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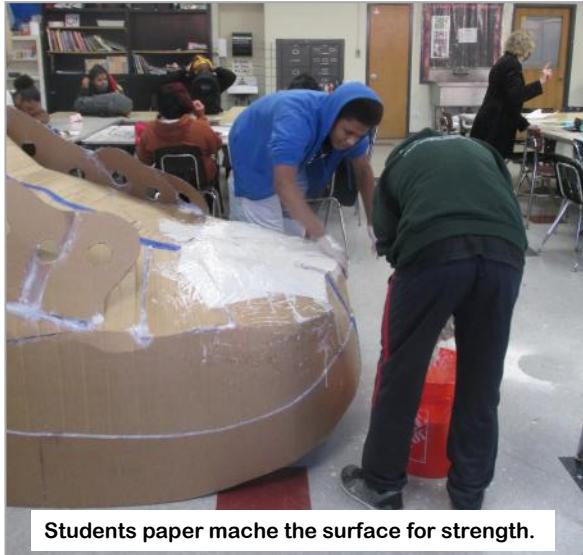
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STUDENTS MAKE A BIG STEP

Adam Carnes, art teacher at McLain High School of Science and Technology, has big ideas. He imagined a project that engages students in elements of design and use of materials. A hands-on experience that supports the academics of language, math and science. A lesson that fosters personal expression and practices group collaboration. Most importantly, Adam wanted a project that would build community. McLain's Sneaker Project was born and funded by a Betty Bradstreet Arts Education Award.

Teens embrace sneaker culture and the art students jumped in. They designed and created their own sneakers, celebrating color and style. Working together, they then engineered a giant sneaker to share with the entire school. The shoe was too large for the classroom doorway, so they modified the structure into sections that fasten together with Velcro. Shoe laces constructed from strips of gessoed canvas are tipped with cardboard rolls from paper towels. When complete, the sneaker will be strong enough for display in McLain's entryway. The full student body and staff will be encouraged to "tag" the Sneaker with messages, adding their voice to the artwork. AL Tulsa has been invited to a press party and the honor of being the first to launch tagging the shoe. "This will also be an opportunity," Adam writes, "for the school to invite supporters to visit McLain and see great things happening."



Students paper mache the surface for strength.



President-elect Pat Banzhof makes presentation to Adam Carnes.

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Pat Banzhof and Marilyn Brill are impressed with the details of paper mache sneakers created by art students at McLain High School of Science and Technology.

McLain High School strives to create student-centered learning environments and foster strong teacher-student relationships. Students receive real-world opportunities on and off campus. McLain students can take part in an onsite Tulsa Tech program allowing them to explore all areas of manufacturing and discover the many career opportunities available. Students can design, weld, and program machines to produce a variety of manufacturing components. Students go from the initial design and set up to a finished product!

AL Tulsa is proud to support arts education at McLain!

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President's Message by Kim Campbell

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As we approach the end of our fiscal year and finish our budget process, I am deeply focused on Resource Development. Research Development is the field of work that enables a nonprofit organization to acquire, maintain, and advance the resources necessary to conduct its work, grow its activities and achieve its mission. It is vital to an organization to have a purposeful and expanding plan for growing a donor base. The community action and philanthropic programs cannot be successful, grow, or be flexible to ever-changing needs if this area is not maintained.

Looking forward, we will be addressing this critical aspect. First, a new donor management system will be installed with completion expected by the end of August. This will focus on better record maintenance, responding promptly and properly to all donations, supplying a means to have a thorough and effortless way to navigate online donations and general records processing.



Second, reaching out to our own members and friends to expand our donor lists. As you know, the Letter Campaign is our only fund-raising event. It is extraordinarily successful and is a unique event to AL Tulsa. However, we miss opportunities to increase giving when we don't consistently add new contributors. So, if you have anyone who might be added to our donor base, that we could send an "ask letter" to, please share it. There will be further outreach on how this will be done as we begin to kick off the Letter Campaign next year. The new donor management system will supply other information in broadening our reach.

Third, we will have a new donor relations position beginning June 1. This is a president appointed position. The grant committee proposed the idea to make sure we were connecting appropriately and promptly with not just foundations (grants & large individual donors) but with every person who gives any amount. Each one matters and is indispensable to AL Tulsa's success. The donor relations person will be involved in Resource Development, Letter Campaign, and grants. They will create content and act at the direction of the president and VP of Resource Development, as well as other committee chairs as needed.

