

Presidents' Message

Fall 2012

Chers Collègues,

The days of *La Rentrée* are well behind us and we hope that your academic year is off to a good start. After a summer of relaxation and a change of pace, we are certain that you come back to the classroom rejuvenated. If you were lucky enough to attend the AATF National Convention in Chicago, we know that you honed a wealth of information and encouragement from our fellow members. We are indeed fortunate to have so many dedicated people in our organization. Please use all the resources they have made available to you, be it the national and local websites, the *National Bulletin* or the *French Review*. Also don't forget the online resources of the AATF Facebook page and Twitter conversations.

Coming up shortly is our fall program at the Rodin Museum, which reopened last spring. (See the website for details.) We hope to see you there. This year the ACTFL Conference is here in Philadelphia. If you have not already registered to attend, please consider doing so, even if only for one day. So many developments are happening in the field of second language acquisition in the 21st Century. Sometimes it is overwhelming. Just choose a few new techniques that will really enhance your curriculum and go with them.

Our webmaster, Dianne Goddard, is in the process of adding a tab on our website menu bar called "Member Presentations." Posting condensed versions of presentations is an efficient way to collaborate on our professional endeavors. In addition, when you are presenting at a conference it will give you the opportunity to tell the attendees that they can consult the AATF website for a basic outline and/or pertinent contact information. Please send any relevant material to Rita and Susie at rdavis@agnesirwin.org and susanledieu@gmail.com. As always, we are open to suggestions for ways to better serve you. Please free to contact us.

Bon courage à tous pour 2012–2013!

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Le Grand Concours

2013 marks the 35th year that our chapter administers the *Grand Concours* in our area through the dedicated commitment of Sister Mary Helen Kashuba. We encourage you to spread the word about the contest so that we could have a record participation.

Listserv Notice and Membership Renewal

Our listserv is exclusively for members of both National and Philadelphia Chapter AATF, so be sure to include the \$8.00 Chapter dues when you renew National membership in the fall. (If you paid \$55.00, this did not include local membership.) We send reminders of meetings and other French-related events, as well as news to supplement the most recent newsletter.

The complete Listserv Policy is on our site, www.aatfphila.org. Open French positions are posted upon request. If you are not on the listserv and would like to be included, please send a message to BEACHLLOYD@erols.com And of course, if you would like to have your e-mail removed or changed, please let Joanne know:

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As of this fall we now have a back-up listserv person who will post messages (from rdavis@agnesirwin.org) in the event that Joanne is unavailable.

Watch for *Le Canard Déchaîné*- a Canadian publication which will be made available to you via our listserv.

Calendar of Events

- 9/27/2012 MCATFL: "Bring the Buzz" (Ft. Washington, PA) www.mcatfl.org
- 9/29/2012 AATF: Rodin Museum (Philadelphia, PA) www.aatfphila.org
- 9/29/2012 Millersville University: "Teaching Culture through Film" (Millersville, PA) www.millersville.edu/forlang/in-service/index.php
- 11/8–14/2012 **National French Week**
- 11/16–18/2012 ACTFL: "Many Languages: One United Voice" (Phila. PA) www.actfl.org
- 1/26/2013 AATF Winter program: "La Francophonie et *Le Gone du Chaâba*," Koffi Anyinefa (Friends Central School) www.aatfphila.org
- 2/15–28/2013 FLES: Le Grand Concours: kashubam@chc.edu
- 2/26/2013 MCATFL Oral Proficiency www.mcatfl.org
- 2/?/2013 PSMILA Immersion Day
- 3/1–8/2013 AATF *Le Grand Concours* (Levels 01–5) kashubam@chc.edu
- 3/7–10/2013 NECTFL (Baltimore, MD) <http://www.nectfl.org>
- 4/20/2013 MLAPV Spring Conference with AATs
AATF: "Music of the Nazi Occupation" presented by Joanne Silver
- 4/20/2013 International Spring Festival (Lansdale, PA, North Penn High School) <http://internationalspringfestival.com/>
- 4/26/2013 IUP Spring Methodology Conference www.chss.iup.edu/spanish/methodsconf
- ?/?/2013 MCATFL Spring Conference www.mcatfl.org
- 5/16/2013 AATF Distribution Des Prix (Chestnut Hill College) kashubam@chc.edu
- 7/11–14/2013 AATF National Conference (Providence, RI) www.frencheachers.org