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Colleagues….

….stay in touch, help each other, keep learning, contribute to their profession, share ideas.

From the Advocacy Committee

BESE BOARD CANDIDATES AND WORLD LANGUAGES

The Advocacy Committee of LFLTA has sent letters to all candidates for seats on the BESE Board. The election is October 22.

At the time that this article was written, the following candidates had responded to an inquiry concerning their position on world language education and a first-class education. All indicated their interest in and support for language education in our schools:

Dale Bayard—District 7
Lottie Beebe—District 3
Chas Roemer—District 6
Jay Guillot—District 5
Pam Matus—District 2
James Garvey—District 1
Glenny Lee Buquet—District 3
Lee Barrios—District 1

This is a very important election for Louisiana schools, and LFLTA encourages everyone to talk with the candidates in their districts and seek their positions on a number of issues, languages among them. Be sure to vote.

—The Advocacy Committee

Be in the know! Check the LFLTA Wiki at http://lflta.wikispaces.com for news, updates, and discussion threads on all aspects of our profession. Not yet a member? Go to the site, and click on "Join this Wiki."

Teaching Ideas and Tips

Note: This is YOUR column! Any items published in this column will be credited to the sender. Published sender also receives a small prize! Send submissions to marymcgehe@aol.com. Include your full name and address, and the language you teach.

This is an activity my student teacher used in the classroom last week that I'd like to share. Our French III students had fun with it!

To review country names in the target language, tape one country name to each student's back. Students take turns at the front of the room asking questions to the class until s/he determines the identity of his/her country. Possible questions (posed in L2): On what continent is my country located? Is it in the north/south/east/west? What is the weather typically? What language(s) does one speak there? What is a favorite sport? What are favorite foods? What is a favorite leisure activity? Etc. Classmates supply all responses in L2.

Submitted by:
Genedi Shamburger
Woodlawn High School

From the Program Committee:

2nd Call for Presenters for LFLTA Conference

Dear Louisiana World Language Teachers:

This is a shout-out for additional Presenters and Roundtable Facilitators at the March 2-3, 2012 LFLTA Conference in Lafayette. We have received some excellent applications and still need more in order to make this a top-notch conference. Share your expertise with colleagues and you will make valuable connections with other world language educators!

Attendees at the 2010 LFLTA Conference provided positive feedback about the Roundtables offered that year, and we hope to have many to offer in 2012. It's a great way to present and share your knowledge on a smaller scale, with less pressure and stress.

The presentation/roundtable application is attached (page 9) and is also found on the LFLTA Wikispace (http://lflta.wikispaces.com). On the Wikispace, you may also download the 2012 Conference Registration form, which includes registration fee and hotel reservation details.

We are extending the application deadline to Oct. 31 and look forward to receiving applications for many interesting sessions and roundtable topics. Make sure your school, area, and target language are represented!

Please contact me with questions. Many thanks to everyone.

Genedi Shamburger
Region II Representative
genedi@cox.net

Presenter application form and conference registration form are on pages 9 and 10 in this newsletter, on the LFLTA website, and on the LFLTA wiki.

Important Events

October 22 – BESE Board Elections - Be sure to vote!

The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) is the authorizer for public charter schools and also appoints the State Superintendent of Education. This is an extremely important election for those of us who care about public schools and who believe in the importance of teaching World Languages to students of all ages. Find out which candidates will promote and protect our interests and vote on October 22.
(See article regarding LFLTA recommendations).

October 31 – Deadline for Applications to Present
at the LFLTA Spring Conference on March 2 -3.

Please contribute your ideas and experience to the dynamic interchange of knowledge and practices at our state-wide conference in Lafayette. Become a more active participant in the World Languages Community of Louisiana. You may chose between a 45-minute presentation and a less formal 20-minute "Round Table" Presentation. We are ever-grateful to our presenters. Without them, there would be no conference!

March 2 – 3 LFLTA annual Spring Conference
Crowne Plaza Lafayette
Theme: **World Languages: the Original Social Network.**
Keynote and Workshop presenter: Lisa Lilley

Your registration of $80 includes all presentations, the workshop with Lisa Lilley, two meals, and your annual membership to LFLTA. What a deal! It is a great time to visit with

exhibitors and other professionals from around the state and to stay abreast of current trends and events.

March 22 – 24 SCOLT Annual Conference
Atlanta, Georgia
Theme: **World Languages: Learners Wanted**

After enjoying a SCOLT conference in Baton Rouge last year, many of you know the excitement of bringing educators together from a region of thirteen states plus Puerto Rico. Atlanta is just down the road and we hope to see many Louisianans there.

