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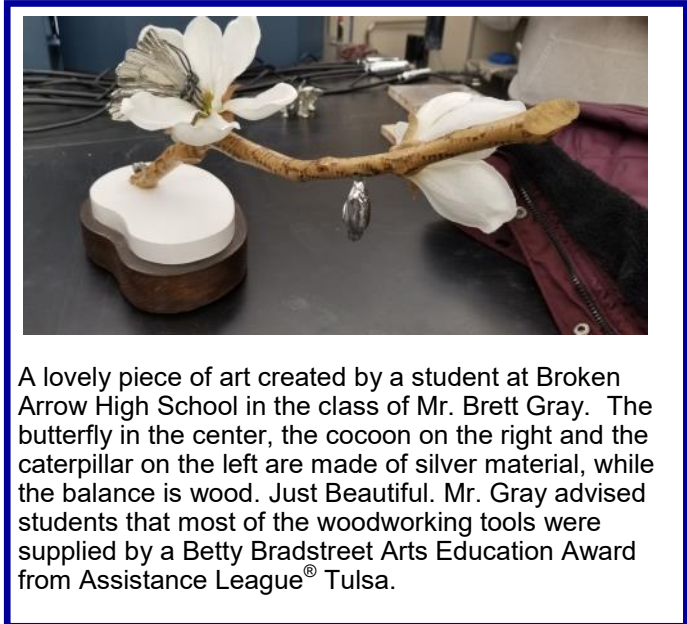
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Betty Bradstreet Awards Recipients Shine



Mannford Middle School students Emma Wells (above right) and Aruzhan Koehn (left) demonstrate the Japanese printing technique called *Suminagashi*. Materials were supported by a Betty Bradstreet Arts Education Award.



A lovely piece of art created by a student at Broken Arrow High School in the class of Mr. Brett Gray. The butterfly in the center, the cocoon on the right and the caterpillar on the left are made of silver material, while the balance is wood. Just Beautiful. Mr. Gray advised students that most of the woodworking tools were supplied by a Betty Bradstreet Arts Education Award from Assistance League[®] Tulsa.

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Members of Assistance League® Tulsa toured the 12 & 12 Center for Addiction Treatment and Recovery. AL Tulsa partners with this non-profit organization through our Waste Not program, supplying clothing and other essential items for their clients. Tricia Mason, CEO, explained the comprehensive services 12 & 12 provides and described their greatest needs. For more information, visit 12and12.org.

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President's Message By Marianne Pickering

“Planning brings the future into the present so you can do something about it now.”



Juggling is the skilled manipulation of many things at the same time, often using one or two hands, but also possibly with feet. AL Tulsa members are good at juggling. Bargains Thrift Shop is well stocked and open for business five days a week. The Betty Bradstreet Arts Education Awards committee is visiting dozens of schools to celebrate student creativity. Operation School Bell[®] continues to meet the essential needs of students while preparing for the 2020-2021 school year. Our Community Action and Waste Not programs are working with other non-profit organizations to improve the lives of children and adults. The Letter Campaign has sent another mailing requesting donor investment in our work. Plans are underway for production of a new promotional video. The budget for our coming year is being developed. Building repairs and improvements are being made. A class of new members has been recruited and are being trained. A five-year Strategic Plan that will guide AL Tulsa's future is being crafted. We are well practiced at balancing our many efforts to serve the community.

A key piece to the growth and success of Assistance League[®] Tulsa is our focus on planning. We work together to accomplish current endeavors while also looking to the future. How can we improve the services we provide? How can we better engage our member volunteers? How can we increase public awareness of our Mission? How will we sustain our programs and resources over time?

This time of year, a lot of energy goes into AL Tulsa's short-term and long-term planning. Many thanks to those who contribute their knowledge, experience, ideas and passion to this important process. More importantly, thank you to all the volunteers who show up daily, work hard, get things accomplished, do jobs well and keep AL Tulsa's amazing juggling act in the air!

