

# BETWEEN THE LINES

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## What's the buzz?

Lawyers for Literacy Spelling Bee raises over \$30k

The 2011 "Lawyers for Literacy Spelling Bee" was a huge success. Thanks again to the Young Lawyers Section of the Orange County Bar Association for planning the event. Co-chairs, Daryl Gottlieb and H. Davis Lewis, led a terrific team of volunteers including Matthew Ferry, Ryan J. Hilary, Sunny Hillary, Kelley Lester, Diego Madrigal, Maribel Mojica, Kayla Mudge, Brett Renton, and Melinda Wimbish.

Sixteen teams took to the stage at the competition and emcee, Mayanne Downs, immediate past president of the Florida Bar Association, was a terrific asset to the fun and flow of the competition.

Thanks also go to our fabulous Host Committee, led by Alana Brenner, from the City of Orlando. She was joined by Joseph Amos, Matthew Brenner, Ryan Davis, Ava Doppelt, Amy Iennaco, Woody Rodriguez, and Virginia Townes.

The evenings officials were pronouncer Tim Bottorff, timekeeper Erica Lee, and judges Jim Payne and Dr. Thaddeus Seymour.

The Adult Literacy League board chair, Leslie Golden, herself an attorney, spoke words of welcome and introduced the work of the League to more than 200 people in attendance.



The competition was so fierce we had to move to words not in the study guide. In the end, it was a tie with Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor and Reed matching word to word with the spelling team from the Young Lawyers Section of the Orange County Bar Association.

This event raised over \$30,000 for adult and family literacy programs at the Adult Literacy League!

Photo 1: From left, Dr. Thaddeus Seymour and anchor Jim Payne act as judges during the spelling competition. Photo 2: The two winning teams, Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A. and the Young Lawyers Section of the Orange County Bar Association celebrate with Executive Director, Joyce Whidden. Photo 3: Spellers from State Attorney's Office hope they spell correctly.



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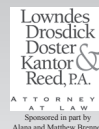


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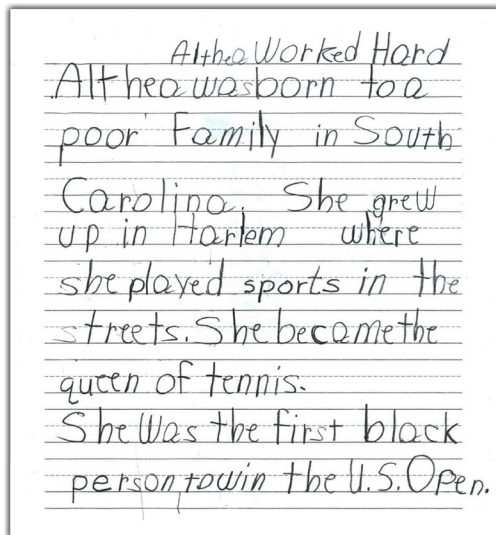
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## Matching Grant from the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation!

The holiday season is always one of giving and sharing. This year, the Adult Literacy League truly needs your year-end support to help us as we continue to meet ever-growing needs in our community. We are so pleased to announce that we have received support from the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation to help us with technology needs for our students, tutors, and instructors. In addition, they have provided

a one-of-a-kind opportunity to enhance every donation we receive by offering to match, dollar-for-dollar, **every new and every increased donation you make**. If you have not given to the League in the last 14 months, a contribution made today will be eligible for this challenge match. If you have given, but could provide an additional increased gift, that too would receive a match. Please help us meet this wonderful

challenge, and end our year on a financially successful note. And again, many thanks to the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation for their important support.



## From learning to read, to reading to learn.

Otide found the Adult Literacy League in 2009 after moving to the United States from rural Haiti. She never had the opportunity to attend school in either country and came to our office as a complete non-reader in her 50s. Otide has been taking classes and attending tutoring sessions while balancing a work schedule — her children supporting her all the way.

During a tutoring session, she wrote a short essay about Althea Gibson, the first black woman to compete and win a world tennis tour in 1956. Using curriculum and outside stories and examples, she and her tutor have worked hard to build Otide's writing skills and reading comprehension.



An evening of fine wine & good food & amazing auction items

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