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Taylor's Goal: To Speak English Like Native Speakers

Taylor, originally from South Korea, comes to Presentation Lantern Center to improve her language skills. She shares that the Korean alphabet is very different from the 26 letters of the English alphabet. Taylor's goal is to be able to speak with the same ease as lifelong English speakers and she is working very hard to achieve this goal.

As with most students who come to Presentation Lantern Center, being in the country and hearing English spoken every day helps significantly. In 2013 Taylor and her husband, Andy, moved to Dubuque. They met in South Korea where Andy was teaching English to elementary students. They had a wedding ceremony in South Korea and another in the U.S. Taylor's mother-in-law, Lorrie Etheredge, a tutor at the center, told Taylor about the Lantern services.

"The center really helps me. It is a good system. I like the one-on-one

time with my tutor, Linda. She helps me speak, read and write. I learn a lot of information about Dubuque from her," comments Taylor.

Linda Ronek, Taylor's tutor, says, "It is a lot of fun to work with Taylor. She has a great sense of humor and is very bright. I learn a lot from her about Korean culture. Recently we talked about superstitions. I learned why it is important to not write one's name in red. I also explained some superstitions that we have in this country."

Taylor is proud of what she has accomplished. She reflects, "the words that I did not know when I arrived seem easy now."

As the Lantern Center continues to welcome students from around the globe and in the neighborhood, enrichment is the reward for tutors and students for the time spent together.



Spending time studying English is rewarding for Taylor, left, and her tutor, Linda Ronek, right.



Lorrie Etheredge is glad that Taylor is studying at the center.

LANTERN CENTER

Welcome

by Corine Murray, PBVM, Executive Director



"I believe that each of us has drunk from wells we did not dig," states Mark Shields, a frequent guest for the News Hour on PBS, "that

each of us has been warmed by fires we did not build."

During the past year, the center has benefited from wells and fires not of our making. We continue to count our blessings and share them with the strangers who come to our door.

Our move to 900 Jackson St. in the Schmid Innovation Center has given us greater visibility in the community. Many individuals and groups tour this beautiful building. The Women's Giving Circle of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, a delegation of young people from Russia, and members one of our U.S. senator's staff visited recently. Occasionally, professors and students from area colleges come to learn more about the center and meet the students and their tutors.

The Lantern Center is a member of the Dubuque Millwork Collective, which consists of seven non-profits located in the lower level of the Schmid Innovation Center. We are exploring ways to work collaboratively. This is a creative place to be!

Gifts, Grants and Honors for the Center

"We have received many wonderful gifts from friends and benefactors recently," reports Presentation Lantern Center Executive Director Sister Corine Murray.

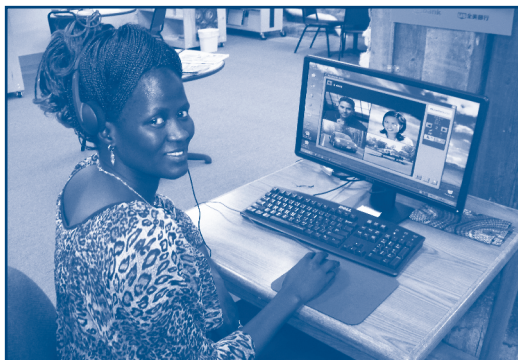
On May 6, the center participated in the national Great Give Day sponsored locally by the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque. "The event helped the center to be more visible in the community, to welcome additional supporters and to increase our endowment at the Community Foundation," she adds.

While technology is a useful teaching tool, it is difficult to keep up with developments. "We are very grateful for a grant from The Dupaco Robert W. Hoefer Foundation that made it possible to purchase two new computers for our students," comments Sister Corine.

Additional gifts from various individuals provided funds for educational materials, such as the Rosetta Stone Language Program.

Sister Corine shares her many gifts in directing and promoting Presentation Lantern Center. This spring the Women's Leadership Network honored Sister Corine as an "unsung hero." This award is given to a woman who serves others tirelessly. Presentation Associate Dora Serna and her husband Luis Rojas nominated Sister for this award and attended the dinner and awards ceremony.

Congratulations to Sister Corine and all at Presentation Lantern Center!



Apath from Ethiopia enjoys using the Rosetta Stone Language Program on one of the new computers.



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The Presentation Lantern Center is a drop-in center offering hospitality, educational opportunities and advocacy to women and their children who are striving to better their lives. Sponsored by the Sisters of the Presentation, Dubuque, Iowa, the center is a non-profit organization.

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SHINING LANTERN LIGHTS

Friendship and Learning Shared at Lantern Center

Whether studying, enjoying a treat or learning a new hobby, students, tutors and others have a great time together.

Top, left to right, Teresa (Mexico) and tutor, Sandy Amberg enjoy a hearty laugh.

Center Left, back row, left to right, Cerlin (China), Lisa (China), Manuel (Mexico) and Ming (Taiwan) celebrate St. Patrick's Day by enjoying shamrock shakes with their Dubuque Franciscan tutors, front, left to right, Sr. Ruth Fagan, Sr. Carol Ann Berte, Sr. Susan Ivis and Sr. Sally Frommelt.

Center Right, left to right, Julia (Colombia) and tutor, Morgan Rea, explore articles in the newspaper.

Bottom Left, left to right, Brenda (Mexico) and tutor, Emily Smith, enjoy a break.

Bottom Right, left to right, Workensh (Ethiopia) is pleased that her tutor Kate Fischer is impressed with her beautiful crocheting skills.

