



LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF KENT COUNTY

IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY - 2022



THIS SPECIAL ISSUE

Is dedicated to our
longtime Board Member,
and late Program Director,
Dorothy Brindamour.



MEMORIES

Dorothy was such a lovely lady – she always had a smile on her face - no matter what. And you could tell she genuinely cared about people – always asking about how you're doing or about your family. She was also very much a team player – whether reaching out to staff to gather their library news to share or dressing up for library programs like our Murder Mystery or Trunk-or-Treat. Dorothy was always willing to learn new things. When the library had to shut down during the pandemic, Dorothy barely blinked about having to work remotely or attend meetings on Zoom (even with some technical difficulties!). She just went with the flow. She was really remarkable – and I will really miss seeing her and working with her.

-Megan Weeden
Director
Coventry Public Library

THANK YOU, DOROTHY

Dorothy had been actively involved with LVKC for 25 years, both as Program Director and Board Member.

She was hired as a part-time Program Director in 1997. In addition to running the office and all that entails, she was the face of LVKC, often appearing in local newspaper articles promoting the organization.

In 2011 she stepped down as program director and joined the Board of Directors. Her knowledge of the organization and literacy endeavors across the state made her an invaluable Board member. After serving as Treasurer, she was elected President of the Board, a position she held from 2019 to 2021.

When Dorothy wasn't in the Literacy office, she could be found at her desk in the Coventry Public Library, where she worked as a Community Relations Aide and Book Discussion Group Leader for 20 years.



Dorothy (right) pictured with Irene Peloquin (left), President of Literacy Volunteers of America, displaying LVKC's Accreditation certificate. (2000)

The Literacy Volunteers of Kent County thanks Dorothy for all her years of service to the community. She will be missed immensely by all the lives that she touched through her work with the organization.



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Dorothy was the Program Director for LVKC in 2009 and hired me in July. I will be forever grateful to her for taking a chance with me and welcoming me into the LVKC family. I have met so many wonderful people on this journey. As her roles changed with LVKC over the years she was always kind, supportive and dedicated to making this program thrive. She will be missed.

-Robin LeRoux
Office Assistant

MY DEAR FRIEND DOROTHY

I never thought that this picture taken only a month ago, will be the last one with my dear friend and mentor for more than twenty years, Dorothy Brindamour.

I met Dorothy on a meeting at the Board of LVKC. She was a Board member and I was Student representative. My English speaking was not the best, but Dorothy always look and listened to me with lot of attention and care about the things that I was talked about. Dorothy always had real interest and care about students issues.

I admire this wonderful, smart Lady that became my mentor and great friend. I will dearly miss Dorothy friendship, her smile, our long conversation and her big hug as we tell each other "We will see you soon".

RIP My dear friend Dorothy.
Thank you for giving me the privilege to be your friend
-Mirta Pedrazzoli



DOROTHY BRINDAMOUR

Interested and interesting; a listener and a contributor; sociable and a mixer; all attributes which she utilized over the years to assist anyone she could to improve their literacy skills.

When she ended her term as president of LVKC, she left her mark of progress and improvement.

Thank you, Dorothy, for offering your time and talent for the benefit of so many.

As we all know, Dorothy was an accomplished sailor. So, I would like to end with the last two stanzas of Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar".

And after that the dark!

And may there be no sadness of farewell,

When I embark;

For tho' from our own bourne of time and place

The flood may bear me far,

I hope to see my Pilot face to face

When I have crossed the bar.

-Bill Rogers

LVKC Board of Directors



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Dorothy was a friend and mentor to many in the program. She was a great resource when I first started working with LVKC, and continued to be a strong presence as a board member. Dorothy had a sharp mind, she was caring, and she was a true advocate for literacy. She will be greatly missed.

-Jessica Haughton
LVKC Program Director



GENUINE

That's Dorothy. From the moment I met her at LVKC she was invested in who I was. She was there for me in so many ways during those first days, weeks and eventually years. LVKC was my first job in the United States. Dorothy had a way of melting away all the unspoken insecurities I had about my new position in a foreign country. That's who she was: A calm presence, invested in those around her. In the three years I was Program Director, Dorothy was always someone I could rely on - she went above and beyond in everything she did. I'm forever grateful for her mentorship, guidance and compassion. After leaving LVKC to return to Korea with my family we shared updates about each other's lives, and in those moments, I truly knew how lucky I was to have Dorothy in my life. She was a friend, and one of a kind. To say she'll be missed doesn't aptly describe the impact she had on my life. So, I'll just say thank you, and till we meet again. I will certainly expect to dress up with you as Cat in the Hat again. That was so fun!

-Youmi Kim
LVKC Program Director (2017-2020)

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In many ways, Dorothy was the heart of LVKC. She knew everyone working in the literacy programs across the state, and had an uncanny recollection of all the students and tutors who passed through our doors over the years. She was always there, with an encouraging smile, ready to do whatever was needed. She was one of a kind.

-Nancy Abood

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TO DOROTHY'S FAMILY

The Literacy Volunteers of Kent County wishes to thank Dorothy's family for their thoughtfulness in naming LVKC as a donation organization in lieu of flowers in Dorothy's memory. We also thank all those who donated to the organization in loving memory of Dorothy. Your contribution will enable us to continue to promote Literacy in our community in her honor.

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