Education—Jacque Hickman

Circle pins are still available for sale. The new cost is \$35 a piece. All Circle Pin money goes to National Assistance League[®].

Do you know of an Assistance League[®] of Tulsa member who regularly goes above and beyond the call of ALT? You will soon be able to nominate him/her for the Ada Edwards Laughlin Award. If you aren't able to pick up the application forms at the March and April luncheons, they will be available online, and in the upstairs and downstairs kitchen. Nominations will be open through the month of April, 2020.

Donations

DONATIONS FROM 1/16 - 2/15

Ed and Judy Anderson— *in honor of Jane Ketchum*

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Mark and Ginny Thomas

thank you!

Assistance League Tulsa Speaker's Bureau

Did you know that AL Tulsa has a group of people who are trained to go out and make presentations to raise awareness about Assistance League/Operation School Bell? An ongoing goal of our chapter is to raise awareness about our wonderful organization in order to gain new members, donors, shoppers, and in general to "spread the word" about AL across our metro area.

We can use the help of every AL member and friend to find groups that need a speaker – your church group, sorority group, antique club, garden club, Rotary club, Lions' Club, and dozens of other organizations in the Tulsa area. Spread the word among your friends and ask if their group could use a speaker at an upcoming meeting. "We have presentation and will travel!"

Please contact the Speaker's Bureau Chair – Loretta Raschen at al@altulsa.org when you know of a group we can speak with. Thanks so very much!



"The Life of AL Tulsa's Boardroom Table"

Activity hums in AL Tulsa's Boardroom. On a recent morning, Mary Sue Whitney and Nancy Sacra processed dozens of books donated to our Action Week Book Drive. AL Tulsa will present **over 600 children's books** to the Tulsa Police Department! The love of reading will be shared with children through TPD Book Nooks located in public and low-income housing units.



That afternoon, the Boardroom table became the center of AL Tulsa's fundraising efforts. Letter Campaign chairs, Lynne Hoe and Sussie Hyden with the help of their fun-loving committee, prepared over 400 letters to AL members and potential community donors. The Letter Campaign supports Operation School Bell and is AL Tulsa's only fundraiser for the year. Have you made a contribution?



Operation School Bell® - Sam Keel

February – Sweetheart’s Month

What comes to mind is generosity and gratitude; inter-dependent as sweethearts should be. At Operation School Bell® our goal and common bond is generosity,. and our generous donors, the generosity of our volunteer hours and energy make it possible. The generosity of the Tulsa community school representative shown by the extra efforts they expend on behalf of their students, we could not achieve our mission. All of these are interdependent on the others.

Our reward, of course, is the obvious gratitude shown us by the recipient schools and students. The smiles on the students’ faces are tops. The many “thank you” notes, written by students and faculty, the phone calls, banners and invitations, welcoming us as a part of their school family & celebrations make us feel appreciated..

One such honor stands out. On Valentine’s Day, Assistance League® Tulsa/Operation School Bell® was invited to a celebration at Kendall-Whittier Elementary. They were honoring the Student of the Month, with *Generosity* being the theme. At the ceremony, they said when they thought of Generosity, they thought of Operation School Bell® and wanted us to be a part of the celebration. I was introduced to a cheering gymnasium of students, teachers, faculty and parents,. many gave me a personal “thank you for all you guys do” as I made my way to the stage to be presented with a huge banner made by the students.

Kendall-Whittier luv’s Operation School Bell

Well, guess what, Kendall-Whittier and all Tulsa Community schools – We luv you right back !!



Betty Bradstreet Site Visits –March 2020

Assistance League members are invited to see how Betty Bradstreet Awards have been spent. The following are the site visits that have been scheduled so far. ALT members are more than welcome to attend the site visits. Contact the Betty Bradstreet member for details.

