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# Roadways

You must give some time to your fellow men. Even if it's a little thing, do something for others—something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it. ~ Albert Schweitzer

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## National Volunteer Week —April 18th-24th

***LET US CELEBRATE YOU!*** We would like to invite all our volunteers to a **Tea and Tutor Chat**, Wednesday, April 21st between 10-12 am. If you have something particular you would like to talk about, contact Wendy beforehand at the office, so that she may ruminate...

Let us know by **Friday, April 16th**, if you will be attending.

**Good food, gifts for all!**

*“When you teach your child,  
you teach your child’s child.”*



To celebrate National Volunteer Week and to recognize the fundamental role volunteers hold in society, LVQ is asking for testimonials on **What does volunteering mean to you?** Submissions will be posted to the LVQ website, and may be used to develop PR or volunteer recognition materials. Please ask your volunteers to send in testimonials. They will be posted to the LVQ website for National Volunteer Week 2010.

**M**arie Watier, YLC Director, has a love of most things artistic. She knits almost anything (she has her own alpaca), sews and is currently learning to weave. She has taken Fine Arts III at Concordia and creative writing at Bishops' University—Knowlton. Her work experience includes working for Bell Canada, Hydro-Quebec and Neilson Ratings in sales. Marie has volunteered for Guides, Scouts, lunch supervision and *halte scolaire* activities, and municipal affairs (Outremont). She is also a member of the Fulford Social Club and Reilly House in Mansonville. You can also visit with her in the BMP hospital gift shop; her cheerful smile and gentle acceptance, a joy to be around.



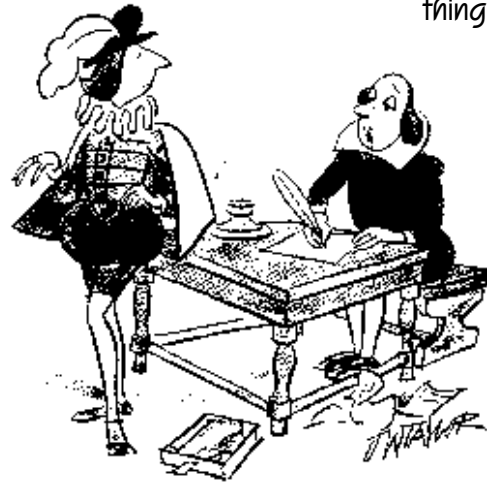
# Announcements

**LVQ** will be in the **St. Patrick's Day parade** in Montreal, March 14th. Anyone wanting to march in the parade please contact Joani at [info@literacyvolunteersqc.ca](mailto:info@literacyvolunteersqc.ca).

**Students!** YLC holds a weekly small **group class** at the YLC office, hosted by Susan Reininger. If you would like to know more about or join the class, contact the office.

**Tutors!** The *Basic Literacy Tutor Manual* is available to tutors. To obtain a printed copy or a "pdfed" version, please call the office.

"Shall I compare thee to a summer's day? The Easter bonnet thing didn't work."



Parade 5 May 1981

## A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!



Santa Claus Parade 2009



# Story Telling

by John Langlois

How many of you believe that one thing in life can change the future?

Well I do! This is my story of how one thing changed my life forever.

It started in 2001 I was as low as you can go. On the third weekend in August my home educator, told me that she was going to take me to a festival, in West Brome, where my work educator would look after me for the weekend. He was running a story telling festival.

My home educator said that when she drops me off, that if I ran away from the festival, I would be locked up by the police. So it would be best, to stay put.

The festival was to raise money for the Wish Foundation. The work was a lot of fun and the time went by quickly. The stories were very interesting. In the time that I was there, I found that I was changing in my mind and soul. What I mean is that I found my calling in life was to tell stories.

The festival went on till 2005 when we postponed the venture. Thereafter we formed a new group called the Township Troubadours. The first story they gave me to memorize was of a cowboy from Pennsylvania. The training was long and hard but the end result was dramatic. The first time I stood up to tell a story I was very scared of being in front of every body.

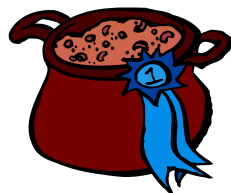
The stage fright never goes away but it does get better every time you go out in front of people. Story telling has changed the way that I act in the public eye. It has helped me to feel more comfortable in telling stories and has helped me to understand the old ways. It has led me to places where I would not normally go. I have met people of different nationalities and religions all over Eastern Canada.

