# PALMETTO LITERACY COUNCIL

# September/October 2022



From the Director

Dear Friends,

Summer is officially over, but it doesn't quite feel like autumn yet. September and October are, in fact, still warm enough to enjoy time at the beach, perhaps while reading a good book. As we enter our fourth year, Palmetto Literacy Council is proud of how our organization has grown since its inception. Currently we have 40 students being tutored in our program with 15 on the waitlist. Recruitment of tutors is ongoing and volunteer training is provided to all new tutors. Volunteer liaisons ensure that any questions tutors have will be promptly addressed; our liaisons also provide our tutors with tips and strategies. Please contact our volunteer liaison facilitator Mary Ellen Lynch (mlynch@palmettoliteracy.org) if you are interested in exploring the idea of helping a young person achieve academic success through improved literacy.

Palmetto Literacy Council provides tutoring at the following locations:

Chapin Memorial Library
Horry County Libraries:
Carolina Forest, Conway, Surfside, Socastee, North
Myrtle Beach, Little River, Patrick Mobile Home Park
(adult literacy). Aynor—children are waiting for a tutor.

Libraries are not just places to check out books. There are so many activities to participate in: classes, book

discussions, lectures, films and more. If you haven't accessed your local library for more than books, you should visit soon to see all that it has to offer!

Speaking of books, our monthly book club has chosen *The Silent Wife* by A.S.A Harrison for its October meeting. Sure to be a page turner, this is how Amazon.com describes the novel: "Told in alternating voices, *The Silent Wife* is about a marriage in the throes of dissolution, a couple headed for catastrophe, concessions that can't be made, and promises that won't be kept. Expertly plotted and reminiscent of *Gone Girl* and *These Things Hidden, The Silent Wife* ensnares the reader from page one and does not let go." Book club meets October 13 at 6 PM in our Surfside office. Hope to see you there! Sign up: bookclub@palmettoliteracy.org.

On a final note—we are in need of volunteers to help out at our Charity Golf Scramble which will be held at Pine Lakes Country Club on November 14. Contact Polly Putorti polly@palmettoliteracy.org. See page 6 of the newsletter for information on the tournament. If you like to golf, this is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a game while supporting our organization. Please spread the word!

Sincerely,

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Dodi Hodges Executive Director

#### **Palmetto Literacy Council**

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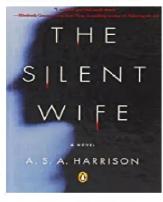
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# AT PLC, WE LOVE TO READ!



#### October's Book:



The Silent Wife\* by A.S.A Harrison

\*contact us at bookclub@palmettoliteray.org to get a copy of the book



# **COME JOIN OUR**

# **BOOK CLUB**

**THURSDAY**, 10/13/22 **6:00 PM** 

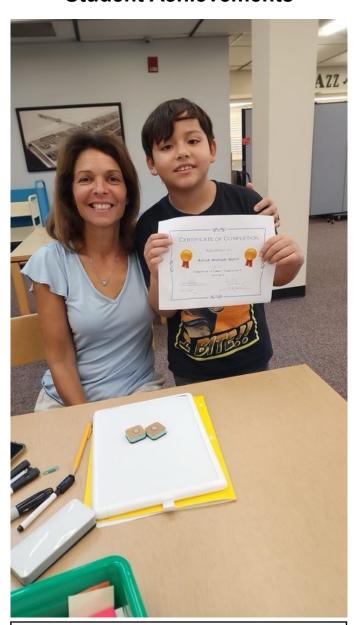
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**BOOKCLUB@PALMETTOLITERACY.ORG** 

TO RSVP!

We look forward to discussing this book with you!

#### **Student Achievements**



Tutor Veronica DeCicco and Adrian Andrade-Martin. He completed Smart Steps Level 1, Section 1. Congratulations!

### **FALL FUNDRAISER**

#### CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE November 14, 2022

Attention Business Owners: Our Charity Golf Scramble is a great opportunity to promote your business, reach your target audience, and help a great cause! We will promote our sponsors via the PLC website and in our newsletter during the months of October and November. If you would like to include an offer for our swag bags, there is no additional charge to do so.

There are several ways to participate in our fall fundraiser:

Sponsor the event: \$5,500

Sponsor lunch: \$2,300

Sponsor a hole: \$125

Donate silent auction item

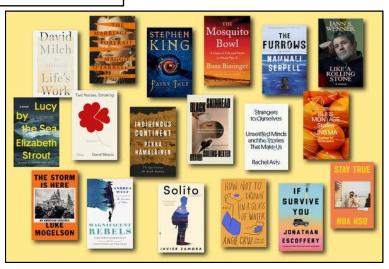
Attention Golfers: Play 18 holes at Pine Lakes Country Club while supporting Palmetto Literacy Council. The event includes lunch, a swag bag and contests! Cost: \$100 per person; \$400 per foursome.