News from Around the State

Regional Meetings are being held around the state to bring teachers together to share ideas, hear news from the Louisiana Department of Education, and learn of summer scholarships, grants, and other opportunities. Most regions also present an hour of in-service, and teachers receive one CLU. All area world language teachers are invited. If your region has not yet held its regional meeting, contact your Regional Representative (see list on page 8, or to go http://lflta.wikispaces.com or http://lflta.net).

The Region VIII Meeting was held Wednesday, September 14, in the West Monroe High School Library. At 4:30 pm, meeting began with an ice-breaker and snacks. Regional Representative Sarah Young conducted the meeting, beginning with an introduction to the LFLTA Wiki. Anita Greenwood talked about LFLTA's competition for Teacher of the Year, plans for the annual conference to be held in March 2012, and membership in LFLTA. Bonnie Baxter presented information on scholarships to Spain. Ruth Smith gave an update on grants and advocacy. Sarah Young gave information on ALCFES and scholarships for teachers and students as well as SMART Board teaching tips. Dr. Lucero Flores offered teaching tips as well. The evening ended with teachers exchanging ideas and drawings for door prizes. Maria Blanca Wortham and Stephanie Viator managed the sign-in and door prizes. Thanks to all for the delicious snacks!

The Region II Meeting took place Thursday, September 8, at Woodlawn High School, 15755 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, in Room 803. On the agenda were LFLTA mini-grants, scholarships, mini-grants, awards and networking opportunities, Region and State news, browsing the LFLTA Wiki, a presentation by Genedi Shamburger on Communicative Activities that Engage Learners, and a teacher idea exchange. Scott Harris talked about LFLTA's Teacher of the Year program, and Terri Hammatt presented news from the Louisiana Department of Education. The program ended with a wonderful assortment of snacks provided by Regional Representative Genedi Shamburger and door prizes provided by Mary McGehee.

The Region IV Meeting was held on Saturday, September 17, from 2-4 pm, at UL-Lafayette in Room HLG 109. The meeting was led by Regional Representatives Dr. Tamara Lindner and Tony Musacchia. Tony Musacchia opened the meeting welcoming world language teachers from the region as well as French graduate students from the ULL Department of Modern Languages. Peggy Feehan gave an update on news from LDE. Joy Stalnaker gave an excellent presentation on online resources for French teachers. The meeting ended with teachers exchanging ideas and enjoying wonderful refreshments provided by the Regional Representatives.

The Region VII Meeting was held on September 12, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, with Bossier Parish Schools hosting the meeting in the library of the Bossier Instructional Center. Regional Representative Stacy Clark led the meeting which began with a review of the resources and support available from LFLTA on the wiki and on the website. Teachers were encouraged to apply for Teacher of the Year, mini-grants, and to present at the spring conference. In addition, other resources were explored such as ACTFL, AATF, AATSP, etc. The teachers then divided into two groups and participated in an Idea Swap Shop on the following topics: Technology, Vocabulary, Grammar, Culture, Conversation, Writing and Projects. Participants exchanged email addresses in order to continue to share ideas and support each other. This workshop, entitled *LFLTA—the Social Network just for Louisiana Language Educators* energized participants and led to planning for another workshop in the spring. Regional Representative Stacy Clark thanks Bossier Parish Schools, and especially foreign Language Supervisor Tracey Burrell, for their assistance and support in making this event successful.

Don't miss the Regional Meeting in your area! Contact your Representatives to find out when your next Regional Meeting will be held!

Summer Scholarship Opportunities for World Language Teachers

Subject: SCOLT Scholarship Program

To: World Language Educators in the SCOLT Region

As the Scholarship Director for the Southern Conference on Language Teaching, I contact you about this time each year to share information about our excellent scholarship program with your members. I greatly appreciate your help. Please forward the rather detailed information below or just direct individuals to the Scholarship page of the SCOLT website http://scolt.webnode.com/scholarships.

The SCOLT Summer Scholarship Program offers deserving teachers

the opportunity to participate in short-term study abroad programs in a variety of countries. Most programs include 2-3 weeks of classes in language and culture studies, lodging, some meals and one or more excursions or other activities. Transportation to the country of the program is the responsibility of the participant.

Currently, programs are offered in France, Canada, Spain, Mexico and Ecuador.

The strong applicant is one who can demonstrate that he or she will benefit from such an experience and successfully share the benefits with a variety of students, one who has demonstrated involvement in and a commitment to professional development, and one who can articulate a philosophy of education that reflects the importance of the study of world languages and cultures in the world today and in the future.

Applications are due November 1, 2011, for the 2012 summer study experience, and scholarship recipients will be notified by January 2012. Recipients must attend the conference the year they receive the scholarship in order to be recognized in person at the awards luncheon and again the year after their summer experience in order to offer a conference presentation on their experience.