When telling stories, the best reward is the smiles on the people’s faces when you tell them your stories. When the stories are finished, your relief is the best feeling in the world. That you did it!



## Vegetable Chili

from YLC Cookbook



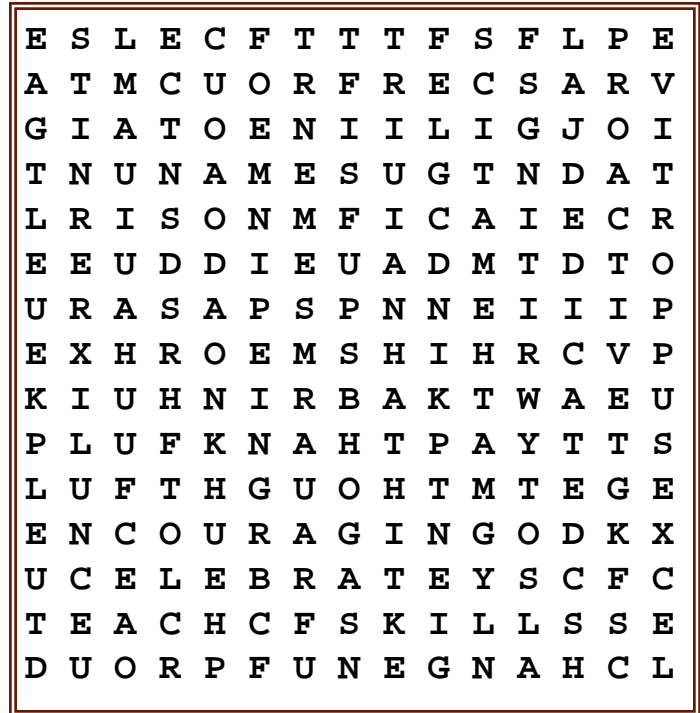
1. **Cook vegetables in oil. Do not brown.**
2. **Add beans, tomatoes, and seasoning.**
3. **Simmer for 2 to 3 hours.**
4. **Serve, topped with grated cheese.**

2 tablespoons	<b>oil</b>	30 ml
2	<b>onions, chopped</b>	2
1 clove	<b>garlic, chopped</b>	1 clove
1	<b>green pepper, chopped</b>	1
2	<b>celery stalks</b>	2
2—19 ounce can	<b>kidney beans</b>	2—540 millilitre can
1—28 ounce can	<b>tomatoes</b>	1—796 millilitre can
1 tablespoon	<b>chili powder</b>	15 millilitre
1/2 teaspoon	<b>salt</b>	2.5 millilitre
To taste	<b>pepper</b>	To taste
1/8 teaspoon	<b>ground chili pepper</b>	1/2 millilitre
	<b>cheddar cheese, grated</b>	

## Volunteer Appreciation Word Search

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has. ~Margaret Mead

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|---------------|-------------|
| CELEBRATE     | KIND        |
| CHANGE        | LEARN       |
| COMMUNITY     | MATHEMATICS |
| COMPASSIONATE | ACTIVE      |
| CONSIDERATE   | PROUD       |
| DEDICATED     | READING     |
| ENCOURAGING   | SKILLS      |
| EXCEL         | SUPPORTIVE  |
| FRIENDSHIP    | TEACH       |
| FUN           | THANKFUL    |
| FUTURE        | THOUGHTFUL  |
| GIFT          | TIME        |
| HOPEFUL       | TREASURE    |
| IMPACT        | WRITING     |



### VIDEOCONFERENCE



Literacy Volunteers of Quebec invites you to come learn about health literacy

and how it affects your work and the lives of your clients. You will also **discover tools and resources** to facilitate access to services and improve communication.

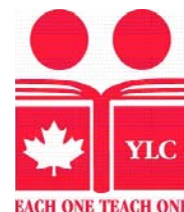
**When:** Tuesday, April 13th  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
**Where—local site:**  
 Massey-Vanier High School

To register, or for more information, contact LVQ at [info@literacyvolunteersqc.ca](mailto:info@literacyvolunteersqc.ca) or 1-866-581-9512.

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