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## Letter from the PiELL President

Dear PiELL friends,

I'm a relative newbie to the PiELL board, though I have tutored for several years and have served on the board for the past year. During that time I've been blown away by the rich collection of experiences brought into our PiELL community, the robustness of the organization and the positive outcomes for our students.

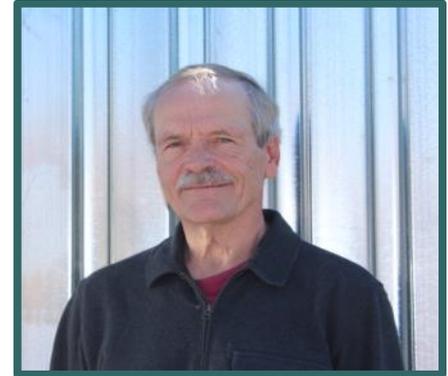
Special thanks to Bev Stout and Judi Kreinick, outgoing co-presidents (again), whose combined 40 years of PiELL volunteerism has contributed so much and who will continue on the board. Thanks, also, to the many other tutors, volunteers, donors, and friends who enable our small organization to have a large impact. The ultimate measure, of course, lies in the powerful success stories of our students, which extend to their families and our community. Our students inspire us, and PiELL can feel proud of the role we play!

My working career was in business, primarily general management but with years in planning. I am pleased, therefore, that PiELL completed a strategic plan a couple of years ago, formalizing the following five goals:

- \* Enhance the tutor experience to increase effectiveness, loyalty and retention
- \* Enhance student life skills, community integration and English learning opportunities
- \* Diversify fundraising
- \* Increase PiELL's profile and outreach in the community
- \* Develop and implement succession, sustainability, and back-up plans

I like those goals and propose to begin my board presidency by asking you readers how **you** feel that PiELL is doing against those objectives and how we can continue to improve. I'll be reaching out to some of you to explore those questions. No need to wait, though. I hope to hear from many of you. I can be contacted at [cgcrajin@gmail.com](mailto:cgcrajin@gmail.com).

— Chris Crain



Chris Crain

## PIELL'S BOARD 2019

### Board Members



From left to right: Christie Gillison, Anna Villegas, Bev Stout, Chris Crain, Sherry Davey, George Perez and Justin Gross. Not pictured are Judi Kreinick and Annie Haymaker.

### Opportunities to help

PiELL would like you to consider joining its board of directors. If you are interested in seeing English as a Second Language (ESL) tutoring thrive in this area, please think about joining the board and helping PiELL continue to grow. Board meetings are held quarterly and previous board experience is not required. With limited staff hours, PiELL is run by volunteers, and we are really trying to bring new resources to the board. In addition, we have openings in grant writing and in leading our fundraising efforts. Experience is not required. Our main fundraiser is a musical benefit, and existing committee members have experience with that. We also arrange restaurant fundraisers. If interested, please contact us at [admin@piell.org](mailto:admin@piell.org).



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## BriarPatch awards \$500 to Piell

This March we received \$500 from BriarPatch for a grant submitted last year by Susan Ellenbogen. We are grateful to BriarPatch for the funding and to Susan for her submission. We thank you BriarPatch!

## Save Mart Changes eScrip Program

Many of you have designated a local organization as the beneficiary of Save Mart contributions based on your shopping. Save Mart has recently discontinued its eScrip Community Card program. If you shop at Save Mart, there is still a means to get a portion of your shopping purchases donated to PiELL.

Save Mart, along with many other retailers, participates in the Great Lakes Scrip Center program, through which plastic gift cards can be purchased. PiELL receives 2% of those purchases, and several PiELL mem-

bers currently use that program. We hope that PiELL members who previously participated in Save Mart's eScrip Community Card will migrate to the gift card program, and that other PiELL friends will also help support us by purchasing and using Save Mart gift cards. PiELL typically places physical gift card orders around the first of the month; if you would like to purchase Save Mart or other gift cards for which PiELL earns a percentage, please reach out to Bev Stout at [blstout@pacbell.net](mailto:blstout@pacbell.net) or Chris Crain at [cgcrain@gmail.com](mailto:cgcrain@gmail.com) for details.

## Thank you to Judi and Bev

Judi Kreinick and Bev Stout will be retiring as Co-Presidents of PiELL this year after many years of service, and they have served as President or Co-President for over half of those years.

Though they are leaving the presidency, they will remain on the Board where they will continue to provide invaluable leadership. Much of what they do is behind the scenes, but the results of their efforts are evident in the vitality of the organization.

Their love for and commitment to PiELL have been unflagging. We honor them for building a strong, thriving organization.



