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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Dean Doucet

Dear Cousins,

The Mission Statement states, in part, that our "mission is to bring together individuals and families ... to perpetuate an appreciation for our family heritage....so that each generation may have a greater appreciation for those who have walked before us."

I truly believe that has been our controlling drive as an organization. With that have come joys and frustrations. There has been great joy in participating with other family members in activities, such as the CMA reunions. There has been great joy in seeing family members find their place in the family tree, establishing a link with the past generations. There has been great joy in establishing relationships with cousins near and far. Some live where there are a number of Acadian/Cajun people about to keep the culture alive. Others live fairly isolated from our culture, such as in Switzerland or Tahiti or Australia.

I think the greatest frustration has been seeing individuals who aren't concerned about their heritage, about who they are, especially the younger generations.

We have had the wonderful opportunities to attend the CMA reunions and renew acquaintances as well as develop new relationships. We have been able to travel to areas where members of the family have settled. We have tasted their food, listened to their music and stepped into their culture. We see differences, but we see the similarities.

As an organization we have placed a plaque to honor our founding ancestor in the Americas. We have walked the land where he walked. That has brought a great joy, feeling the atmosphere of where our ancestors lived and died. We have tried to reach out to the extended family by having a page on Facebook, using modern technology to make our presence known. We have built a web site to collect articles about our heritage and publish genealogical data about our family members.

Maybe we need to do more, or do things in a different way. We need your ideas and suggestions.

My mind keeps returning to the past. Families were very important in society. The Bible story is about families, the family of Adam and Eve, the family of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Genealogies were kept. It was important to know who you were. Families have been important to colonization. It is families that tilled the earth, built homes and cities and established the nations of the world. It has always been about families.

Times have changed. However, families are still the bedrock of society. It is so important to keep our families intact and to teach them about their heritage and culture. That is why we exist as a family organization. There are ups and downs. But we will go forward, even as small as we are, to ensure that the information is there to assist our family members know who they are and that they are important. We will go forward because WE CARE.

ELECTION OF LDDM OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

In November of 2011, the Les Doucet du Monde officers and board members were re-elected by acclamation to serve for 2012 and 2013.

Officers are: Dean Doucet—President, Carol Doucet—Vice President, Pat Hayes—Secretary, Jacqueline Auclair—Treasurer.

Board Members are: Jeannine Caissie, Gail Christensen, Lou Doucet, Norman Doucette, Jr., Pauline Parker, and Eleonor Turnage.

Congratulations and thanks for your service to Les Doucet du Monde

CINEMA ON THE BAYOU By Carol Doucet

We enjoyed seeing two films during the Bayou Film Festival, Cinema on the Bayou 2012, in Lafayette, Louisiana.

On Saturday, January 28, 2012, we viewed “THE FADING CAJUN CULTURE.” This Centerville High School Production, which was filmed by students, chronicles the origins of French settlers from Poitou, France to Nova Scotia, Canada and, eventually, to Louisiana. Once in Louisiana, the film focuses on cultural changes such as the Americanization of the Acadians into the current Cajun culture. French dialect, trapping and commercial fishing are highlighted as each of these seems to be ‘fading’ from prominence. The oil industry, farming and musical influences are explored along with regional festivals.” *Director/Producer—Ray Breaux (teacher who received the grant for this film); Camera Crew—Bridget Ishcomer, Jonathan Guy, Jordan Brightwell; Freelance Photographer—Jess Bailey; Poster Artist—Heather Verret.*

On Sunday, January 29, we saw the U.S. premiere of “DÉLIVRANCE,” by Danny Thibeau and Donovan Richard, writer/director. This dramatic narrative feature film tells the story of the escape in 1756 from Fort Beauséjour by Pierre-Henri Surette and his followers, and Surette’s return to battle for the rest of the men who were left behind before their deportation by the British. The film was shot primarily at Fort Beauséjour (in the fort’s ruins), in the areas of Memramcook and along the Petitcodiac

River. This film premiered across Canada this past fall with great fanfare. The amazing cast and crew created “a great snapshot of the hell Acadians were subject to during the great expulsion,” says film and music writer Jim Lavoie. “Well written, directed, shot and acted. This is one film that “Delivered” as promised.” The film is in both French and English, with English subtitles.”

Following each film was a question and answer session.

What made those two days special, besides the fact that both films were well thought out and presented very well, and that we met the producers and those responsible for the films, was that the two films presented Cajuns as they are, not as stereotypes as too often seen in movies, documentaries and tv shows produced by outsiders.