Proceeds from the golf scramble help offset costs to operate at no charge to the community and go toward the purchase of curriculum and assessment materials. Classroom teachers across Horry County consistently report that students who go through our tutoring program increase their reading and writing skills as well as increase their confidence.

Sign up today by contacting Polly Putorti: polly@palmettoliteracy.org or 843-925-9728

# September Books

Which ones will you read?



# **Logophile**Preston McKever-Floyd

Sometimes words appear unbidden from the deep recesses of my mind; and as I begin to ponder them a flood of memories and association emerge. Such was the case with this month's word, *pusillanimous*. When this word appeared, I mused, where did this come from? Immediately I was transported back to my junior year in high school and the college preparatory English class of Mr. Tom Bourne at Conway High.

Mr. Bourne was an excellent teacher adroit in opening the treasures of literature to us. I particularly remember the unit, The Flowering of the New England States, exposing us to transcendentalism, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, and Sarah Orne Jewett. No one could pronounce Jewett's name like he could. The end of each week was punctuated with a quiz on twenty assigned words from our Barron Vocabulary book, preparation for college entrance exams, paradise for a budding logophile. Thus, the source of pusillanimous.

Pusillanimous is an adjective meaning lacking courage, *manly* strength, contemptibly fearful, consisting of the Proto-Indo-European root, *pau*, meaning "few, little" and the noun *animus*, suggesting a hostile temper, with a Latin origin, meaning "rational soul, mind, life and mental powers," derived from Proto-Indo-European, *ane*, "to breathe."

# The young men were pusillanimous in their decision to not stand with a friend who was being bullied.



What's a book? Everything or nothing.

The eye that sees it all - Ralph Waldo Emerson

#### **Best Book Bazaar**

We are happy to report that our first Best Book Bazaar was a success! Despite the rain, many came out to support PLC by purchasing books from a wide array of genres. Thanks to generous donations, we collected close to 5,000 books. Over the course of the next few months, we will be selling some of the leftover books. Look out for more information in upcoming newsletters and email correspondence.

#### Thanks to our guest speaker:

Award winning poet and Coastal Carolina professor Dan Albergotti who shared several of his poems during the brunch which preceded the book sale, entertained audience members with selections from his published collections.

# Thanks to the following individuals who assisted at the Best Book Bazaar:

Polly Putorti, Bonnie Kelley, Peggie Anderson, Lois Berlin, Erica Weitman, Alecia Schubert, Catheryn Weitman, Robert Stockett, Luisa Soto, Robert, Kayleena Nguyen, Anne Reiter, Larry Reiter, Etta Carter, Kim Zeiss, Kozue Bear, Amber Sanders, Kim Savon, Paula

Holt, Scotta Simoneau, Mike Simoneau, Adrianna Edwards, Sherrie Yates, Mike and Dodi Hodges, Jan Leonhard

#### Thank you to our sponsors:

Dunkin Donuts, 3635 Walton Drive, Myrtle Beach

Benjamin's Bakery & Cafe, 810 3rd Ave S., Surfside Beach, (843) 477-1100

United Bank, 2636 US-17, Murrells Inlet, (843) 429-2482 Diana Evans, VP

# Special Thanks to the following for multiple, large donations of books:

Blackmoor HOA Newcomers Club of Myrtle Beach United Bank, Garden City Rotary Club of Murrells Inlet Tina Medina Teachers of HCS

Lowes Food Market – paper bags Publix – paper bags

## **Golf Scramble SPONSORS**



























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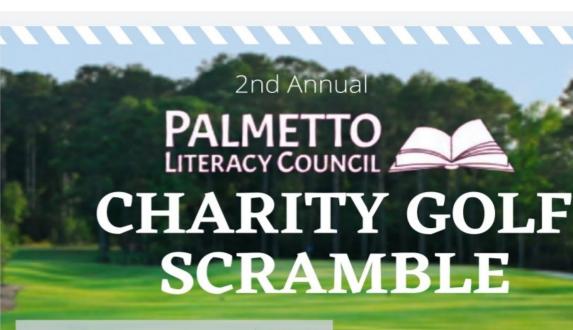












- On-Course Fun & Prizes!
- Scramble format: 18 holes
- Lunch & virtual swag bag
- Longest Drive & Closest to the Pin competitions
- Mulligans for purchase
- Awards for top 3 teams
- Silent Auction
- 50/50 raffle & basket raffle
- and much more!



**PINE LAKES** NOV. 14, 2022 **MONDAY 8:30AM** 



> PURCHASE TICKETS

Foursome \$400

Per Player \$100

Sponsorships available



- Sponsor a hole \$125
- Sponsor lunch \$2,300
- Event Sponsor \$5,500
- Donate silent auction



Pine Lakes Golf Course - 5603 Granddaddy Dr, AKES Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

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