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BOLT

Providing outreach programs, basic nutrition and health education as well as teacher training seminars or workshops that are relevant and practical for educators.

Upcoming Conferences

Aug. 10, 2012
Philippines
Pasig University,

Aug. 11-12, 2012
Philippines
E3f/BOLT/ Board
of Education

Aug. 14-16, 2012
BUKID/BOLT
Philippines
In-service
Elementary
Schools

Jan. 4-5, 2013
(Vietnam)
Dalat Univ/BOLT
Seminar

The second newsletter for 2012 contains a summary of the presentations done for the E3f/BOLT/Department of Education (DepEd) Pasig Division Language Education Seminar/Workshop held at Rizal High School, Pasig City, Philippines. E3f, the Educational Enrichment and Enhancement Foundation (Educational Foundation Based in the Philippines), organized and set up the program and arrangements for all facilities while BOLT provided most of the presenters at the event which was the 6th E3F/BOLT Philippines Seminars in affiliation with the Department of Education (DepEd) Pasig Division. E3f and BOLT are greatly indebted to Rizal High School for opening up their school to conduct this seminar/workshop series held February 18-19, 2012. This time the seminar/workshop was limited only to high school teachers only, hence the ratio of presenters to participants for each of the six simultaneous presentations was approximately one presenter for 30 teachers and administrators of high schools of Pasig City School Division.



Magnolia Weber Koh presented to teachers on a Reading Program Development at Rizal High School.

Most presenters presented 5 presentations, two presentations that were repeated twice. Since there were only 9 presenters, most of the participants had an opportunity to catch at least six of the nine presenters in at least one presentation or workshop. The following nine presenters presented in the following areas with the following titles:

Presenter	Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3
Peter John Wanner	Increasing Participation and Development through Games and Tasks	Content Writing Exercises for Student Development	Extensive Reading Development through Graded Readers
Steven Gershon	Words, Words, Words: Teaching Vocabulary	Teaching Essay Writing Skills: Process Approach in Action	Culture in the Classroom: Window and Mirror
Michael Furmanovsky	A Listening, Reading and Watching Jigsaw	Using Songs with Content for Reading Comprehension	Making and Customizing Board Games for Communication
Eric Bray	Using Role play for Communicative Development	Using a Facebook Group for a Communicative Exchange: Mystery Object/Activity	Using Movie Journals for Language Development
Joachim Castellano	A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words	Beyond Bulletpoints	Beyond Newspapers
Junko Fujio	Group Self Learner Evaluation (GSLEV) in large classrooms (46-70 students)		
Magnolia Weber Koh	Development of Volunteer Reading Programs in Schools		
Amihan April Alcazar	Functional Literacy as Applied to English Language Teaching	Contextual Learning Theory as Applied to English Language Teaching	
Teresita De Mesa	Multiple Intelligence		

The presentations were received well and teachers enjoyed many interactive activities. Steven Gershon provided many useful vocabulary activities that could be implemented in a class. Michael Furmanovsky did some specific work with listening and comprehension in the classroom. Joachim Castello provided some useful instruction on the use of the computer inside and outside of class to collect and document facts. Junko Fujio presented an invigorating presentation on how to evaluate speaking skills in a group in an objective way. Peter Wanner discussed content based curriculum design and introduced various games used in these types of courses as well as touching on various strategies used in task based learning. There were requests for inclusion of drama related classes in English in the future and this is a new area for which E3f and BOLT are looking for possible volunteers. Another area of interest that the Pasig Board of Education wishes to pursue in future seminars is the implementation of mathematics and science classes as a content based course in English.

Teachers also filled out a survey questionnaire for English Language proficiency and it is hoped that E3f can assess the results and then provide teachers with self-help exercises that they can use to improve

their language skills, especially in weak areas. This should strengthen their effectiveness in classroom instruction as well as improve their self confidence in providing all instruction in English in their English classes.



Teachers playing a vocabulary word game in Peter Wanner's workshop on content based instruction.

On February 20, five teachers went to visit the Commission on Higher Education to review current progress with the new implementation of the K-12 program in the Philippines.