Assistance League® Tulsa is committed to our benefactors (from every giving level). Each person has many places they can give their precious resources. Those that choose to gift us with their money should be thanked and acknowledged for their generosity because they make it possible for us to achieve our mission - *transforming the lives of children and adults through community programs!*



AL Tulsa is utilizing an additional way to communicate with our members. Constant Contact is an email platform that allows for targeted messages, graphics and other advanced features.

In the future, we hope Constant Contact will also help us keep in closer touch with our donors and customers!

**Assistance League® Tulsa thanks the following
people for their generous contributions in
the second half of January through
the first half of March 2022.**

Jane Berg

Jim and Marilyn Brill

In memory of Tom Clements and Ron Reitz

Bryan Close

Curtis and Brenda Dinan

Debbie and Jim Gipson

In memory of Norma Turnbo

Gregory Gray and Sharon Bell

In memory of Norma Turnbo

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Nancy Sacra

Donna Spielman

Kathy Stephen

Yolanda Taylor

Anita Ward

Sara Watson

Mary Sue Whitney

Generous AL Tulsa Members who donated anonymously
at our February Chapter Meeting

Action! Week 2022

AL Tulsa donated 750 new books to Tulsa Police Department's Book Nooks and Gaining Ground Literacy (half to each) in this year's Action! Week project.



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Young readers are thrilled with new titles provided by Action! Week



"There are many ways to enlarge a child's world. Love of books is best of all." ~ Jacqueline Kennedy

The generosity of our members made Action! Week possible.



DID YOU KNOW?

Operation School Bell® distributed \$24,935 in clothing at the 2022 Project Restock event!

Operation School Bell®

Project Restock was another success! 12 school representatives gathered clothing for students in need and their cars were stuffed!

The remaining surplus clothing was donated to Project Elf, and Mental Health Association Oklahoma's Denver House and Walker Hall Transitional Housing.

Many thanks to Pam Glenn, Kay Quinton, and Marcy Landis for gathering, sorting and general preparation for the event. Thanks also to the volunteers who helped the shoppers.

We asked the school reps to complete a survey before they shopped. They all stated how much we are appreciated, but showed uniform pants are needed, so we'll look at how we can help with that this fall.

There will be workdays soon to clean up the clothing room and start getting it ready for fall. There will be "sit-down" jobs for that, such as unpacking boxes and marking through bar codes. An email will go out soon with dates. This will **not** be on Sign-Up Genius, so just reply to the email that will be sent.

~ Julie Burton, OSB chair



Community Action Programs

Assistance League® Tulsa

The Mental Health committee is actively purchasing items for our four facilities and received new wish lists for the spring. We have provided 5 additional refrigerators, cleaning supplies, mattress protectors, art supplies, games and additional health kits for Yale Apartments. We bought mattress protectors, cleaning supplies, air freshener and silverware for Altamont. We delivered art supplies, puzzle books, health kits, and a foosball table to Denver House. We also purchased, clothing, yard games, an air hockey table, Bar-B-Q grill and grill supplies for Walker Hall.

Everyone expressed their gratitude for AL Tulsa's support. We received a wonderful text from Walker Hall. "We appreciate you all so much at the Assistance League for all that you do. We will enjoy these games during our cook out that will promote bonding between our residents, provide an alternative setting for our groups and provide entertainment for family nights to reconnect our residents to family and friends once our Covid restrictions are lifted."

We have a few more items to purchase and deliver in the coming weeks.

~ Madeline Gilbreth and Debra Lockerman,
Mental Health committee co-chairs



Nancy Sacra (center) delivered 300 STEM kits to Traci Taylor, principal at Sperry Intermediate Elementary and teacher, Sonya Jobe.

Students will experience hands-on learning about beans (biology), rockets (engineering) and harmonicas (math).

The STEM Committee has been busy!

On March 9, three sets of 100 STEM activity bags were delivered to the Sperry Intermediate Elementary School for their fourth and fifth grade classes.

On March 10, the committee assembled 500 STEM in a Bag activities for the Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance. Those were delivered that afternoon.

On March 24, the committee met again to tackle the 2,500 straw rockets activities. 1,400 of these will be delivered to the Broken Arrow School District for their fifth grade classes.

AL Tulsa will be purchasing items for The STEM Shoppe to fill containers with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math activities. These free resources will be available for area teachers to check out for use in their classrooms.

We are looking into ways to reach more school districts and students.

