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TALC "Kickstarters" Take to the Field on Fridays



Athletic ability wasn't a requirement to join this year's team; you just had to have a will to play and have fun, and that goal was certainly met.

"There are only 9 games," said JaVonda Bryant, our Wellness Coach and initiator of our kickball team. "It's not a huge commitment of time."

Sometimes our games were at 5pm, and sometimes they were at 6pm, but they were always at Woodlawn Park and they were always accompanied by plenty of love and laughter.

One player said, "I consider it a win every time I come off the field on Friday night with nothing broken or permanently damaged."



Above: Mr. Godfrey Watson, our fearless leader, plans strategies for the remainder of the game.

Right: Malik Cole, the grandson of Gerald Warren, comes out to support our team on kickball nights.



Above: Colleen Segers, LaTrenda Browne and Martinique Kelty watch anxiously as they await their turn to kick.

Right: JaVonda Bryant and Essie Sneed share valuable insights about the team's line-up for the night.



Pics by Annie Johnson from SPC/ Tomlinson

ESOL Student Happy to Be U.S. Citizen

One of Nancy Fox's students, Piangpen Tangsinmankong, celebrated becoming a U.S. citizen in November. She credited Tomlinson with her success. She said, "When I first came here, I could not speak; I could not read; I could not write." She and her husband came to America 13 years ago to help care for their two grandsons and both were students in our ESOL Program. Eventually, they got their "green cards" and now they are U.S. citizens. She still spends about two hours a day with us, working with a tutor. "Everyone is very good here at Tomlinson," she said. "They help me exercise my brain."



SPIFFS



Annual Field Trip to the International Folk Fair Always Yields Smiles



Every year, our ESOL Department walks students to the SPIFFS International Folk Fair, which is held in the Vinoy Park in downtown St. Petersburg. Tickets were available from the president of SPIFFS, Ms. Penka Pesev, with a two dollar discount. The teachers and students walk down to the waterfront and enjoy immersing themselves in cultures from around the world for a day. "We always have a great turn-out," said Penka, "everyone enjoys the day and we all have a great time."

Far Right: GED Students are all treated to a holiday activity and luncheon, sponsored by The Sons of the American Legion Post 158, located on Treasure Island; Ms. Holly Heintz was the organizer.

Right: Munyerenkana Apudo chooses among the dessert options.

Below: Mrs. Peggy Pesekas and Mrs. Donna Lawless serve the students after the "Egg Drop Teambuilding" Marzano activity.

Below right: GED students from Mrs. Nancy Fox's room enjoy!!



"Pumpkin carving and story telling on Halloween night have been a tradition for the Level A ESOL classes for as long as I can remember," said Mr. Pat Jennings, Evening Coordinator for TALC. Ms. Johnnie Campbell is the initiator for this event (pictured fifth from the left.) Front and center are Ms. Bren Ross-Greene, the evening Media Specialist (Library is open every Monday night) and Mr. Jennings, who usually serve as the "judges."