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Message from the President

By Carol James Doucet

Dear Cousins,

Les Doucet du Monde was established in 1997 to prepare for the Doucet family reunion, which was held during the 1999 Congrès Mondial Acadien/Acadian World Congress in Louisiana.

Please visit our LDDM website at www.doucetfamily.org, where you will find a vast amount information on various topics concerning the Doucet family and Acadians in general. In addition, the website includes one of the greatest free genealogy sections.

With interest and enthusiasm created by the CMAs, the membership numbers of LDDM have remained sustainable until the last few years. But now almost one-third of the members of LDDM are officers and board members.

We strongly encourage our members to renew your membership for 2014 if you haven't done so yet and to do your best to get at least one Doucet "cousin" to join or re-join. Please help us keep LDDM active.

We wish a Very Happy Thanksgiving to you in the United States, and we hope that our Canadian cousins had an enjoyable Thanksgiving Day in October.

To all, we wish a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



Joyeux Noël

Festivals Acadiens 2013

Lafayette, Louisiana hosts two major festivals: the Festivals Acadiens in October, which highlights the music, food, arts and crafts of our Cajun culture, and the Festival International de Louisiane in April.

This year the Festivals Acadiens was a great success. This was the 38th version of the music festival, which joined with arts and crafts and food festivals to create one very enjoyable event. The website of this great festival is www.festivalsacadiens.com.

Nomination and Election of LDDM Officers and Board Members

According to Article VII of the by-laws of Les Doucet du Monde, elections are held in November of odd-numbered years to serve for a two-year period.

The result of this year's election is the following:

- President – Carol James Doucet
- Treasurer – Jacqueline Auclair
- Secretary – Patricia Doucette Hayes
- Board Members - Jeannine Doucett Caissie, Gail Doucette Christensen, Lucien (Lou) Doucet, Norman Doucette, Pauline Doucette Parker, and Eleonora Doucette Turnage.

Congratulations to these persons and a *grand merci* for serving the Doucet family organization.

New Editor of Newsletter

Merci beaucoup to Gail Doucette Christensen, who has offered to edit and publish our Doucet family newsletter. Gail has been editing publications since the 1960s, beginning in New York City, then Hartford, CT and now in Raleigh, NC, where her last job before retirement was as an editor for IBM's publications. Besides her day job, she has edited numerous publications for churches and other organizations that she was involved in.

Gail's husband Alfred will be assisting her in formatting the newsletter. He recently retired from IBM, where he was a software architect.

Congrès Mondial Acadien 2014/World Acadian Congress 2014

The website of the Congrès Mondial Acadien 2014 has much information on the family reunions - programming, lodging, etc. The lodging directory lists hotels and motels in the three regions hosting CMA: northeast New Brunswick, Maine, and southeast Quebec Province, which is called Temiscouata. Searches can be done in English and in French. Updates can be expected.

The website is at www.cma2014.com.

The Doucet/Doucett/Doucette Reunion 2014

The state of Maine will be one of the three regions that will host the 2014 Congrès Mondial Acadien/Acadian World Congress 2014.

The Doucet/Doucett/Doucette family reunion to be held in conjunction with CMA will be held in Grand Isle, Maine on Tuesday, August 12, and Wednesday, August 13, 2014. Grand Isle is located on Highway 1 in north-eastern Maine. This is about 9 miles south of Madawaska, Maine, which is located right across the border from the hub of CMA, Edmundston, New Brunswick.

According to a temporary schedule, there will be a wine and cheese meet-and-greet social on Tuesday at 5pm. An Acadian meal is planned for noon on Wednesday.

As more information on the proposed schedule of events is publicized, it will be posted. Check the Les Doucet du Monde website (www.doucetfamily.org). Also check out the Doucet family reunion portion of the CMA website at www.cma2014.com.

Please Send Comments About Past CMA Reunions

Every one of us remembers certain activities that we enjoyed at past family reunions. We remember fondly speaking with old friends and making new friends.

Bruce Caissie, a very active LDDM member, has suggested that we pool our comments about reunions that we attended in the past and share them with the Doucet Family Reunion organizing committee.

Send your comments and any suggestions to carold@doucetfamily.org and he will compile your comments. Please include any suggestions that you believe would lead to a great Doucet family reunion in Grand Isle, Maine in 2014.

Trip of a Lifetime

By Carol Doucet

In September 2013, a group of nearly 50 persons of Acadian descent took a 17-day trip to several regions of France, especially the western region. These tourists were from Canada, Louisiana and elsewhere in the United States.

They visited the regions where their ancestors lived – ancestors who had emigrated from France to Acadia in the 17th century and other ancestors who were deported to France in the mid-1750s during the Deportation. They visited the regions of Belle-Ile-en-Mer, Archigny, Loudun, Marans, Nantes, Carnac, and Paris.

Many of our ancestors who were deported to France had boarded one of the Seven Ships that sailed to Louisiana in 1785. The majority of these Acadians settled in southeast Louisiana.

The ancestors of most Acadian Doucets living in southwest Louisiana arrived in 1765. Michel Doucet (born in 1722), my ancestor, who married Marguerite Martin, was amongst the Beusoleil Broussard group.

A very good website to find information about several groups of Acadians who arrived in Louisiana in the latter half of the 18th century is www.acadiansingray.com. Click "Appendices" in the left margin. You'll find *beaucoup* information on the 1785 group and the Beusoleil Broussard group.



