

Del Norte County Library District

Remembering Dr. Halls

Today, we remember our friend and faithful volunteer, the late Albert Halls, M.D., on what would have been his 93rd birthday. Many of his friends knew that Dr. Halls was a "walker"; he did not drive. He would track his mileage every day and every year he would have a total for the miles that he walked.

Del Norte Reads was very blessed and fortunate when Dr. Halls came to volunteer his services as a tutor. Everyone who met Dr. Halls immediately liked him and felt very comfortable with him. It did not



matter what the subject material was, Dr. Halls eagerly assisted every student he worked with. It was not unusual for Dr. Halls to tutor 5 students one hour per week. The more difficult the trigonometry, the more Dr. Halls rose to the challenge. He also lead a Bible study at his church and played the organ and the piano.

Many patrons may not know that Dr. Halls was multi-linguistic and could speak fluent German. He was also able to read French, Russian, and Ancient Greek. Patrons also may not realize how passionate Dr. Halls was about medicine. He became an RN first and later earned his PhD in Anatomy. It was after that, in which he became a Medical Doctor in Family Practice for 38 years.

Dr. Halls's Autobiography in his words...

"As I look back over 89 years, I realize why God led me into so many different professions as I wanted to be an M.D. since I was three years old.

Thus I was first a lab technician, then in sequence an R.N., PhD, (Anatomy), and then M.D.; I enjoyed being in all of them and now I can share my knowledge and experience as a tutor in Nursing, Anatomy, and all aspects of Medicine to students who wish to enter these fields.

In addition to the above, I have had a great love of languages - German, French, Russian,

Ancient Greek, and Latin, and also of mathematics. So I can assist students who wish to pass the GED or to learn English as a second language. What a joy it is to see the light come on in the student's eyes as he or she grasps the new knowledge. That is why I like working as a volunteer tutor for Del Norte Reads.

To keep healthy, I walk daily. This year, I have walked 1,100 miles thus far, and I don't have a pain or ache in my body."

Dr. Halls, your spirit and your talents are missed by all of us, today and every day.

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