The committee was surprised with a new rolling shelving unit in our "office/storeroom" area! That inspired our organizational skills. Containers were purchased. Assembled activities were counted and bagged in sacks of 20. All containers are labeled. We are organized!

~ Nancy Sacra, STEM committee chair

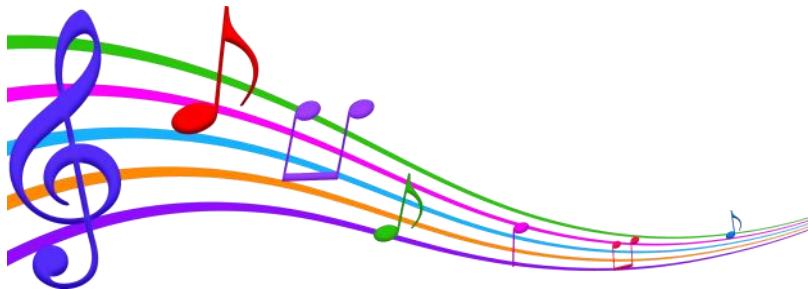
NOTE: The STEM committee will assemble kits on **Tuesday, April 6** at 10 am in the Activity Room. Extra hands are needed, so come join in the fun!



Betty Bradstreet Arts Education Awards

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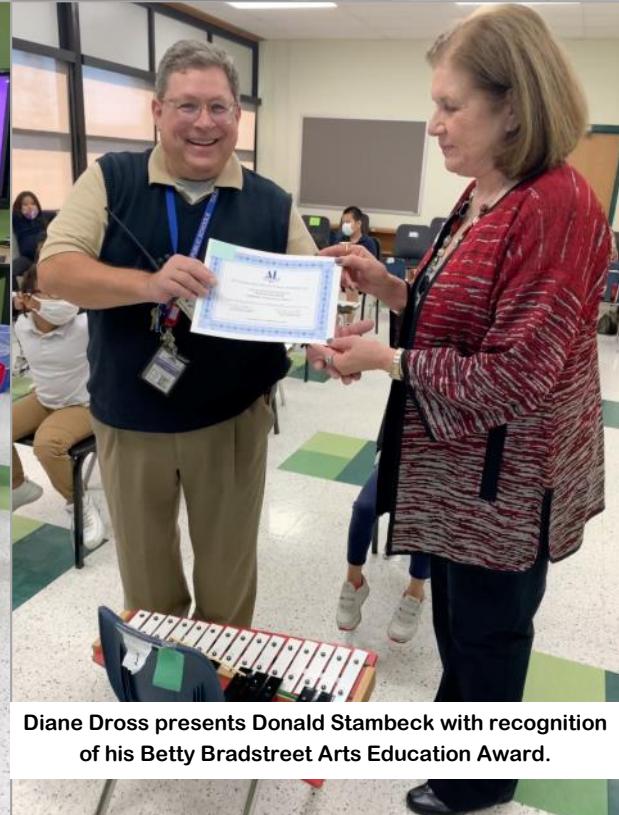
Members of the Betty Bradstreet Arts Education committee have been busy visiting teachers that received awards. We have enjoyed seeing the students actively engaged in learning. At this point, we have visited more than half the 63 recipients and looking forward to completing the visits during April and May.



Our McKinley Elementary school visit was amazing. As we entered the classroom, each student was actively engrossed with their chromatic bells. They truly were highly engaged, happy and focused on Mr. Stambeck's direct instruction using animated videography. You could see and feel their excitement as they played their instrument.

Mr. Stambeck showed us their old antiquated chromatic bells as well as the shiny new compact ones. There was a remarkable difference in tone, shape and size. A Betty Bradstreet Arts Education Award allowed him to purchase 35 sturdy new bell sets.

~ Diane Dross, Betty Bradstreet Arts Education committee



Diane Dross presents Donald Stambeck with recognition of his Betty Bradstreet Arts Education Award.