Information in quotation marks is taken from the website of “Cinema on the Bayou” for January 25-29, 2012.

GRAND RÉVEIL ACADIEN (GREAT ACADIAN AWAKENING) By Carol Doucet

Ray Trahan, President of Louisiane-Acadie, Inc., organizers of the Grand Réveil Acadien, wrote, “Our goal is to educate, inspire and mobilize the thousands of Acadians and their friends, especially our youth, to participate in the continued expression of our native French language, culture and heritage and develop ways to secure its future while increasing our quality of life.”

From October 7 to 16, 2011, the entire region of South Louisiana opened its doors to welcome family and friends who wanted to celebrate and to help maintain the culture, customs and traditions of the Acadians and to remember their history. This celebration occurred in four Acadian regions. New Orleans, Houma, Lake Charles and Lafayette hosted events and celebrations closing with a huge renewal of pride on the last day at Festivals Acadiens at Girard Park in Lafayette.

On Friday, October 7, Opening Ceremonies for Grand Réveil Acadien (Great Acadian Awakening)2011 were held in New Orleans. Saturday was devoted to discovering and visiting the New Orleans area.

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Dedication of Great Acadian Upheaval Commemoration Monument, Houma, LA

Events in Houma began on Sunday, October 9, with the unveiling and blessing of the Great Acadian Upheaval Commemoration Monument downtown near the Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum. Keynote speaker was Stephen White, genealogist of the University of Moncton, New Brunswick. He was followed by Tim Hebert, author and creator of the Acadian-Cajun genealogy and history website.

The following Monday was filled with activities such as marsh grass planting, wetland tours and a Louisiana Universities Museum Consortium.

The highlight of the two days of the Grand Réveil Acadien in Lake Charles, Tuesday, October 11 and Wednesday, October 12, was a genealogy seminar/workshop with keynote speaker Stephen White. The second day followed the pattern, discovering the area.

The last four days of the Grand Réveil Acadien were in Lafayette, the hub city of Acadiana.

On Wednesday, October 12, a rosary was prayed in French at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

Thursday was the Acadian Family Day at the Cajun Dome Convention Center.

On Friday, the Musée de Maurice hosted a beignet and coffee get together. The opening of Festivals Acadiens followed in the evening in Lafayette at Girard Park.

Saturday and Sunday were filled with the activities of Festivals Acadiens. Sunday morning



there was an outdoor Catholic Mass in French. The group “Angelus” provided the music. The singing of the hymns in French was impressive. In the early afternoon there was a Grand Procession with participants representing several Acadian traditions: “Courir du Mardi Gras,” the “Tintamarre,” the “Mi-Carême,” the Guiiané,” and the “Chandeleur.”



The youth groups from Louisiana and Canada joined in. The procession came to a boisterous climax in front of the main stage.



Three outstanding groups—Hert LeBlanc, Bruce Daigrepoint, and Michael Doucet and Beausoleil were great choices to bring the Grand Réveil Acadien and Festivals Acadiens to a very enjoyable and fitting close.

**LDDM TAKES PART
IN GRAND RÉVEIL ACADIEN**
By Carol Doucet

Half of the Les Doucet du Monde board participated in the Grand Réveil Acadien activities.

On Thursday, October, 2011, LDDM members Robert Doucet, his wife Emily, and his daughter Rhonda, Jackie and Gary Auclair, Norman Doucette, Jr. and his daughter Samantha, Ellie Turnage, and Carol and Eldine Doucet took part in the activities of Cajun Family Day at the Cajun Dome Convention Center in Lafayette.

At our LDDM table were handouts such as membership forms, the LDDM brochure, LDDM



newsletters, The Biography of Gemain Doucet books, forms for the video of the dedication of the Germain Doucet plaque which took place on August 15, 2010, and a computer with a CD of the content of our Doucet Family website: www.doucetfamily.org.

The above-mentioned persons took turns being hosts and hostesses at our table, behind which stood the Les Doucet du Monde banner.



During the lunch hour, all attending were able to take advantage of listening to the keynote speaker, Stephen White whose presentation was titled “Genealogy and the Acadian Identity: Finding our Ancestors.” Discussions filled the day: “The Future of Acadian Heritage,” “The Music of the Two Acadias,” environmental issues and the oil industry, and the Louisiana French language.

During the Cajun jam session, the melodies of accordion, fiddles and guitars could be heard from the main room. Dancers from as far away as St. Pierre and Miquelon showed off their talents.

