



LILT Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

It's difficult to believe that another school year has gone by. Along with the end of this school year my two-year term as President of LILT will also end. It has been a most rewarding and challenging experience to serve as President. Working with the Executive Board and the members directly has been an enjoyable experience and has offered me a unique opportunity to grow professionally. I thank you all for your dedication and collaborative spirit to LILT and your commitment to foreign language education. My primary goal as President was to increase member participation in the development and the administration of LILT activities. I feel we have definitely moved in this direction, and I urge you to continue your active involvement in LILT. The future leadership of our organization depends upon each and every one of you.

The highlight of 2001- 2002 has been the development of our Web site. Thank you Ron Taub, Richard Gentile and Richard Hance for your tireless effort in creating this web page. The web site offers information about our annual events and various links to other professional organizations. Visit us at www.LILTFL.org.

In honor of a dear colleague whom we lost this year, the excellence in teaching award has been re-named The Kathleen Lyons Memorial Excellence in Teaching Award. Kay was a loyal and dedicated educator. Her hard work and passion for teaching were inspirational to all who knew her.

Join us at our annual End of Year dinner which honors our retirees and award recipients. We will be honoring Phuong Boyce, Barbara Cardea-Weissman, Peter Liss, Grace Mannino, Annette Pennisi, Carol Whyte, Ann Wilding,. Mark your calendars to be at the High Seas Restaurant in Huntington on Tuesday June 2 at 4PM for this special affair.

At this time we say good-bye to our secretary, Patty MacKay. I'd like to thank Patty for her hard work and dedication to LILT. Good luck as you move on.

As the school year winds down, let's reflect upon the successes and accomplishments of both our colleagues and our students. I would like to wish everyone and their families a restful, safe and fun-filled summer.

Regards,

Ana O. Aguiar-Mady

PROFESSIONAL CALENDAR

May 7	AATI, Annual Luncheon	• Teacher Incentive Award
May 16	AATG, Annual Awards Presentation Dinner	
June 4	LILT End of the Year Dinner High Seas Restaurant, Huntington RSVP by May 24, 2002 See RSVP form elsewhere in this edition.	Requests for applications can now be printed from our website: www.LILTFL.org . Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15 of each year. Mrs. Annette Gentile, Awards Coordinator e-mail: agentile@liltfl.org
July 28-Aug. 2	AP Spanish Language Workshop – will receive 2.5 credits Taft Educational Center, Watertown, CT. For further information call: 800.274.7815 or 800.945.7803	
November 9	LILT-NYSAFLTRegional Conference <i>The New Face of Language Teaching</i> South Woods MS, Syosset	Individual-\$20 Student-\$10 Husband & Wife-\$25 Emeritus-\$10

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

LOOK AT YOUR MAILING LABEL

The number after your name on your mailing label tells you until when your membership has been paid.

P L E A S E R E N E W E A R L Y

WWW.LILTFL.ORG

LILT is pleased to announce the creation of it's Website. We will now post all new, important information on the Home Page as well as all pertinent LILT activities and events (scholarship and award application forms, Executive Board, guidelines for the Foreign Language Day Competition, etc.) on the Website. Henceforth, this information will not be mailed to you. Should you want application forms, guidelines, etc. you will print from our website what you need.

Should you need to contact anyone on the Executive Board or Committee Chairperson, kindly refer to the Executive Board page and use their e-mail addresses to make contact. You should be answered within a few days.

Not only will this method of communication be more timely, it will also save LILT enormous printing and mailing costs.

The only exception to the above will be the LILT *Newsletter* and the Winter Workshops information which shall be posted via federal mail to each member as it has been done in the past.

LILT SCHOLARSHIP(S) AND LILT AWARDS GO WANTING

LILT is proud to offer a maximum of two scholarships of \$500 each to one or two graduating seniors who have shown outstanding promise in foreign language study during their high school careers. The award is named in honor of our first president, The Lucille DiPietro Lambert Student Award for Excellence in Second Language Studies on Long Island.