The 2012 conference takes place in Atlanta, GA March 22-24. The scholarships will be presented at the awards luncheon on Friday, March 23. Information on all scholarship programs and an application can be found at the SCOLT website http://www.scolt.org. Scroll down to the Scholarships link on the right sidebar (near the end of the page). The direct link is http://scolt.webnode.com/scholarships.

Thank you very much for helping us publicize this excellent program. We hope to see you and many members of your organization in Atlanta in March 2012.

Sincerely,
Susan Navey-Davis

Other Scholarship Sources include the Belgian Government, the French Government, among others. Some of these are offered through the offices of CODOFIL. The AATF, AATG and AATSP offer scholarships for teachers and for students. Members of LFLTA are invited to send their email address to Mary McGehee at marymcgehe@aol.com to receive announcements of opportunities. Be sure to add her email address to your email address book so that your server won't delete those messages as spam.

New scholarships for high school students offered by the U.S. Government

Youth Exchange Scholarships for U.S. High School Students

The U.S. Department of State announces scholarships for American high school students to study abroad:

The National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) offers merit-based scholarships to U. S. high-school aged students for overseas study of seven critical foreign languages: Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Korean, Persian (Tajik), Russian and Turkish. The NSLI-Y program is designed to immerse participants in the cultural life of the host country, giving them invaluable formal and informal language practice and sparking a lifetime interest in foreign languages and cultures. Applications for summer 2012 and academic year 2012-2013 programs are due November 3, 2011. Visit www.nsliforyouth.org<http://www.nsliforyouth.org/ for more information.

The Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Abroad Program offers scholarships to American high school students to spend a semester or an academic year in Bosnia & Herzegovina, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Oman, Thailand, and Turkey. This post 9/11 program focuses on increasing understanding between people in the U.S. and countries with significant Muslim populations. The application deadline is January 11, 2012. Visit the YES Program's website http://www.yesprograms.org/yesabroad for more information.

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program (CBYX) was established in 1983 to celebrate German-American friendship based on common values of democracy. Secondary school students live with host families, attend local schools, and participate in community life in Germany. Young professionals (undergraduates) and high-school graduates of vocational studies ages 18-24 study and participate in practical training. Scholarships are now available for academic year 2012-13. Prior German language skills are not required. For more information visit USAGermanyScholarship.org http://www.usagermanyscholarship.org/.

The American Youth Leadership Program offers opportunities for American high school students and educators to travel abroad on a three- to four-week-long exchange program to gain first-hand knowledge of foreign cultures and to collaborate on solving global issues. Several different organizations implement this program, and each has organized an academic and experiential educational exchange focused on dialogue and debate, leadership development, and community service. Recruitment areas and application deadlines vary, so please check the American Youth Leadership Program http://exchanges.state.gov/youth/programs/ylp/current-youth-leaderships-programs.html website for more information.

ALCFES 2012.

SAVE THE DATE FOR ALCFES (French) 2012 on January 27, 28 and 29 at the Crowne Plaza in Baton Rouge. For information, contact Mme Pam Broussard at Pamela.broussard@zacharyschools.org or Mme Jacqueline Labat at labatj@sjabr.org

Louisiana High School Spanish Convention

Save the date for the Spanish Convention on Friday March 9, 2012, at the Holiday Inn South, Baton Rouge. (See the LAHSSC website.)

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Regional Representatives

Region I — **Virginia Leveane (2013)** **panamaeaston@yahoo.com**; **Joyce Vicario (2013)** **joyce.vicario@jppss.k12.la.us**
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Region II — **Genedi Shamburger (2013)** **genedi@cox.net**
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Region IV — **Dr. Tamara Lindner (2013)** **thl1479@louisiana.edu**; **Anthony Musacchia (2013)** **axm2547@louisiana.edu**
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Region V — **Tia LeBrun (2013)** **tia.lebrun@cpsb.org**; **Lova Moreno (2013)** **lova.moreno@cpsb.org**
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Region VII — **Stacy Clark (2013)** **stacy.clark@bossierschools.org**
DeSoto, Red River, Caddo, Bossier, Webster, Bienville, Claiborne

Region VIII — **Stephanie Viator (2012)** **sviator@cedarcreekschool.org**; **Sarah Young (2013)** **sarahyoung@opsb.org**
Concordia, Tensas, Catahoula, Franklin, Caldwell, Madison, E. Carroll, W. Carroll, Richland, Morehouse, Ouachita, Jackson, Lincoln, Union, Monroe City

PRESENTER/ROUNDTABLE FACILITATOR APPLICATION
LFLTA CONFERENCE, MARCH 2–3, 2012

Name: _____

Email: _____ **Tel**: _____

Home Address: _____

School Affiliation: _____

School Address: _____

Title of Proposed Presentation: _____

Presentation Type *(Check one; please complete a separate application per presentation type):*
_____ **Roundtable session**. *(20 minutes)* Presenters will demonstrate activities and information so participants may then engage in the discussion or share other suggestions.
_____ **Lecture presentation**. *(45 minutes)* Presenters may discuss new approaches, pertinent information for foreign language teachers, cultural or literary topics.

