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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back! I hope the summer vacation gave you an opportunity to rest, relax and rejuvenate your spirits for another school year.

I am happy to welcome **Nancy Russo-Rumore** from Valley Stream South High School to our Executive Board. She joins us as our 2nd Vice President. Nancy comes with much enthusiasm and creativity for the profession. I would also like to acknowledge our 3 new co-editors for the Newsletter; **Richard Gentile, Joan Militscher and Ron Taub**. Their hard work and dedication is much appreciated.

It is with great pleasure that I share with you the exciting events that LILT, has planned for the 2001-2002 school year. The Executive Board has been busy planning upcoming activities for our teachers and students. All our workshops and social activities are intended to foster professional growth and communication among our members. The year starts off with our Annual General Membership Meeting on October 2, 2001 at the Plainview Holiday Inn. This event allows us to interact and converse with our colleagues in addition to satisfying our palate. I know it is a hectic time of year, but please join us for our first business/social gathering of the year. It's always a pleasure to see familiar and new faces alike.

The **2001 LILT/NYSAFLT Regional Meeting**, "*World Languages Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*" will be held on Saturday, 11/10 at Babylon Jr/Sr High School. The day will be filled with a potpourri of workshops requested by members. Topics to be offered include: Tips and Techniques at Checkpoint A, B and C; Hands-On Technology; Ideas for the Interdisciplinary Connection; Successful Strategies for the Student Teachers, and Motivational Techniques for the "Methods" Students. The day promises to be an enriching experience which will allow you to bring creative and exciting ideas back to your classroom. Watch for the flyer and reserve the date!

Start planning early this year to enter your students in the March Poster Contest, and the 2002 Student Language Day Competition. The Off-site events' topics are: *Finding a New Purpose for an Old Item and Selling It*" (Video) and "*Laughter Saves The Day*" (Essay). More Information regarding these activities will be forthcoming as we get closer to those dates. Please remember that in order to participate in these events you must be a paid-up member. Renew your membership now for the year 2002!

LILT continues to offer a variety of awards and grants. I encourage you to take the opportunity to utilize the availability of them. One way we can all creatively promote foreign language education is by rewarding and acknowledging those around us who excel in foreign languages and/or support and promote foreign language education. The awards and grants available include the following: Excellence in Foreign Language Award, Excellence in Teaching Award, Teacher Incentive Grants, Friends of Foreign Language Award, Lucille DiPietro Lambert Student Award for Excellence in Second Language Studies. Please request applications for these awards now!

I would like to share with you some timely and helpful information I came across while reading articles dealing with beginning a new school year. The information focuses on general guiding principles to assist novice and veteran teachers in establishing a positive learning environment in the classroom. These principles will help to create a classroom where the exchange of ideas is encouraged, respect for all students is nurtured and a sense of community is established. The articles focused on three guiding principles. Connecting with students means attaching names and personalities to the faces in your classroom. We need to spend the first few weeks getting to know our students (“who the student leaders are, who might need an extra pat on the back, which learners need to be drawn out of his/hert shell”). Another critical need is to connect students with their learning. During the first few weeks of school we need to capture the interest of our students. We need to send a message that foreign language is a unique and fun kind of class! We can do this by introducing high interest materials that are easy to focus on, such as cultural influences, celebrations etc. By constantly engaging our students in the target language, we help stimulate their interest in learning the language. The last important facet in preparing for a successful school year deals with finding ways to connect with the parents (“strong families make strong schools”). Some ways to get parents involved include encouraging their participation in the target language cultural celebrations conducted in class, class newsletters, foreign language week etc. It is important to let parents know that we are interested in the child’s learning and care about their progress.

I’d like to wish you a healthy and successful school year. I look forward to meeting you all at the many professional and social events.

Best regards,

Ana O. Aguiar-Mady

PROFESSIONAL CALENDAR 2000-2001

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| Sep. 8 | AATG, Grill-Fest | Sep. 20 | AATSP, Hecksher Museum, Huntington Private showing of Esteban Vicente, painter |
| Sep. 13 | Suffolk & Nassau Classical Societies, Joint dinner meeting, Huntington | Sep. 22 | AATG, Steuben Parade, New York City |
| | | Oct. 1-7 | AATG, National German Week |

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Oct. 2 LILT General Membership Meeting, Holiday Inn, Plainview

Oct. 4 AATF Suffolk, Cinema Arts Centre, Huntington - Using cinema in the classroom

Oct. 12-14 NYSAFLT Annual Meeting, Nevele Hotel

Oct. 12-13 AATI, Center for Italian Studies, Symposium: *The Life and Legacy of Mother Cabrini, Saint of Immigrants*, SUNY at Stony Brook

Oct. 18 AATSP Peña, Molloy College

Oct. 20 AATG, Uwe Kind presents German songs for the classroom, SUNY at Stony Brook

Oct. 27 SUNY at Stony Brook and Services Culturels de l'Ambassade de France: *Journée d'Initiation au Web francophone*. Call (631) 632-7440 for further information.

