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West Orange HS, W. Orange, NJ, E. Lubiner:
"Variety of fund-raisers to support Haitian foster child: bakesales, candy sale, Valentine carnation sale, International Dessert Contest. Trips to Met. Museum of Art, 'La Tragédie de Carmen' (Vivian Beaumont Theater), film 'La Boum.' Speakers: Wine expert, cheese shop owner, Tour de France Tricycle Race!"

Huffman HS, Birmingham, AL, A. Meadows:
"Fund-raising projects: for the purpose of buying audio-visual aids and other related items: For example, the club has paid for Bon Jour and Ça Va so each student has had a personal copy for each publishing period. The club also funded the purchase of a large wall map of France. Our last activity this year as part of our fund raising will be to aid a French family which is here in America and in distress because of the sudden and serious illness of one of the children."

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"Candy Sale; supporting a foster child from

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the Phillippines; a float for homecoming; French showcase; participated in a state-wide Poetry recitation contest; trip to Kings Dominion."

Hempfield Area Sr HS, Greensburg, PA, L. Loughner:
"We have had a Halloween party, a Christmas party and participated in International Night. My French V members also participated in Humanities Day performing skits and reciting poetry in French. We held a Mardi Gras bake sale to raise money for a scholarship to be given to an outstanding French student at graduation."

Mt. St. Mary Academy, Plainfield-Watchung, NJ, Cathering Strohmeier:
"Our chapter this year has participated in writing some French poetry, in attending a French film, and in dining in a French restaurant. Some also went to a "Monet Art Exhibit" in New York City."

Hickman Mills Sr HS, Kansas City, MO, Janet Fisher:
"A reception was held for parents of honor society members with croissants and brioches from a local French bakery. Slides were shown of a summer trip to France that three members of the society will be taking with their sponsor and teacher. The slides followed the itinerary that the students will follow this summer."

Newark Sr HS, Newark, NY, Edward Carl:
"Fund raising--selling Advent calendars; entertaining visiting fifth grade students from France; helping elementary teachers teach basic lessons in French."

Texas Sr HS, Texarkana, TX, S. Kimbro:
"Fund raising (Advent calendars & Toblerone candy) to finance spring trip to French play in Dallas & to provide a \$75 scholarship to a graduating SHF member who plans to continue study of French in college."

Western Hills HS, Cincinnati, OH, Marilyn Douglass:
"Visit to cathedral in Covington, KY,

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which parallels architecture/stained glass windows of European cathedrals."

Bishop Walsh HS, Cumberland, MD, Linda Ratchford:

"Although the group is purely honorary, the students volunteered this year to do a School Bulletin Board Display for Foreign Languages Week. A number of SHF members have also volunteered to tutor students who are having difficulty in French."

Hazleton Sr HS, Hazleton, PA, M. Boyle:

"SHF members serve as volunteer tutors to other French students. As part of the Foreign Language Organization they participate in field trips to French plays, prepare bulletin boards for various holidays, organize poster contests with the theme of the value of studying a foreign language. They also celebrate Mardi Gras with costumes, prepare French meals in the Home Economics room, etc."

Smithtown HS East, St. James, NY, Y. Hohler:

"Correspondance with Lycée Jean Zay in Orléans led to twinning/exchange program. In February, a group of Smithtown students went to Orléans to live with families and attend school there for 9 days. A class of lycée students will visit Smithtown, live with students, and attend classes here."

Madonna HS, Chicago, IL, Frances Salvato:

"Crêpe demonstration & sale; éclair demonstration; cosmetic demonstration; International Day Festival; French Christmas carols; Christmas Party."

North Miami Beach Sr HS, N. Miami Beach, FL, P. Chiari:

"Volunteers for the Autistic Children; sent a holiday basket to the Haitians of Miami; presented a play for a feeder school; went to Le Congrès Culture Française en Floride."

Richwoods HS, Peoria, IL, K. Jeurgens:

"Scholarship fund for French Villace (Lac du Bois) International Language Village."

Mountain View HS, Kingsley, PA, Paul Pasko:

"French II students were involved in a letter-exchange program with another HS

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about 30 miles away. This language activity gave these "pen-pals" the opportunity to use their French and make new friends.

North HS, Sioux City, IA, Penny Fee:

"In past years, we have had a SHF banquet for members at a local restaurant. We asked the restaurant to prepare us a French meal. We made French menus and programs. Student members prepared a skit, another level did a short readers' theatre selection from Ionesco, some individual students played piano numbers from French composers, and we had a short sing-a-long."

Notre Dame HS, Riverside, CA, B. Melonuh:

"The members designed and had printed special SHF name tags to use for special functions. Since 1000 were printed, they will be presented to future SHF members at our initiation in April. We had a French potluck dinner. The students selected French recipes and then prepared dinner for parents."