Themes and Sample Topics. *(Check the category applicable to your presentation.)*

_____ Curriculum Issues
_____ Technology
_____ Experiential Learning
_____ School Language Clubs
_____ Research in the Classroom
_____ Making Connections to other Subjects
_____ Increasing Funding at State and Parish Levels
_____ Activities for Teaching Reading, Writing, Speaking, and/or Listening
_____ Increasing Access to Languages: All Levels and to More than One Language
_____ Professional Issues
_____ Immersion
_____ Advocacy Ideas
_____ Teacher Education
_____ Testing and Evaluation
_____ FLES, From Theory to Practice
_____ Literature in the World Language Class

- Will this presentation be interactive? (Hands-on demonstrations are a plus!) ___Yes ___No
- **Equipment**: For lecture presentations, the hotel will provide a screen and wireless Internet. Check which of these you need: ___Screen ___Wireless Internet access ___Digital Projector
  - ❖ Presenters should bring any other equipment needed for the presentation.
  - ❖ Extension cords and wireless Internet access will be provided for Roundtables. Keep in mind the audience will be gathered around the presentation table.
  - ❖ Each Roundtable facilitator must bring his/her own computer if needed.
- Will you bring assistants (teacher or students) to assist you with the presentation? ___Yes ___No (Assistants must pay Conference fees if they attend more than your session.)
- Friday dinner and Saturday lunch are included in Conference fees.

Summary (35–50 words): This summary will be printed in the Conference Program as the description of your presentation. Write it in the language you plan to use in the presentation. If the topic is applicable to all languages, it is recommended the presentation be in English. *(You may write on the back of this sheet.)*

Submission: Submit completed form via email to genedi@cox.net or via postal mail, **postmarked no later than October 15, 2011, to**:

Genedi Shamburger
5448 Bull Run Dr
Baton Rouge, LA, 70817

The Louisiana Foreign Language Teachers Association Annual Conference

March 2 & 3, 2012
Crowne Plaza Airport
1801 West Pinhook Rd., Lafayette, LA 70508
(337) 233-8120
Registration Form

PLEASE PRINT! PLEASE PRINT! PLEASE PRINT! PLEASE PRINT! PLEASE PRINT!

Last Name:	First Name:	M. I.	File under what letter?
Mailing Address:	.		
City, State, ZIP:			
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Fax Number (home or work?)	Email:		
School/Institution(as you wish it to appear on badge):			

Check Language(s) you teach:✓	French	Spanish	German	Russian	Latin	ESL	Other
Check Level(s) you teach: ✓	Elem. School	Middle School	High School	University	Other		
Immersion Program: ✓	Elem. School	Middle School	High School	University			

Fees for Regular Membership: all fees non-refundable, no exceptions

Fee	Description	Amount
$80	Pre-registration includes $25 membership fee, Friday night dinner, Saturday workshop and Saturday lunch. **The meal fee is included and not a separate choice.** [If you already paid the dues at the beginning of the school year (2011-2012,) you pay only $55.00.] _____Please check here if you would like a vegetarian meal.	$
$90	Regular registration **after December 1, 2011, postmarked by February 20, 2012, or register at conference**	$
$25	Membership Only (I am unable to attend but wish to receive newsletter and/or be on Email mailing list.)	$
	Total Amount Due	**$**

STUDENT FEES: all fees non-refundable, no exceptions.

Fee	Description	Amount
$ 40 *(present student ID at registration)*	Pre-registration includes $15 student membership fee, Friday night dinner, Saturday workshop, and Saturday lunch. [If you already paid the $15 dues at the beginning of the school year (2011-2012), you pay only $25.00.]	$
	Total Amount Due	**$**

Make checks payable to LFLTA.

Mail check to: **Carlos D. Fandal**, LFLTA Treasurer
400 Caldwell Road
West Monroe, LA 71291-1631

You will receive a confirmation by e-mail of your registration. If you do not receive the confirmation, please write to Carlos at carlosdfandal@bayou.com.

_____I do not wish to receive regular email communications from LFLTA.
_____I do not wish to have my picture used in communications about LFLTA.

Hotel information: All participants are responsible for their own hotel accommodations!

Double room rates	**Hotel contact information – Reserve room under LFLTA block before February 15, 2012**
	Crowne Plaza-Airport 1801 West Pinhook Road Lafayette, Louisiana 70508 (337)233-8120