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# The ELI Weekly

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## Volunteer Day

*Help others while helping yourself!*

This Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, we are

holding our second major **Volunteer Day** of the spring term. This is your chance to give back to the community while practicing your English in a real-life environment. Remember to take pictures to share on the ELI Facebook page! Below is a description of the volunteer activities going on this weekend.

**Cost:** Free! Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. You should bring water to each volunteering activity.

**North Treasure Coast Chapter of the American Red Cross:** Come learn about the mission of the American Red Cross and participate in a Fire Safety Expo with Gainesville Fire Rescue! Meet at Norman Garage at 9am.

**Little Orange Creek:** Help us clean and keep Little Orange Creek beautiful. Learn about plants, animals, and historical sites like the old cemetery and see animals such as deer, birds, and even snakes. Meet at the Norman Garage at 10am.

**Porters Community Farm:** Help tend to the local community garden. Meet at Norman Garage at 9am.

**Gainesville Rabbit Rescue:** Help clean and play with rabbits who have been saved from abuse and brought to the shelter. Please wear closed-toed shoes and clothing that can get dirty. Meet at Norman Garage at 10am.

**Ronald McDonald House Charities:** Ronald McDonald House is a charity that provides support for the health and well-being of children and their families. Come spend time with families staying at Ronald McDonald House! Meet at Norman Garage at 7pm.

Please check the board as there may be more opportunities later in the week. Remember to sign up for the volunteer activity of your choice by Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and arrive **ON TIME** at Norman Garage! Please don't sign up for an activity if it is already full. If you have any questions about any of the activities, see David in the CIP Office, Matherly 211.

## The Next Trip

Next weekend, Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, is the **Third Annual UF ELI Talent Show!** Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

## Talent Show Rehearsal 1

We will be holding the first rehearsal meeting for the Talent Show. **It is very important that you go to this meeting.** We will talk about what instruments are available to you such as drum kits, amps, etc. and anything else you might need. Bring your music and be ready to perform. LAs and B students are also welcome to attend.

We also need a Master of Ceremonies. Come to this meeting if you're interested.

**When:** Tuesday, March 10 at 5pm

**Where:** CSE E121 (The Computer Science Engineering Building by the French Fries).

If you have any questions, feel free to ask Nate, Tate, or Greg.

## Student Voices Deadline

Have you been writing a lot in your classes? Submit your paragraphs, essays, stories, poems, and anything else that you'd like to see in print to Student Voices! The deadline is **Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Please remember to include your name, class, and title for the piece. Email your entries for the *Voices* to my email address, mpjimenez@ufl.edu.

## Undergraduate Admissions Workshop

If you're interested in applying to Santa Fe College or UF for an undergraduate degree, come to the Undergraduate University Admissions Workshop. A representative from Santa Fe College will give important information and tips on the admissions process, and she will answer any questions about enrolling in their program. Please sign up on the ELI Announcement Bulletin Board.

**When:** Tuesday, March 17, 5:30 to 6:30pm

**Where:** Matherly 214

## Noted from the Office

**Daryl out:** Daryl will be on a recruitment trip for UF and the ELI from March 11<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, you can make an appointment with Emily.

**Change of address:** If you changed your address, please let the office know.

**Student Mailbox:** Don't forget to check the student mailbox in the main office from time to time.

**Emails:** Remember to check your emails daily. You are receiving messages from your teachers, your LAs, your conversation partners, and the office. Check the junk folder, too!

## Manners and Culture

*Q: What are the best words to welcome someone into your home?*

A: "Hellllloooooo!" Or you could just say "Welcome." If it's cold out, you can also say "Can I take your coat?"

*Q: Why do Americans talk on their cell phones in the bathroom, even the public bathrooms?*

A: I haven't the foggiest. Really. I can't understand this either. I guess their conversation is more important than their shame.

## Grammar

*Q: Are there specific rules for the prepositions that apply everywhere? What's the difference between: At the top of the paper, on top of the paper*

A: The first one means something is written on the paper towards the top. The second one means something is covering the paper.

*Q: What is the difference between do not have and have no?*

A: There is no big difference between the two but we generally use *do not have any* more.

Conversational: I don't have any food.  
Academic: I have no food.

*Q: Is it correct to say, I have been going to class since 3 days ago?*

A: Most of your teachers will say "100% no because *since* and *ago* can never be paired. However, it does occur. For example, in Shakespeare's play *As You Like It*, one character states "Tis but an hour ago since it was nine." To make your sentence sound more academically correct, you can change it to the following:

I have been going to class since it started 3 days ago.

## Phrase of the Week

Look for this phrase in this Weekly! What do you think it means?

*give back to the community* \_\_\_\_\_

## Quote of the Week

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life round.

Leo Buscaglia



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