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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT **By Dean Doucet**

Dear Cousins,

As stated in our Mission Statement, our main mission is to perpetuate an appreciation for our French heritage. To assist in this mission we have mentioned, through the various newsletters, events that have showcased our Acadian and/or Cajun heritage.

Some have been simple, such as providing information about the restoration of the Doucet Hennessey house in Bathurst, New Brunswick. We have encouraged participation in the various Congrès Mondial Acadien (CMA) activities every five years. Maybe on a lesser note we have mentioned local activities to showcase our heritage.

The reason that I mention this is because there are a couple of major events occurring in October in Lafayette, Louisiana. These are the Grand Réveil Acadien and the Festivals Acadiens. These are being highlighted in this newsletter. We hope that as many as possible will be able to attend. In conjunction with these activities there will be a Doucet/Doucette family get-together. Come join the fun and enjoy some excellent food and some excellent music.

As noted in the last newsletter, it is election time. We hope that some will step forth and offer their services. As a member of the Board of Directors this means about six hours a <u>year</u>, sometimes a little more. Please give the idea some consideration and offer to serve.

LDDM has been functioning for the past 14 years. We haven't grown much through the years, but have some dedicated individuals who have been there almost from the beginning and others who have joined us along the way. I offer a special and sincere thank you for all, little or big, that you have done to keep LDDM alive and vibrant. We look forward to the next two years.

DOUCET REUNION

On Saturday, October 15th, there will be a reunion of Doucet descendants and their families at Don's Seafood and Steakhouse at 301 East Vermilion Street in Lafayette from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

RSVP to: Carol Doucet at (337) 984-6879 or carold@doucetfamily.org as soon as possible.

Please indicate name, address, contact information and number of persons planning to attend.

GRAND RÉVEIL ACADIEN (GREAT ACADIAN AWAKENING)

The Grand Réveil Acadien (GRA) which will take place from October 7 to October 16 will be an event to gather people of Acadian ancestry in Acadiana to celebrate their culture.

It will offer attendees activities, concerts, lectures, business opportunities and festivals.

Activities will begin in New Orleans. Over the following days, the Réveil will feature events in the cities of Houma, Lake Charles, and end in Lafayette with dates coinciding with those of Festival Acadiens.

On Thursday, October 13th, activities will be at the Cajun Dome Convention Center in Lafayette. The Doucet family will be represented by several Doucet cousins who have volunteered their services. We will display the Les Doucet du Monde banner at our table. Computer genealogy searches, LDDM brochures, membership forms, and copies of several recent newsletters will be available.

Order forms for the DVD of the presentation of the plaque honoring Germain Doucet will be available. The <u>Biography of Germain Doucet</u> by Carol J. Doucet will also be available for purchase.

Stephen White, Acadian genealogist, Moncton University University, New Brunswick, Canada will be the luncheon speaker on Thursday, October 13th.

More information on the GRA can be found at http://gra2011.org.

FESTIVALS ACADIENS 2011

The Grand Réveil Acadien will have its culmination in Lafayette during the Festivals Acadien.

On October 14, 15, and 16, Lafayette will boast its Fesitvals of music, food, crafts, folk roots, culture sur la table and Places des Enfants.

Girard Park, near the campus of the University of Louisiana in Lafayette is the place to be to enjoy great music and food as well as the other activities at the festival during those three days.

Of special interest to Doucet cousins is the music of Michael Doucet and Joel Sonnier on Friday evening from 7:45 to 8:45. And on Sunday, Michael Doucet and Beausoleil will play from 2:15 to 3:15.

The web site for the Festivals is http://www.festivalsacadiens.com. The musical line up is available. Also of great importance is the list of vendors and prices so you can get your fill of music and food.

NOMINATION/ELECTION OF LDDM OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

According to Article VII of the Les Doucet du Monde by-laws, elections will be held in November of oddnumbered years.

Enclosed is the nomination form. An LDDM member can nominate any member, including himself/herself, with the written permission of the person.

Please write qualifications of the nominee for the indicated position.

Make sure all questions on the form are filled out, so we can verify your membership. Any nominations by non-members will not be accepted.

Mail your nomination form to:

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If you wish to use e-mail simply type in all the information and send to:

carold@doucetfamily.org.

All nominations, mail or e-mail, must be received by November 15.

After the deadline, we will send election ballots to all members by e-mail or US mail. Should there be only one candidate nominated for each position, the board will declare the candidates elected by acclamation. The results of the election will be certified at a board meeting before the end of the year.

NOMINATION/ÉLECTION

L'Article VII du règlement de Les Doucet du Monde constate qu'une élection de l'exécutif aura lieu en novembre des années impaires.