Nov. TBA AATF Suffolk, French Film Festival Cinema Arts Centre, Huntington

Nov. 8-14 AATF's, La Semaine du Français

Nov. 12-16 International Education Week declared by Secretary Colin L. Powell, United States Department of State

Nov. 16-18 ACTFL, Annual Meeting, Washington, DC

Nov. 10 LILT Regional Meeting, Babylon HS

Nov. 29 AATF Nassau, Soirée du Hockey NY Islanders vs. Montreal Canadiens

Dec. TBA AATF Nassau, meeting about using the Internet and the World Wide Web

Dec. 7 AATF Suffolk, Annual French Poetry Contest
Long Island University, Brentwood Campus

Dec. 7 AATI, Christmas Party

Dec. TBA AATF Nassau, Fête de Noël

Dec. 15 AATG, Holiday Party

Dec. 31 LILT FL Day Competition paid membership deadline

Feb. 8 LILT FL Day Competition postmark deadline

Feb. 25 LILT Winter Workshops begin

Mar. TBA The Long Island Language Poster Contest
AATF's, National French Exam Competition

MAR. 4-8 FOREIGN LANGUAGE WEEK

Mar. 6 AATSP, National Spanish Exam (Snow date, March 13)

Mar. 8 AATG, Sprachfest

Mar. 22 AATI, Annual Italian Poetry Contest Long Island University, Brentwood Campus

Apr. TBA AATF Nassau, French Poetry Contest Long Island University, CW Post Campus

Apr. 12 AATI, Professional Meeting

Apr. 15 Suffolk Classical Society, *Certamen*

Apr. 18 LILT Winter Workshops end

Apr. 18-21 Northeast Conference, New York City

Apr. 27 LILT Foreign Language Day On-site Competition, William T. Rogers Middle School, Kings Park

May 7 AATI, Annual Luncheon

L I L T A W A R D S

- Excellence in Teaching Award
- Friend of Foreign Language Award
- Lucille DiPietro Lambert Student Award for Excellence in Second Language Studies on Long Island
- Teacher Incentive Award

Requests for applications can be made beginning March 1, 2002, with a postmark of no later than April 15, 2002.

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DUES INCREASE, effective immediately

Individual - \$20 Student - \$10
Husband & Wife - \$25 Emeritus - \$10

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LILT-NYSAFLT REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The 2001 LILT-NYSAFLT Regional conference will be held at Babylon Jr/Sr HS on November 10th from 8:30 to 2:00 PM. This year's theme, **WORLD LANGUAGES YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW**, encompasses an array of innovative workshops conducted by exciting presenters. Among the topics to be offered are workshops for methods students and student teachers, which include motivational and assessment techniques for the methods student and successful strategies for the student teacher; hands-on technology through the use of Web Quest and Publisher; ready-made lessons of interdisciplinary instruction for successfully connecting languages to other subjects; and packets on lessons, activities and projects which include tips and techniques for Checkpoint A, B, and C instruction. This year's conference promises to provide foreign language teachers with a forum to share and express today's sources and resources while connecting yesterday's successful strategies to tomorrow's innovative techniques.

2001 LILT FOREIGN LANGUAGE DAY COMPETITION WINNERS - ADDENDUM

Due to a printing error in the June *Newsletter*, the winners of LILT's Student Foreign Language Day Competition in International Vocal Music were inadvertently omitted. We print them here with our sincerest apologies.

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| Fr-It-Sp 1A | 1 Grades 2, 3 and 4 2 Erica Senat 3 Grade | Baylis School LI School for the Gifted Robbins Lane Elementary |
| School | HM Michael Inkles | LI School for the Gifted |
| Fr-It-Sp 1B-2B-3C | 1 Christina Melli 2 Scheena Mendez 3 Marie Smulezski HM Nicole Padden | Oakdale-Bohemia JHS Babylon Jr-Sr HS Commack MS Farmingdale HS |
| Fr-It 3C-4C | 1 Kevin Story 2 Christian Crescitelli 3 Jineth Sanchez HM Narkio Heathcote | Longwood HS Mephram HS Brentwood HS Babylon Jr-Sr HS |
| French 4CN-5C | 1 Jennifer Healy 2 Juliet Brians 3 Katharina Hommel | Longwood HS Longwood HS Longwood HS |

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| | HM Desmar, Doty and Lysius | Longwood HS |
| ASL 2C-3C | 1 Sarah Greco | Great Neck South HS |
| | 2 Jessica Alagna | Massapequa HS |
| | 3 Forsyth and Maddock | Massapequa HS |
| | HM Emily Segal | Great Nech South HS |

NYSAFLT AWARDS RECEIVED BY LI STUDENTS, JUNE 2001

2001 Fulvi Student Scholarship Award -
Richard Zawislek, Valley Stream So. HS, Teacher: Nancy Russo-Rumore
2001 Fulvi Love of Language Award -
Christine O'Connor, Garden City MS, Teacher: Joann Porter

EDITORIAL

LILT joins millions around the world to condemn the horrific destruction of human life and property on September 11, 2001. We hope the missing will be found, and we extend our profoundest sympathy to all who lost loved ones in the tragedy.

At this time it is difficult to be American, but we must also remember that our daily, workable freedoms and democracy are a beacon to the world. This brilliant light gives hope to the downtrodden and inspires others to higher values in their own countries; it must also continue to inspire us as we bestow on all our bountiful American goodness and mercy. We must avoid the tendency to hate and stereotype, for if we embrace them, the terrorists have won their campaign.

The next weeks and months are going to be difficult for us all. Let us pray for our country and our government, that we may all find a just resolution to this horror. God bless America.