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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: CAPE FEAR LITERACY COUNCIL PRESENTS ITS 30TH ANNUAL GALA – THE MAD HATTER’S TEA PARTY**

### CFLC Announces its Gala on Saturday, March 7, 2015 and Gala Kickoff Party on Thursday, January 22, 2015.



Cape Fear Literacy Council will host its 30<sup>th</sup> annual **Literacy Gala** on Saturday, March 7th at Audi Cape Fear starting at 6:30 PM. The Literacy Gala is based on a work of celebrated literature and this year’s theme is inspired by a principle chapter in Lewis Carroll’s *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland*, *The Mad Hatter’s Tea Party*. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Cape Fear Literacy Council, a tax-exempt organization that serves adult learners in the Cape Fear Region.

Highlights of this year’s gala include a magical adult "high tea", fantasy-inspired elegant chef tastings, silent and vocal auctions, Wonderland garden games, our ever-popular photo booth, and an evening of music and dancing under the stars with special musical guests *Blivet*. This is a black tie event, but creative en-theme costumes are also encouraged.

To begin the celebration early, please join Cape Fear Literacy Council for the **Gala Kickoff Party** on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30-7:30 PM at The Blind Elephant Speakeasy located at 21 N. Front Street. The party includes hors d’oeuvres, cash bar and an auction preview.

Cape Fear Literacy Council partners with hundreds of volunteers, tutors, and generous supporters to provide, small group classes and one-on-one tutor services to adults in the Cape Fear region. Nearly 40% of adults in the surrounding areas struggle with basic reading comprehension. The CFLC aims to eradicate this statistic by offering educational services that increase the opportunities available to both its students and their families. The proceeds from the Gala help make this vision a reality for its students.

All-inclusive tickets to the Gala are **\$125** each. Reserved tables are available upon request. Seating is limited at this exclusive tea party, and we expect another sell-out crowd. **Tickets and sponsorship information is available by clicking here** or by visiting [www.cfliteracy.org](http://www.cfliteracy.org). Any additional questions about the Gala can be answered by contacting the Erin Payne at [epayne@cfliteracy.org](mailto:epayne@cfliteracy.org) or 910-251-0911.

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