LILT also offers the following awards: The Kathleen Ann Lyons Memorial Excellence in Teaching Award which is

presented to an outstanding teacher, The Friend of Foreign Language Award which is presented to a non-educator who has fostered the study of foreign languages, and The Teacher Incentive Award

which gives a stipend to a teacher who would need seed money to try a new teaching approach that would not necessarily be funded by a school district.

Unfortunately, none of our 400+ members nominated anyone for any of these scholarship(s) or awards this year and the money allotted for 2002 will go back into LILT's general operating budget. **IF YOU WISH TO NOMINATE ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS NEXT YEAR, YOU MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR EACH NOMINEE.** The yearly US Post Office postmark of April 15th is the due date for completed applications.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Michele Jarchin, student of Susan Salzman, Plainview-Old Bethpage, JFK HS, recipient of NYSAFLT's Fulvi Scholarship; Samantha Reynolds, student of Isabel Cosentino, Centereach HS, recipient of NYSAFLT's Fulvi Recognition Award; and Kathryn Rose, student of David Strauzer, Garden City MS, recipient of NYSAFLT's Fulvi Love of Language Award.

VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

For many years, some since the inception of LILT in 1980, numerous individuals have served LILT in various positions because they loved their profession and the colleagues with whom they served. However, some of these individuals no longer wish to serve in these positions either for personal or professional reasons, or wish to move on to other aspects within the organization.

A particular case in point this year was finding sufficient numbers of judges for the Student Foreign Language Day Competition. Most of the judges at this year's off-site judging had not entered students in this year's competition, and many were retired from active teaching. Yet these judges were willing to spend a Saturday morning in camaraderie grading the off-site competition. Many had to work continuously so the judging could be completed because of a lack of judges. This is certainly neither right nor fair to those who willingly give so much of themselves.

If more members are not willing to come forward and volunteer some of their time to LILT, certain LILT activities may have to be abbreviated or canceled. Among these at the very moment are the Poster Contest and the Student

Foreign Language Day Competition. Unfortunately this year's on-site ASL competitions were cancelled because sufficient judges did not come forward.

WE HAVE ASKED FOR VOLUNTEERS MANY TIMES BEFORE, BUT NOW OUR REQUEST IS CRITICAL. Without your active participation, LILT can no longer function as it has in the past. Why not join an interesting group of people, network if you're looking for a teaching position, interact with your peers and gain greater insight into your profession and yourself? Many first timers are pleasantly amazed at what an interesting time they have, and have requested to be added to the roster of LILT's judges for next year. Thanks to Ron Taub and some of his student teachers at SUNY Stony Brook, the contest was saved this year by them volunteering at the last minute.

If you are interested in becoming active in LILT, e-mail Richard Gentile at: rgentile@liltfl.org

LILT is grateful for the following professionals who gave their time and expertise as this year's Foreign Language Day Competition judges:

Abrams, Judy	Cammarano, Maria Rosa	Ekstam, Anita
Aguiar-Mady, Ana	Cardoso, Patricia	Ekstam, Kimberly
Ammirato, Jackie	Carrescia, Manuela	Fort, Peggy
Avari, Caroline	Cartalano, Gina	Gatti, Joyce
Banks, Olga	Corvino-Miletich, Ida	Gentile, Annette
Beitch, Maria	Cosentino, Isabel	Gentile, Richard
Berman, Naomi	Curran-Hernandez, Mary D'Onofrio,	Greenbaum, Adrienne
Boyce, Phuong	Enzo	Guillet, Marie
Brideau, Yvette	DeSimone, Denise	Haigh, Rosemary
Burton, Christine	DeSimone, Vito	Hanczor, Michelle