Thursday evening we hosted a pizza party for Jackie and Gary, Norman and Samantha, and Ellie. Four of our children and one son-in-law joined us.



Friday afternoon, Pat and Alan Hayes and Alan’s sister Ann Sinclair arrived in Lafayette. They joined the rest of the visiting board members at our home. What a gathering! Half of the board members enjoying friendship and camaraderie.

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We carpoled to the Festival Acadiens and listened to the music of Gena Delafosse, Hert LeBlanc and Bruce Daigrepoint, and Joel Sonnier and Michael Doucet. While listening to the music, we enjoyed the cuisine of South Louisiana.

On Saturday, October 15, forty Doucet descendants and their family members (from



Ontario, Canada, Massachusetts, California, Texas and South Louisiana) met for lunch at Don's Seafood and Steakhouse in Lafayette, LA. This provided an opportunity for Doucet cousins to meet and get to know extended family members.

Thanks to:

- Mr. Camey Doucet for the benediction in English before the meal on Saturday
- Mr. Robert C. Doucet, his wife Emily and his daughter Rhonda, for your help—the gathering at your home in early October to start preparations for the luncheon, the publicity articles you sent to newspapers, and your help on Thursday and at the Saturday get-together



- All LDDM board members and their family members who were able to join us during GRA. We enjoyed having you as our guests in Acadiana. Thanks again for your help on Thursday and Saturday.
- All Doucet cousins from South Louisiana who attended our get-together. Among those were members of my little family, close cousins and friends.



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[<http://www.doucethennessy.com> (from Doucet-Hennessy House Project website)]

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Date Squares

Submitted by Jeannine Caissie

Ingredients:

2 cups water
2 packets of dates (8 oz.)
1 cup lard
1 cup brown sugar
2 cups oat flour
2 cups wheat flour
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon salt



Preparation:

Put the two packets of dates in a pot with two cups of hot water. Boil over medium flame until the dates break apart. Grease a pan with lard. Mix flour, lard, brown sugar, oat flour, white flour, soda and salt. Separate into two portions and spread out first layer in greased pan. Spread out all of the dates and spread rest of mixture on top of dates. Bake in 375° oven for 35 minutes. Allow to cool before cutting into squares.

Carrés aux dattes

Ingrédients:

2 T d'eau
2 paquets de dattes (8 onces)
1 T de saindoux
1 T de sucre brun
2 T de farine d'avoine
2 T de farine blanche
1 cuil. à thé de soda
1 cuil. à thé de sel



Préparation:

Mettre les deux paquets de dattes dans un chaudron avec 2 T d'eau chaude. Faire bouillir à feu moyen jusqu'à ce que les dates soient défaites. Graisser un plat avec du saindoux. Étaler une couche du mélange de farine (d'avoine, farine blanche, soda et sel). Étendre toutes les dattes. Étendre le reste du mélange de farine sur les dattes. Mettre au four (375°) pendant 35 minutes. Laisser refroidir avant de couper en carrés.

CALLING ALL DOUCETS in the St. John Valley! Summary of Ideas from Bruce Caissie

We need a contact group of Doucets to organize the Doucet reunion for CMA 2014. Les Doucet du Monde is an international group that meets online and in groups in spots all over North America. In 2010 a member wrote a biography of Germain Doucet, the first Doucet in Acadia. Several Doucet descendants were present when a plaque was placed in Castine, Maine in memory of Germain. If you volunteer, you will have off-site help in staging a reunion. What do we need?

First of all, a site! Do you know of a KC hall, VFW, Royal Canadian Armed Forces hall, or an arena?

Cma 2014 —GETTING THE BALL ROLLING By Roland Doucet O'Connell

Planning for the Doucet reunion in 2009 started with one phone call from Rolande Doucet O'Connell to Josette Cormier, the family reunion organizer for CMA 2009. After a few phone calls, the nucleus of the Doucet reunion organizing committee had been formed.

Jean-Yves Doucet served as president and Rolande O'Connell was vice-president of the committee.

In a recent E-mail Rolande wrote: "With everyone working very hard, from the first meeting to the day we were decorating the arena in Grande-Anse, we ended up with a very successful, interesting, fun, grandiose Doucet/Doucette/Doucett family reunion!"

If you are interested in helping organize a Doucet reunion during Congrès Mondial Acadien 2014, please contact Michelle Daigle, family reunion coordinator for CMA michelle.daigle@umce.ca, phone (506)735-6340

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.

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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.

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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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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 cinquante 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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