Freedom Elementary (Sapulpa) – Shaleen Miller- music teacher

- Thursday, March 5, 2020 (pm time to be determined)
- Observe students PreK-5th grade playing percussion instruments, practicing rhythm, tempo, and steady beat and playing as an ensemble. BBAF provided musical instruments.
- Contact Alma Buscombe, abuscombe65@gmail.com or 918 344-4935.

Jefferson Heights Elementary School (Sapulpa) - Erin Muniz- music teacher

- Thursday, March 5, 2020 10:20am
- Observe students playing musical instruments and dancing. BBAF provided CD's and instruments.
- Contact Alma Buscombe, abuscombe65@gmail.com or 918 344-4935.

Heritage Intermediate Grade Center (Coweta) - Jennifer Bradley- art teacher

- Monday, March 9, 2020 9:20am
- Observe students use wire, tools and modeling clay. BBAF provided modeling supplies.
- Contact Tom Harrison, tharr1944@cox.net or 918 606-0136

Collinsville Middle School- Cheryl Bertelli- art teacher

- Tuesday, March 10, 2020 10:00am
- Watch kids do wood burning projects
- Contact Jim Walker, jwalker2939@yahoo.com or 918 691-8421.

Sequoyah Elementary Music Class-Kathy Rad-violin teacher

- Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:00-10:15am
- Listen to 2nd and 3rd graders play their violins on stage. Violins were purchased by BBAF.
- Contact Arlene Chemers, creativeretirementcoach@gmail.com or 918 285-1696 cell.

Union Eighth Grade Center- 6501 S. Garnett Stephanie Vaughn- art teacher

- Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:00 am
- We purchased printing supplies and members will observe illustrations for mini books or journals
- Contact Marva Carnahan, marvacarnahan@yahoo.com or 918 637-1135.



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Betty Bradstreet Site Visits (*continued*)

Bixby Central Elementary- Martha Highland-art teacher

- Thursday, March 26, 2020 8:40am
- Watch 2nd graders work with clay
- Contact Barbara Walters, LRW486ca@aol.com or 918 638-4202 cell.

Bixby Central Elementary- Rebecca Jones-music teacher

- Thursday, March 26, 2020 8:55-9:15
- Listen to 3rd graders play recorders
- Contact Barbara Walters, LRW486ca@aol.com or 918 638-4202 cell

Catoosa High School – Renee Montgomery- art teacher

- Monday, March 30, 1:30pm
- Observe art students in art class
- Contact Tom Harrison, tharr1944@cox.net or 918 606-0136.

Mounds Middle and High School- James Patrick-art teacher

- Wednesday, April 1, 2020 12:40pm
- Experience the world of western Native American art as introduced to students
- Contact Marilyn Brill- Marilyn-brill@cox.net or 918 298-4198.

Mounds Elementary School- Kimm Smith-art teacher

- Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:15pm
- View various art projects
- Contact Marilyn Brill- Marilyn-brill@cox.net or 918 298-4198.

Keystone Public School-Cindy Webster-art teacher

- Tuesday, April 14, 2020 5:30-7pm
- View art show
- Contact Jim Walker- jwalker2939@yahoo.com or 918 691-8421.

Mannford Middle School- Shelly Bruski- art teacher

- Thursday, April 16, 2020 5-7pm
- Attend Ms. Bruski's art show and view her many projects made by elementary students
- Contact Marilyn Brill-Marilyn-brill@cox.net or 918 298-4198.



Glenna Morrison and Nancy Kirby visit with Ginger Arteaga, art teacher at Spring Creek Elementary in Broken Arrow.

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Mission

Assistance League® volunteers transforming the lives of children and adults through community programs.

Vision

Essential needs are met in our community and families flourish.

Values

Commitment - showing compassion for all

Accountability - being fiscally responsible to our donors and our community

Leadership - demonstrating professionalism that is visionary and ethical

Respect - appreciating and considering others

Self-esteem - enhancing success in the people we serve



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