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WALL OF FAME

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JANET LEE GLIME

"Community service is the rent one pays for the room one has on Earth."

Stated by Muhammad Ali, this quote reminds me of the philosophy practiced by my parents, Donald and Cecelia Vanden Langenberg, while raising their family of nine children on a dairy farm in Abrams. Active in both church and community, my parents demonstrated the importance of helping one's neighbor.

I attended Abrams Elementary School, then graduated from Oconto Falls High School in 1974. The highlight of my high school years was being chosen for the DAR Good Citizen Award. I attended nursing school at Mercy Medical Center School of Nursing in Oshkosh, graduating in 1977.

I am blessed to have good people in my life; I married my best friend, Daniel Glime, a wonderful man from Lena. Together, we raised two lovely and lively daughters, Emily and Katie. My nursing career has involved employment in a variety of settings, the most recent being home health. It was here that I learned, and finally understood, some of the obstacles my patients faced including not being able to read.

After searching our area for a literacy council, I was disappointed to find there was none. In 2012, with the assistance of area professionals, the Marinette and Oconto County Literacy Councils were born. Realizing our tutors needed a trainer, I became a certified tutor trainer.

Many of our students have since reached their goals, even becoming United States Citizens. Currently, we have 28 trained tutors teaching 34 students. Over 30 students have completed our program coming from 15 different countries and speaking nine languages. In serving others, we are helping them to become contributing members of their community.

In 2019, I was honored to receive the H.P. Heckendorf Community Service and WPS Volunteer Leadership Awards. I could not have done any of this without the help of the Literacy Board of Directors, my husband, Dan, and my family, which now includes: Emily and Jesse Seewald (Frankie) and Katie Kleinke (Xavier and Scarlet).

I have since learned never to take the gift of reading and writing for granted. Years ago, I never would have believed that I would be volunteering in literacy but I have seen that God works in mysterious ways. I have learned that we may not be chosen for a role based on leadership skills but rather because we have seen the need.