Ci-inclu vous trouverez le formulaire de nomination. Tous membres de LDDM peuvent nommer n'importe quel membre, ou soi-même. Prière d'obtenir la permission de ladite personne.

Veuillez indiquer les qualifications du candidat. Vous pouvez m'envoyer votre formulaire à:

> Carol Doucet 103 South Ridgeway Drive Lafayette, LA 70503 USA

Ou envoyez les reseignments à mon courriel électrognique:

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Soyez sûr(e) de remplir tous les fenêtres pour que nous puissions verifier que vous êtes membre. Les nominations recues de non-membres ne seront pas acceptées.

La date limite de toutes nominations, par courrier ou en ligne, est le 15 novembre.

Après la date limite des nominations, on affichera un bulletin de vote sur notre site web (et on enverra un bulletin de vote aux membres qui n'ont pas d'email.) Au cas où il n'y aura qu'un seul candidat pour chaque poste, l'exécutif déclarera les candidats élus par acclamation. Le résultat de l'élection sera certifié à une réunion de l'exécutif de LDDM avant la fin de l'année.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF GERMAIN DOUCET By Carol J. Doucet

I wish to thank those who have shown interest in the biography of Germain Doucet which I have written. A French version was written using primary sources. An English translation of the book is also available. Thanks also for the confidence in the result of many years of research through materials in English, in the French of the early 1600s and in modern French.

Ordering information is available at the Doucet family web site—www.doucetfamily.org or by writing to me at 103 South Ridgeway Drive, Lafayette, LA 70503 USA.

FOR YOU CONVENIENCE AN ORDER FORM IS ALSO ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER.

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GERMAIN DOUCET DEDICATION VIDEO AVAILABLE

By: Lou Doucet

I have completed the page for the Germain Doucet dedication video, from Castine. You can now order copies. It is beyond my control, but the cost for shipping to Canada is more than twice as much as it is within the United States If you are interested in buying them, go to: http://doucetfamily.org/Dedication/. An on line copy of the short version is also available for viewing, on that page.

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ACADIAN/CANADIAN CHAPTER NEWS

LA RIVIERE—MAINE FRENCH HERITAGE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

By Juliana L'Heureux The Portland Press Herald, Portland, ME, August 10, 2011

Part of the experience of growing up Franco-American in Maine was being told the French spoken at home was wrongly labeled as "not real" because of a regional accent.

But, it's real French. "In the past, Franco-American French was overlooked or discounted as not being real," says Chelsea Ray, assistant French professor at University of Maine in Augusta.

Franco-Americans who grew up hearing criticism of their family's native language will be delighted to know about a children's after-school Franco-American language immersion program.

La Riviere is a French heritage language program Ray is organizing at Lincoln and Hussey elementary schools in Augusta.

"This French immersion afterschool program is based on Franco-American language and culture," says Ray. In other words, the children will learn pride in their Franco-American French and heritage. A parallel program is planned in Lewiston by the Franco-American Heritage Center.

Programs will be supported by funding from a grant from the French-American Cultural Exchange program. Ray with other supporters are now seeking additional funds to keep tuition costs as low as possible.

Like all international languages, regional differences develop over time.

Geographic locations where French is spoken like in Quebec, Haiti or Indo-China were historically disconnected from France for centuries while the local use of the language was retained through work by missionaries and teachers. Nonetheless, French is the same language regardless of where it's spoken.

Ray says the afterschool immersion program will emphasize teaching children French and the Franco-American dialect.

"Ideally, the children will learn how to respect the North-American French, particularly how it is spoken in Maine. They will be taught how to understand the Franco-American culture. Most important, they will learn how French is spoken differently in various parts of the world with North-American French holding an important place."

Lessons will be interactive in French to engage children in discussions about their personal Franco-American heritages. The Franco-American culture is included in the curriculum in the form of idioms, special words, stories, food and music. Programs are designed for children as young as kindergartners.

"There is value in teaching children a second language as early in their development as possible. We want to make the programs fun," says Ray.

Although the immersion program is still in development, the lesson plans will teach about holidays like Noel (Christmas), the seasons, weather, traditional celebrations and regional cuisine. Classes will be taught by experienced professionals who are familiar with North-American French culture and identity.

Working with Ray is Louise Tanguay-Ricker, a French teacher at St. Michael's School in Augusta and a Quebec native who wrote the curriculum about North American French language and traditions.

Plans for the language immersion program began last spring when the Augusta schools were faced with budget cuts. Ray pulled together advocates to help figure out a way to keep the school programs going with grant funding.

Some of Ray's UMA students created a video in French to apply for funding from Centre de la Francophone de Americque. This funding supported a four-week French program in Augusta elementary schools last spring.

