me to learn English. He asked us to move to New Bern, a beautiful and quiet city full of southern charm The city is where people are polite and friendly. His father and sister have become part of our family.

A friend in New Bern recommended to me that I start at Craven Literacy Council through a program called English as a Second Language

It is there that God is responsible for putting Luann Rottman on my way as an English tutor, who from the very moment with love, professionalism and patience and a heart full of goodness helps me learn English.

This relationship of student and tutor has gone beyond friendship. Luann is really an angel.

For us, also helping the academic development of my daughters.

In my work, the colleagues are considerate. They know that I am learning a new language and they talk to me slowly motivating me to this and that so I can say it correctly. I can already ask correctly sometimes.

I have to repeat things to be able to do them.

My Daughters and I have known the greatness, the nobility, and the goodness of the people of this country.

I hope in God someday to give back to this country all your opportunities, your kindness, your help, security and nobility.

I am convinced that there will always be a second chance in your life.

I want to end up with a phrase, "I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does no feel afraid, but one who conquers that fear" Nelson Mandela

To motivate other people and overcome the fear of learning.

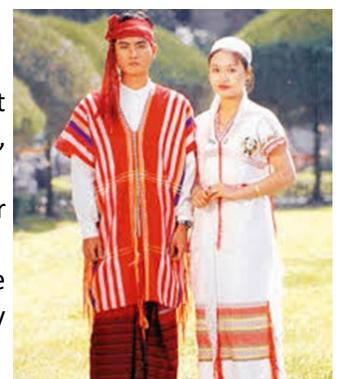


KAREN TRADITIONS, by Muki Wellgapot

My tradition is the Karen New Year. We celebrate it on January 1st. We have it at St. Paul's Church. Some of the food we eat is fried noodles, white rice, spicy chicken, spicy pork, fried vegetables with shrimp and desserts.

We wear traditional Karen clothing. Married girls wear scarf skirts and single girls wear a long dress. Married men wear a lochee, and young boys wear a Karen shirt and pants.

During the Karen New Year we dance the Karen Don and sing the Karen song. I also take pictures with my friends. The last thing we do is play games and win prizes. This is my tradition.





Congrats, New Citizens!

We celebrate our students who have passed their citizenship interviews:

- ◆ Aurea Santos Wright, tutor Jan Gifford
- ◆ Tin Hlun, tutors Daphne Jones & Ann Matthews
- ◆ Khin Choo, tutor Karen Mincavage
- ◆ Khin Than, tutor Dennis Pymm



Tis the Season

Can you fill in all the spaces with these words? The first word has been filled in for you. Use that word to find other words. Have your tutor help if you like.

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| Bells | Mittens | Poinsettia | Snowflake |
| Chilly | Music | Presents | Snowman |
| Coat | New year | Santa Claus | Stocking |
| Elves | Noel | Sleigh | Sweater |
| Family | Ornament | Snow | Winter |
| Joyful | | | |



Word Search

H N S W B W M G S T S F A P J
 S K A E I I O N C N W A T O E
 E E L T T N O N S E E M N I S
 S L I T I W T T S M A I A N U
 S L E K F V N E L A T L S S S
 O N E L O E I W R N E Y Q E T
 S B A G S O Y T X R R L M T A
 M K R E N D C X Y O B U U T R
 E E R E N A M W O N S F S I Y
 D P Q A E H G I E L S Y I A L
 C O C O A D E L V E S O C C L
 C H I L L Y N E E R G J A L O
 I M S T O C K I N G I N E E H
 Z F O N T T R E E E E E T A O C
 S A M T S I R H C R I J V N E

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| Angels | Holly | Reindeer |
| Bells | Jesus | Santa |
| Candy | Joyful | Sleigh |
| Chilly | Mittens | Snow |
| Christmas | Music | Snowflake |
| Coat | Nativity | Snowman |
| Cocoa | Noel | Star |
| Cookies | Ornament | Stocking |
| Elves | Poinsettia | Sweater |
| Family | Presents | Tree |
| Green | Red | Winter |

- Tis the Season Answer Key
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| 1. elves | Across |
| 2. music | 5. Santa Claus |
| 3. winter | 7. ornament |
| 4. coat | 12. sweater |
| 6. poinsettia | 14. mittens |
| 8. new year | 16. snowman |
| 9. bells | 17. joyful |
| 10. snowflake | 18. chilly |
| 11. family | 20. presents |
| 12. sleigh | Down |
| 13. snow | 1. elves |
| 15. stocking | 2. music |
| 19. noel | 3. winter |