Hance, Richard	Militscher, Joan	Ruiz, Suzanne
Hennawi, Adrienne	Militscher, Joe	Russo-Rumore, Nancy
Izzo-Barbieri, AnnaMaria	Miller, Nancy	Senia, Lori
Jeffrey, Greg	Miller, Neil	Serrone, Lilianne
Knoblauch, Diane	Mohanty, Christine	Shulha, Anna
Loria, Marie	Nasser, Eglal	Spengler, Rande
Lowenberg, Gene	Nesfield, Jen	Spielmann, Kristen
Lyons, Pat	Noreña, Oscar	Sussman-Fort, Suzanne
Maher, Colleen	O'Connor, Doreen	Taub, Ron
Maietta, Josephine	Picataggio, Janet	Tursi, Joseph
Mannino, Grace	Portal, Maria	Uckardes, Lisa
Marino, Frank	Ramos-Velita, Marlene	Vultaggio, Vicenza
Martinez, Elizabeth	Riccoboni-Sommo, Diana	Wilding, Ann
Mignone, Lois	Rothblatt, Sharon	Zoeller, Diane

ISABEL COSENTINO, NEWLY ELECTED NYSAFLT REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Dear Long Island Colleagues:

I am writing to introduce myself as the newly elected Regional Director of NYSAFLT from Long Island. I join Grace Mannino, in the last year of her three-year term, as your liaison to NYSAFLT. We welcome any questions or comments you may have regarding NYSAFLT and its activities.

NYSAFLT and LILT, its Regional Affiliate, offer a wide variety of activities, workshops, scholarships and awards as well as publications that benefit their constituencies and enhance their professional development as LOTE educators. We urge you to support these organizations by being current, active members.

We look forward to meeting you at the next LILT or NYSAFLT event!

Sincerely,
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LILT NYSAFLT REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2002

The LILT NYSAFLT Regional Conference 2002 will take place at South Woods Middle School in Syosset on November 9th. Our theme this year is **THE NEW FACE OF LANGUAGE TEACHING**. Our workshops will include many new and exciting topics and speakers. Make sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, November 9th.

******* URGENT*******

Please help us fulfill your needs by contacting Marlene Ramos-Velita at wankelita@aol.com regarding special areas of interest and/or expertise. Check and specify the language(s) :

I wish to attend a workshop on American Sign Language, Latin, Chinese, Russian, Japanese, other _____

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LILT End of Year Dinner

June 4, 2002

The LILT Executive Board invites all members to the annual End of the Year Dinner. Please join us for an evening of camaraderie as we honor our ***retiring colleagues*** and the recipient of the ***Lucille Di Pietro Lambert Student Award for Excellence in Second Language Studies on Long Island***.

When: Tuesday, June 4, 2002 at 4:00 PM

Where: High Seas Restaurant, 234 West Jericho Tpk., Huntington Station, NY
(631-549-2799)

Cost: \$ 25.00 per person

RSVP: By ***May 24, 2002*** to: Ron Taub, rontaub@liltfl.org

Take some time out of your busy schedule to share the happenings of the past year and enjoy a spring dinner.

Directions:

From the East:

LIE West to Exit 49N (Rte 110). North on Rte. 110 to Jericho Tpk. just past the Walt Whitman Mall. At Jericho Tpk., turn left. The High Seas will be #234 on your left.

Northern State West to Exit 40 (Rte110). Go North on Rte. 110. Follow directions above.

From the West:

LIE East to Exit 49N (Rte 110). North on Rte 110 and follow LIE directions above.

LIE East to Exit 44N (Rte 135). North on Rte. 135 to Exit 14E (Jericho Tpk.). Go East on Jericho Tpk. The High Seas will be #234 on your right.

Please detach & return this form to Ron Taub with payment no later than May 24, 2002.

I will attend LILT's End of Year dinner on June 4, 2002.

Name: _____ Phone# (H) () _____

Total Enclosed (check payable to LILT) \$ _____ Phone# (S) () _____

Name(s) of Guests _____

Entrée (check 1): Chicken Française ____ Chicken Sorrentino ____ Pasta Primavera ____

Broiled Fish (choice between 2 dishes depending on market availability) ____