Former Co-Presidents  
 Judi Kreinick and Bev Stout

**Thank you Judi and Bev!**

## Meet Chris Crain, PiELL's New President

Chris grew up in a small Vermont town, frequenting the local library, and through reading, expanded his view of the outside world. He attended Swarthmore College, majoring in economics, and completed his MBA at Stanford.

After working for several Bay Area firms, Chris moved to Grass Valley, where he was reminded of Vermont's hills, rich history and small-town atmosphere. He enjoys working with small organizations and helping them meet their challenges.

Chris has been a tutor for several years and is one of our newest board members. He has graciously agreed to become PiELL's new president. We are grateful to Chris and warmly welcome him to his new position.

## A Family Affair ~ Stephanny and Pablo

Sherry Davey, Stephanny's tutor, and Chris Crain, Pablo's tutor, are proud to introduce their students, a married couple, and their accomplishments.

### Stephanny's Story (written by Stephanny)

We were a newlywed couple with many dreams and aspirations in our native country, Colombia. We were both industrial engineers trying to create a decent life and make a beautiful family. Colombia is a beautiful country with amazing places and very loving people, but sadly, with a lot of corruption and a bad economy.

We got married on May 5, 2018, and decided to come to California for our honeymoon. We visited a friend in Nevada City and fell in love with this place. It was beautiful to see the land full of pine trees and mountains. We had to return to our country and two months later were taking another plane to come back, but this time it would be to stay. When we arrived, beautiful news came into our lives that we were going to be three. Yess! We were going to be parents, and another challenge began in our lives. Now we have new jobs, a small baby, and a language to improve if we want to grow in this beautiful land full of opportunities. We wish to improve our English because we want to get better jobs to improve the quality of life for our daughter and be able to integrate more into the community.



Pablo and Stephanny with their new baby Avril.

One magic day we went to a Mexican restaurant in Nevada City and were talking with a server about our plans in this country. She gave us the phone number of PiELL and said that PiELL is very good. We were very excited and called the same day. That day started the adventure with the English language. Right now the most helpful thing in learning English has been the beautiful, special people we have met: tutors and co-workers.

— Stephanny

### Pablo's Story (Tutor's Comments)

Pablo came to the U.S. less than a year ago with no knowledge of English, whereas Stephanny had four years of English while in college in Colombia. In establishing a life here with his wife and newborn daughter, he's now highly motivated to learn English.

In the piece above, Stephanny has talked in general about their coming here to Nevada County. Following is Pablo's brief addition to Stephanny's comments, thoughts about building a life here and the importance of learning English. Pablo's comments are unedited, but they show great progress in less than a year's time and a strong motivation to improve his English and better fit into this new country.

— Chris

### Pablo's Story (in Pablo's words and spelling)

Stephanny roat about come here. Is new word! for us, new opportunities and for me all new. I never study english in my live! and never wanted to.

In the begining all time i needed stay with my wife for translesion and everything. She study english for many year before in my contry, but now she is pregnant! and she can not stay with me all the time. I needed work for my new family and now i needed study English for live in this contry. It is scaring, exiting, strange and amazing new universe for me! this begins my crazy history here. I love it!

— Pablo

## How Students Become a Part of PiELL

When a potential student calls the PiELL office, his or her name and phone number go out to the Intake Evaluation Program chair. There are three evaluators currently in the program. Once the contact information is received, one of the evaluators will contact the student and schedule an initial interview.

During the interview, the interviewer obtains the student's background information with emphasis on prior education and English instruction, the specific goals and reasons for learning English, and the days and times that the student is available for instruction. The evaluator takes the time to answer any questions the new student may have about our program and to emphasize personal responsibility for arriving on time to lessons and making sure there is someone to care for any small children during the lesson. This information is vital in assisting PiELL in making a good student-tutor match. Then an English assessment is administered. The results of this assessment help the interviewer determine the current English level of the student. Once this determination is made, the information is compiled and sent on to the PiELL office to be used in matching students with tutors.

## For Those Interested in Being a Tutor

PiELL's next new tutor training class will be June 15th and 22nd.



Nancy Guenther interviews a potential student.



## Partners in English Language Learning

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### Student Demographics Spring 2019

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## Northridge Fundraiser Coming Up

For our local PiELL supporters, please save the date: We are having another fun fundraising event on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at Northridge Restaurant in Nevada City. From 5:00 –9:00 we will get 10% of EVERYTHING: food, beer, wine and take-out!! Lots of tutors and students have enjoyed this evening of good food and delightful conversation (all in English) in past years, and we hope you will make time to join us this year.

## Donations from Amazon

If you order from Amazon, you can earn money for PiELL if you order instead from AmazonSmile, the charitable arm of Amazon. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the same convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com. Every online purchase made after registering Partners in English Language Learning (PiELL) as your contribution recipient will provide PiELL with .5% of the purchase price.

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