Like Our Facebook Page

Les Doucet du Monde has an excellent page on Facebook. 116 people already have joined the group. Will you?

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LDoucetDM/>. If you click Join the Group, your request will be sent to the webmaster for approval and thereafter you may post to the page, as many other "cousins" have.

"The Scattered", a Book Strongly Recommended

By Jeannine Doucett Caissie

I would like to recommend a wonderful new book that came out this past Spring that I think our members would enjoy.

The book is "The Scattered," by Richard Holledge. It is written in the form of a fictional novel, but it deals with the Acadian Deportation and the events that followed. The main character in the novel is Joseph "Jambo" LeBlanc. When his family is deported from Nova Scotia, they subsequently land in England, where they are imprisoned for a time. The story then traces the hardships he and his family endure, mainly in and around Plymouth and Bristol, England, then follows the hero to France, when prisoners are exchanged between England and France.

Even though the book is written as fiction, all the historical facts are accurate, and in my mind, it personalizes the story of our people and the terrible suffering they endured, all through the eyes of "Jambo".

I won't give away the ending of the story, but our readers are sure to enjoy it, and will, as I did, recommend it to their friends and relatives.

Mr. Holledge recently spoke at the Southside Library in Lafayette, LA, at the invitation of Warren Perrin, who introduced him. I hope that Mr. Holledge will be invited to speak about his book at the upcoming CMA 2014, and if so, I, for one, would very much like to hear him. I am curious how it came about that he, a British journalist, was prompted to write "The Scattered", and so graphically depicted the times and lives of some of our ancestors so accurately.

Check Your 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 "2014", that means you have already paid for that year. 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:

Alaska	New Brunswick
Alberta	New Hampshire
Arizona	Newfoundland
California	North Carolina
Florida	Nova Scotia
Louisiana	Ontario
Maine	Pennsylvania
Maryland	Quebec
Massachusetts	Texas
Mississippi	Washington
Nevada	Wisconsin

Au Courant?

Sur l'enveloppe après votre nom on indique la dernière année pour laquelle vous avez payé. Invitez un parent à devenir membre de LDDM. Vous trouverez la formulaire d'adhésion sur notre site web: www.doucetfamily.org.

Want to Use PAYPAL for Dues Payment?

If you would like to use PayPal for online payment, please contact Treasurer Jacqueline Auclair at jackiea@doucetfamily.org for instructions.

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

E-mail Addresses

Please let Treasurer Jacqueline Auclair know your current e-mail address. Only about half of our members have e-mails on file. Include it on your membership form.

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

Available on LDDM Website

The biography of Germain Doucet, written by our President Carol Doucet, and the video of the dedication of the Germain Doucet plaque in Castine, Maine are now available on our website.

To order either the "BIOGRAPHY OF GERMAIN DOUCET" (available in either French or English), go to <http://www.doucetfamily.org/GermainBioBook>.

To order the GERMAIN DOUCET PLAQUE DEDICATION VIDEO, prepared by Lucien (Lou) Doucet, go to <http://www.doucetfamily.org/Dedication>

Searching for Relatives

The genealogy section of the Les Doucet du Monde website (www.doucetfamily.org) now has over 50,000 entries, thanks to our late president Dean Doucet who handled the genealogy section from 1999 until his death earlier this year. 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 13, 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 mille données, grâce à notre ancien président, le défunt Dean Doucet, qui s'en occupait 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."

Que ça soit trois générations ou treize, nous vous prions d'envoyer votre lignée à:

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LES DOUCET DU MONDE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/FEUILLE D'INSCRIPTION

MEMBERSHIP: \$15.00 per household (US funds). Membership is valid from January 1 - December 31 of each year

NOTE: Dues for first-time members who join after June 30 will be pro-rated at \$10.00 (US funds)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NEW MEMBERSHIP

Please print or type:

Surnom/Last Name: _____ Prénom/First Name: _____

Adresse/Address: _____

Ville/City: _____ Province/State: _____ Code Postal/ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

___ I would like to be affiliated with the LOUISIANA CHAPTER

___ I would like to be affiliated with the ACADIAN/CANADIAN CHAPTER

Do you wish to give a gift membership? _____ YES _____ NO

GIFT MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 (US funds). Gift membership is valid from January 1 - December 31 of each year. Anyone joining, or renewing, as a fullpaying member can give gift memberships, and is allowed to give gift memberships to non-members or to former members each year. This has to be done at the time that you send in your dues as a fullpaying member. As many can be given as desired. A gift membership is given for one year only. Membership for subsequent years would be at the regular rate. Please list below the following information about recipient(s) of gift membership(s). If more lines are needed, please enter the information on the reverse side.

	Nom/Name	Adresse/Address	Telephone	Email Address
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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send check or money order in US funds payable to Les Doucet du Monde.

NOTE: Members from outside US should send an International Postal Order in US Funds.

Mail to Jacqueline Auclair, LDDM International Treasurer, 20130 Cherry Lane, Saratoga, CA 95070

Amount enclosed:	Full membership for one year at \$15.00	\$ _____	
	Full membership for two years at \$25.00	\$ _____	
	Pro-rated membership at \$10.00 (after June 30)	\$ _____	
	Gift membership(s) _____ at \$10.00 each	\$ _____	
	Total Enclosed	\$ =====	

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