(Left to Right Back) Michael Furmanovsky, Eric Bray, Steven Gershon, Amihan April Alcazar, 3 NEST Grade School students who gave donation money for BUKID, and Peter Wanner. (Left to Right Front) Natsuto Shiraisi, Junko Fujio.



Amihan April Alcazar telling children about motorbikes and their use in the Philippines as well as elsewhere.

Following the presentations, the volunteers went to NEST Pre-school Development Center and did an in-service in which they talked to Kindergarten students about various means of transportation. This was an interesting session for the students, as the teachers taught them how to make airplanes out of origami and also had lunch with the children. NEST Grade School students raised money for donations for BUKID foundation to help the children of San Lorenzo Ruiz Formation and Learning Center. Their final stop for the day was a special ceremony for announcing a Global Scholarship Program of BOLT and E3f followed by a special seminar for some of the faculty from Pasig University in which the development of a special project to determine the English Language Proficiency of Pasig University instructors and professors were discussed. Pasig University Vice President, Amihan April Alcazar gave an introduction speech which was followed by Dr. Peter John Wanner's announcement of the Global Scholarship Program.



Pasig Student Choir sings the national anthem as teachers and students greet E3f and BOLT delegates.

From February 21-February 24, a delegation of two instructors of BOLT and one Master's student of AIESEC in affiliation with E3f went to San Lorenzo Ruiz Academy in Calapan, Mindoro for one day followed by a trip to San Lorenzo Ruiz Formation and Learning Center in Banilad, Baco, Oriental Mindoro for three days in affiliation with Buhay at Kinabukasan Development Foundation (BUKKID).



**Magnolia Weber Koh teaching 1-2 Grade Level Reading
At San Lorenzo Ruiz Academy in Calapan**



**[Behind] Teachers of academy and [front] delegates
who attended seminar on integrated reading skills.**

At San Lorenzo Ruiz Academy, the delegation did one in-service reading class (left picture above) followed up with a special seminar for all the elementary school teachers of the academy (right picture above).



Peter Wanner teaches Sixth Grade Students of San Lorenzo Ruiz Formation and Learning Center in Banilad

In Banilad, over a three day stay, they taught History, Science, Mathematics, Physical Education, Music, Literature, Writing, Geography, and Social Studies to 90 elementary school students enrolled in grade levels one through six of Elementary School over the three days they stayed there. These classes were taught entirely in English using rudimentary teaching materials, specifically much use of the chalkboard, since writing tablets and pencils are limited as are textbooks and copy machines. The San Lorenzo Ruiz Formation and Learning Center operates with no electricity and hence the classes start early in the morning and finish early in the afternoon. Students at San Lorenzo Ruiz Formation and Learning Center and San Lorenzo Ruiz Academy regularly have classes in English and Tagalog (The Philippine national language). Besides content classes in school subjects, other important survival skills are also

taught to the children and adults such as hygiene and sanitation. Furthermore, nutrition is taught to show the people of the village how to make the best use of the vegetables and food available in this area. These important skills are taught in English and Tagalog by the delegates and native Filipino speaking volunteers who assist them.



Magnolia Weber Koh with a small child just bathed. Magnolia Weber Koh with the fifth and sixth grade students.

On March 23, 2012, Dr. Peter John Wanner did a seminar for the full faculty of Pasig University titled 'Pedagogical Methods in Using English as a Medium of Instruction.' In this seminar, teachers discussed how content based curriculum is applied in relation to their courses at Pasig University. A survey was compiled for gathering further information on strategies and methods of teaching that are applied and the degree to which they are implemented in the various departments of Pasig University. The results of these surveys will be referred to for determining areas that will be included in a comprehensive workshop series August 10-11, 2012 at Pasig University. BOLT is hoping to gather at least six delegates with workshops relating to implementation of various strategies and methods employed for content based curriculums for August 10. These workshops will be followed up with further faculty development by the administration and faculty of Pasig University on August 11.



(Left to Right) Pasig Vice President Amihan April Alcazar, Dr. Peter John Wanner, and Professor Alicia Buni, the English Department Coordinator and incoming Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

Following the 2 hour Seminar given by Dr. Peter John Wanner on March 23, eight candidates were screened who applied for the Global Scholarship Program. E3f and BOLT would like to congratulate Carmelita Bardelosa Peralita and Rivel Aquino Pagatpatan who were both selected to receive a 6,000 yen Scholarship that will be paid toward their tuition for their final semester to complete their Masters Degree by 2013.