Villa Maria Academy, Malvern, PA, Sr. Virginia Dolores:

"February found the members assisting at a Mass celebrated in French in the school's chapel. The homily was delivered in French and the hymns and readings were prepared in French by the girls. Foreign Language Week will be celebrated in March with special days allotted to wearing the native costumes of the various nationalities represented in our school, to the cuisine of French, Spain and Italy, to displays of projects and posters to encourage the study of foreign languages."

Xavier HS, Appleton, WI, Sr. A. Virlee:

"Slides & pictures on students' trips to France; comparing schools in France with those in U.S. based on students' personal experiences while in Family-Stay in France; French politics, sports, fashions, money, pen-pals. Students are very interested in these subjects."

Albemarle HS, Charlottesville, VA,

Mary Lederman:

"Just before school started we participated in a 'vendange' at a local winery."

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Although the winery has an automated 'pressoir', they let the students stamp the grapes in the cart with their bare feet-- plus giving us delicious samples of the juice before it was put into the vats. It was a most interesting experience for all of us."

Ada HS, Ada, OK, Erna Leach:
"Get-back-to-school picnic for all foreign language students; Halloween Dance--French students only; work with kindergarten & first graders introducing them to French."

Miami Norland Sr HS, Miami, FL, M. Olson:
"During the Christmas holidays we organized a collection of food and money for a comatose former student. We are helping Haitian students at our school with their English studies and translate for them the reports on the P.A. speaker. We served French omelettes to the administration of our school and in May have planned an International Lunch for teachers."

Pine View School, Sarasota, FL, J. Stratton:
"On Valentine's Day, we had a very successful carnation sale and delivery service. The members delivered the carnations to happy recipients during this annual activity. Our biggest fund-raiser has been the sale of croissants bought from a French bakery; we sell about 8 doz./week."

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- Western Hills HS (1612)
Cincinnati, OH, Marilyn Douglass
- Northwestern HS (1613)
Rock Hill, SC, Blynn Field
- L. C. Bird HS (1614)
Chesterfield, VA, Eleanor Tuck
- Villa Walsh Academy (1615)
Morristown, NJ, Eleanor Cohan
- Ursuline Academy (1616)
Springfield, IL, Ann Nonneman
- Wheaton North HS (1617)
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Wichita, KS, Florianne L. Woods
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Ft. Thomas, KY, Rose Schlosser

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Fredericksburg, VA, Betty Dameron
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Ashland, KY, Judith Deutsch
- St. Croix Central HS (1623)
St. Croix, USVI, David Rossington
- Cardinal Gibbons HS (1624)
Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Patricia Freund
- Hartland HS (1625)
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- Armstrong-Kennedy HS (1626)
Richmond, VA, A. Swann, R. Taylor
- Palmer School (1627)
Miami, FL, Carmen Dearing
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- Eleanor Roosevelt Sr HS (1123)
Greenbelt, MD, Grazina Blekaitis
- Charles E. Jordan Sr HS (1629)
Durham, NC, Portia Wilson-Whitaker
- Spring HS (1630)
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- Wooster School (1631)
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Houston, TX, Frances Davis
- Paul VI HS (1637)
Haddonfield, NJ, Catherine Cannataro
- Escambia HS (1638)
Pensacola, FL, Jeanne Kaufke
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Hyattsville, MD, Nadia Wasserman
- J-H-W (Huguenot) HS (1641)
Richmond, VA, Florence T. King
- J. O. Johnson HS (1642)
Huntsville, AL, Ela Castillo
- Mize HS (1643)
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- Marist School (1645)
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"Most of our SHF members are also members of our French Club, which last year had the distinction of being named special interest club-of-the-year for the second consecutive year. Our club sends greetings to all of our staff members on special occasions (birthdays, Christmas, Valentine's Day, May 1, etc.); these are written in French and done by the club members. Our student-oriented activities have not been as successful this year as they were the previous two years, but we did have a costume party for Mardi Gras, and several of our members went to a French restaurant in Charlotte. The club also supports school-sponsored activities such as Thanksgiving offerings, etc."

West Orange HS, W. Orange, NJ, E. Lubiner:
"Variety of fund-raisers to support Haitian foster child: bakesales, candy sale, Valentine carnation sale, International Dessert Contest. Trips to Met. Museum of Art, 'La Tragédie de Carmen' (Vivian Beaumont Theater), film 'La Boum.' Speakers: Wine expert, cheese shop owner, Tour de France Tricycle Race!"

Huffman HS, Birmingham, AL, A. Meadows:
"Fund-raising projects: for the purpose of buying audio-visual aids and other related items: For example, the club has paid for Bon Jour and Ça Va so each student has had a personal copy for each publishing period. The club also funded the purchase of a large wall map of France. Our last activity this year as part of our fund raising will be to aid a French family which is here in America and in distress because of the sudden and serious illness of one of the children."

Parkdale HS, Riverdale, MD, N. Weigant:
"Candy Sale; supporting a foster child from

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the Phillippines; a float for homecoming; French showcase; participated in a state-wide Poetry recitation contest; trip to Kings Dominion."