But, more funds were needed to create an immersion program. Help came from the French Consulate's office in Boston when Ann Miller, the cultural attache, came to tour Maine's Franco-American community programs.

Miller became aware of the educational work Ray was doing in Augusta's schools and helped obtain the grant for the new immersion program.

"Ideally, children will learn through immersion how the Franco-American culture and language are intertwined," says Ray.

LOUISIANA CHAPTER

AUGUST 15 FÊTES NATIONALE DES ACADIENS NATIONAL DAY OF THE ACADIANS

On Monday, August 15th, the Acadian Memorial Museum in St. Martinville, Louisiana continued its tradition of hosting activities commemorating our Acadian heritage.

The ceremonial flag raising at 10:15 a.m. was followed by renditions by a chorus.

The film. "Story of the Acadians" was shown.

Warren Perrin's comments about his new historical book about Vermilion Parish were followed by a book signing

In the afternoon, there was a presentation on Breaux ancestry by Gayle Breaux Smith.

Ray Trahan spoke abut the upcoming Grand Reveil Acadien.

The Théâtre Cadien presented two costumed performances relating to Acadian history.

At 5:30 p.m., there was a procession with banners of Acadian families from the Acadian Memorial to the St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church. At 6:00 p.m., a bilingual Mass ended the ceremonies. As they have since CMA 1999, members of a French choir delighted everyone with beautiful renditions in French.

CHECK YOU MEMBERSHIP STATUS!

BEFORE YOU SEND IN YOUR RENEWAL, CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS ON THE ADDRESS LABEL. THE LAST YEAR FOR WHICH YOU HAVE PAID APPEARS AFTER YOUR NAME. IF YOUR LABEL SHOWS "2012" OR "2013", THAT MEANS YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID FOR THOSE YEARS. TO SIMPLIFY THE TREASURER'S WORK AND ELIMINATE THE NEED TO ISSUE REFUNDS TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE ALREADY PAID, ANY DUPLICATE ENROLLMENTS/PAYMENTS WILL BE APPLIED TO THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

HELP OUR ORGANIZATION GROW BY GETTING A FAMILY MEMBER TO JOIN--AN UNCLE OR AN AUNT, A SIBLING, A COUSIN, ETC MEMBERSHIP CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM OUR WEB SITE: WWW.DOUCETFAMILY.ORG. PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU NOW HAVE THE OPTION OF PAYING FOR TWO YEARS AT A TIME; WE ALSO HAVE GIFT MEMBERSHIPS. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS CONVENIENCE.

WE HAVE MEMBERS FROM ALL OVER THE U.S. AND ALSO FROM CANADA AND FRANCE AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST

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S'il vous plait, envoyer votre addresse courriel à notre Trésorier Jacqueline Auclair. Ecrivez-la sur le formulaire d'adhésion.

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Remember, Pay Pal charges a fee so be sure to add the amount of the fee to your dues payment!

FAVORITE FAMILY RECIPES

Alright, all you cooks out there. Those of us who love to eat (that's all of us) are looking for new dishes to tempt our palates. Send us your favorite family recipes to share with the rest of your LDDM family.



SEARCHING FOR RELATIVES

The genealogy section of the Les Doucet du Monde web site (www.doucetfamily.org) now has over 50,000 entries, thanks to Dean Doucet who has been handling it since 1999.

Naturally, there are "gaps."

We are asking Doucet/Doucett/Doucette "cousins" who went to the family reunion in August 2009 to send us your genealogy line if you have not yet done so.

If you did not have the pleasure of attending the reunion, to you, too, we say "Please share your genealogy information."

Whether it's three generations or thirteen, please send your line to:

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À LA RECHERCHE DE LA PARENTÉ

Le secteur de généalogie du site web de Les Doucet du Monde (www.doucetfamily.org) comprend plus de cinqante milles données, grâce à Dean Doucet qui s'en occupe depuis 1999.

Il va sans dire, il existe des "manques."

Nous prions les "cousins" Doucet/Doucett/Doucette qui ont assisté à la rencontre en août 2009 de nous faire parvenir votre lignée, si vous ne l'avez pas encore fait.

Et si vous n'avez pas eu le plaisir d'assister à la rencontre familiale, à vous aussi, nous disons "partagez votre généalogie."

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Germain Doucet Dedication Video

On August 15, 2010, a plaque was dedication to Germain Doucet, at Our Lady of Holy Hope Catholic Church, in Castine, Maine. The dedication is available on DVD or Blu Ray. Use this form to order your video. Each disc contains a short version and a long version of the dedication. The short version contains the introduction to the Castine area and the dedication. The long version contains the same, plus the Mass that was said during the dedication.

If you are ordering DVD format, make sure you read the previous page and order DVD+R or DVD-R discs that will work in your DVD player.

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