(Left to Right) Professor Alicia Buni, the English Department Coordinator and incoming Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (Univ. of Pasig), Dr. Amhan April Alcazar, Dr. Peter John Wanner, and Museum Coordinator, Ms. Milay

Call For Papers	Deadline
Philippines	
August 10-12 Seminars	May 31, 2012
August 14-17 In-Service	June 31, 2012
Vietnam	
January 4-5 Seminars	May 31, 2012
Philippines	
February 23-24 (Tentative)	Dec. 15, 2012
Send 2 (One theoretical and one practical) abstracts and bio-data to the following:	
pjwfk@gmail.com	
*BOLT is still conducting meetings with possible affiliates in Cambodia and Thailand possibly starting in 2013.	

Philippines Seminar Schedules August 10 Pasig University, Pasig City and August 11-12 Rizal High School, Pasig City

Seminar Registration Fees - None

Delegates will be responsible for the following expenses:

- 1) Payment of lodging in Hotels where they stay (E3f/BOLT recommend hotels in #3 listing).
- 2) Transportation to Philippines and back and from the Airport to the Hotel

If delegates select reservation for pickup by E3f from the airport to the hotel on arrival and from hotel to airport for departure, the charge will be P/1,000 one-way or P/2,000 two-way, (Yen 2,000 one way or Yen 4,000 two way) payable to E3F upon arrival when delegates arrive in Pasig City.

- 3) Transportation from hotel to conference paid by delegate.

If delegates select reservation by E3f from the following hotels (each day) P/500 P one way P1000 Round trip:

Hotels recommended are in the Ortigas Center area of Pasig City:

- A) Astoria Plaza - around Yen 7,000 per night 4 stars condotel with restaurant and buffet breakfast
- B) Millenia Suites - around Yen 5,500 per night 4 stars but no restaurant, with buffet breakfast only
- C) Gohotels - around Yen 3,000 per night but price is changeable depending on the date you reserve, no frills room only
- D) Condominiums - Yen 2,000 per night per person paid to E3F (East Ortigas Mansions or Palmdale Heights) fully furnished with internet access but sharing rooms with other volunteers

Delegates can get good rates for the hotels if they reserve through Asia Travel by internet

- 4) E3F will only provide meals during the conference (morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack). All other meals are paid for by the volunteer.
- 5) Tentative times for departure for Seminars is 6:00 AM (Start at 8:30 AM) and they finish by 5:00 PM each day August 10-12.

Philippines In-Service Schedule [August 14-17, 2012] Banilad Donation (20,000 yen) BUKID (For information BUKID refer to <http://bukidfoundatione.jimdo.com/>) Donation covers all expenses (transportation, lodging, and food) August 14-16 (checkout 17th) Express Bus Station (Bus-2 hours), Super Cat (Boat-1 hour), One day lodging hotel (2 people room), Two day lodging Banilad Facility.

Other Organizational Events, Teachers Helping Teachers (THT)

THT Kyrgyzstan

September 10-12, 2012

The Teachers Helping Teachers SIG will be conducting their 4th set of teacher-training seminars in Kyrgyzstan during the month of September. We will again be hosted by Bishkek Humanities University, and tentative dates are September 10th - 12th. Prospective delegates should prepare a minimum of three proposals for workshops or presentations. More information can be found on the website (www.tht-japan.org).

THT Bangladesh

September 13-14, 2012

Teachers Helping Teachers/ (THT) will hold its 7th teacher training/professional development program in Dhaka, Bangladesh on September 13th and 14th, 2012. We will be hosted by the Bangladesh English Language Teachers Association (BELTA) and the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB). We request that prospective presenters prepare a minimum of three proposals for workshops or presentations. The majority of the attendees will be working educators at the primary, secondary, and university levels; so, practical applications of theory to practice, workshop to classroom lesson plans and examples, and advice about the day to day workings of an EFL classroom are appropriate. More information can be found at the THT website (www.tht-japan.org).

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