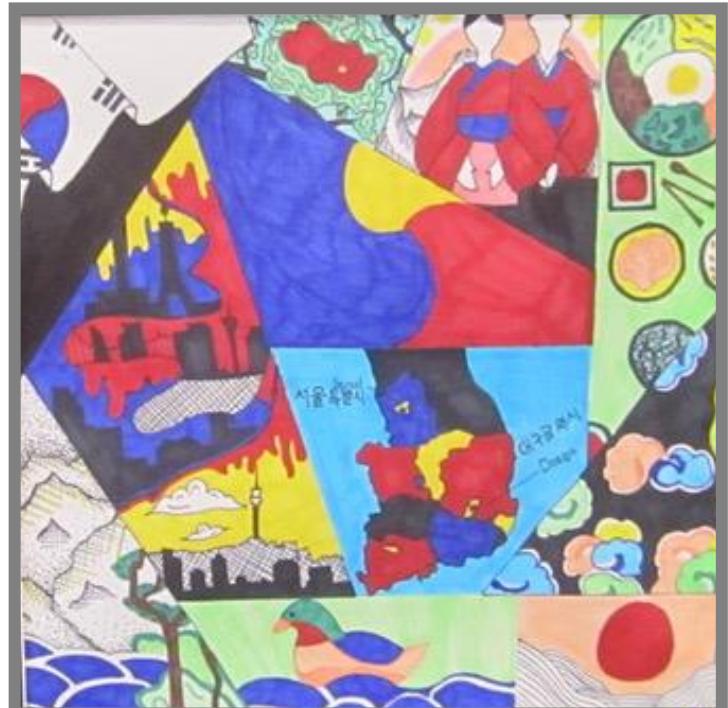


Betty Bradstreet Arts Education Awards

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Two dimensional artwork from Nate Leback's class at the Freshman Academy in Broken Arrow. Exhibited at Northeast Tulsa Community College, students had a public audience for their drawings and paintings. Materials were purchased with a Betty Bradstreet Arts Education Award.





Ada Edwards Laughlin Award

The Ada Edwards Laughlin Award is presented each year to an AL Tulsa chapter member who has been in good standing for a minimum of three years and has given outstanding "behind the scenes" service. The award is named for the co-founder of Assistance League®, who along with Anne Banning, organized National Assistance League® in 1935 to promote the growth of effective volunteerism through leadership, training and education.

Nominations for 2021 - 2022 are now being accepted.

Look for AEL folders located in both AL Tulsa kitchens. Inside are nomination forms to be completed and placed in a sealed envelope in the folder. Nominations may also be made online and emailed to education@altulsa.org.

**The deadline for nominations
is April 30, 2022.**

Any questions? Please contact Paula Naylor, Education VP, at p_naylor@yahoo.com or education@altulsa.org.

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Previous Ada Edward Laughlin Award Recipients

Mickie Davidson & Betty Oswald	2013 - 2014
Carole Hale & Marilyn Nance	2014 - 2015
Mary Dotson	2015 - 2016
Marilyn Brill	2016 - 2017
Patty Evatt	2017 - 2018
Marcella Landis	2018 - 2019
Marjorie Phillips	2019 - 2020
(Not awarded due to COVID)	2020 - 2021



Special Thanks to the 2022 - 23 Nominating Committee

Kathy Harper (chair)

Julie Guy

Elisabeth Harrington

Ora Harrison

Loretta Raschen

Cathy LeMaire (alternate)

Deanna Mendenhall (alternate)

*Assistant chairs help lead committee activities, but will not serve on the Board.

Thank you Carol! Thank you Vicky!

Assistance League® Tulsa

Slate of Board of Directors 2022 - 2023

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of nominees for next year's offices on the Board.

The Board election will be held at the May Chapter Meeting.

President - Pat Banzhof

President-elect - Brenda Dinan

Secretary - Sam Keel

Treasurer - Laurie Brumbaugh

Vice President Philanthropic Programs - Yolanda Taylor

Vice President Resource Development - Donna Spielman

Vice President Marketing and Communications - Diana Pace

Vice President Membership - Debra Lockerman

Vice President Education - Paula Naylor

ELECTIVE STANDING CHAIRS:

Finance - Cathy LeMaire

Operations - Ginny Greek

Orientation - Sherry Bowen

Bargains Thrift Shop - Ora Harrison (*Assistant chair, Carol Bradley)

Operation School Bell® - Marianne Pickering (*Assistant chair, Vicki Campbell)

Strategic Planning - Patti Ross



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AL Tulsa partners with Mental Health Association Oklahoma to help prevent homelessness and assist those who are at high risk of mental illnesses and hardships. We supply requested items to several MHAO housing facilities in our community.

Altamont Apartments recently received cleaning supplies and a variety of household items. During our delivery, MHAO staff mentioned that many residents were without face & body washcloths. 75 washcloths were quickly purchased to meet the need!

Our Values

Commitment
showing compassion for all

Accountability
being fiscally responsible to
our donors & our community

Leadership
demonstrating professionalism
that is visionary & ethical

Respect
appreciating & considering
others

Self-esteem
enhancing success in the
people we serve