Hempfield Area Sr HS, Greensburg, PA, L. Loughner:
"We have had a Halloween party, a Christmas party and participated in International Night. My French V members also participated in Humanities Day performing skits and reciting poetry in French. We held a Mardi Gras bake sale to raise money for a scholarship to be given to an outstanding French student at graduation."

Mt. St. Mary Academy, Plainfield-Watchung, NJ, Cathering Strohmeier:
"Our chapter this year has participated in writing some French poetry, in attending a French film, and in dining in a French restaurant. Some also went to a "Monet Art Exhibit" in New York City."

Hickman Mills Sr HS, Kansas City, MO, Janet Fisher:
"A reception was held for parents of honor society members with croissants and brioches from a local French bakery. Slides were shown of a summer trip to France that three members of the society will be taking with their sponsor and teacher. The slides followed the itinerary that the students will follow this summer."

Newark Sr HS, Newark, NY, Edward Carl:
"Fund raising--selling Advent calendars; entertaining visiting fifth grade students from France; helping elementary teachers teach basic lessons in French."

Texas Sr HS, Texarkana, TX, S. Kimbro:
"Fund raising (Advent calendars & Toblerone candy) to finance spring trip to French play in Dallas & to provide a \$75 scholarship to a graduating SHF member who plans to continue study of French in college."

Western Hills HS, Cincinnati, OH, Marilyn Douglass:
"Visit to cathedral in Covington, KY,

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which parallels architecture/stained glass windows of European cathedrals."

Bishop Walsh HS, Cumberland, MD, Linda Ratchford:

"Although the group is purely honorary, the students volunteered this year to do a School Bulletin Board Display for Foreign Languages Week. A number of SHF members have also volunteered to tutor students who are having difficulty in French."

Hazleton Sr HS, Hazleton, PA, M. Boyle:

"SHF members serve as volunteer tutors to other French students. As part of the Foreign Language Organization they participate in field trips to French plays, prepare bulletin boards for various holidays, organize poster contests with the theme of the value of studying a foreign language. They also celebrate Mardi Gras with costumes, prepare French meals in the Home Economics room, etc."

Smithtown HS East, St. James, NY, Y. Hohler:

"Correspondance with Lycée Jean Zay in Orléans led to twinning/exchange program. In February, a group of Smithtown students went to Orléans to live with families and attend school there for 9 days. A class of lycée students will visit Smithtown, live with students, and attend classes here."

Madonna HS, Chicago, IL, Frances Salvato:

"Crêpe demonstration & sale; éclair demonstration; cosmetic demonstration; International Day Festival; French Christmas carols; Christmas Party."

North Miami Beach Sr HS, N. Miami Beach, FL, P. Chiari:

"Volunteers for the Autistic Children; sent a holiday basket to the Haitians of Miami; presented a play for a feeder school; went to Le Congrès Culture Française en Floride."

Richwoods HS, Peoria, IL, K. Jeurgens:

"Scholarship fund for French Villace (Lac du Bois) International Language Village."

Mountain View HS, Kingsley, PA, Paul Pasko:

"French II students were involved in a letter-exchange program with another HS

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about 30 miles away. This language activity gave these "pen-pals" the opportunity to use their French and make new friends.

North HS, Sioux City, IA, Penny Fee:

"In past years, we have had a SHF banquet for members at a local restaurant. We asked the restaurant to prepare us a French meal. We made French menus and programs. Student members prepared a skit, another level did a short readers' theatre selection from Ionesco, some individual students played piano numbers from French composers, and we had a short sing-a-long."

Notre Dame HS, Riverside, CA, B. Melonuh:

"The members designed and had printed special SHF name tags to use for special functions. Since 1000 were printed, they will be presented to future SHF members at our initiation in April. We had a French potluck dinner. The students selected French recipes and then prepared dinner for parents.

Villa Maria Academy, Malvern, PA, Sr. Virginia Dolores:

"February found the members assisting at a Mass celebrated in French in the school's chapel. The homily was delivered in French and the hymns and readings were prepared in French by the girls. Foreign Language Week will be celebrated in March with special days allotted to wearing the native costumes of the various nationalities represented in our school, to the cuisine of French, Spain and Italy, to displays of projects and posters to encourage the study of foreign languages."

Xavier HS, Appleton, WI, Sr. A. Virlee:

"Slides & pictures on students' trips to France; comparing schools in France with those in U.S. based on students' personal experiences while in Family-Stay in France; French politics, sports, fashions, money, pen-pals. Students are very interested in these subjects."

Albemarle HS, Charlottesville, VA,

Mary Lederman:

"Just before school started we participated in a 'vendange' at a local winery.

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Although the winery has an automated 'pressoir', they let the students stamp the grapes in the cart with their bare feet-- plus giving us delicious samples of the juice before it was put into the vats. It was a most interesting experience for all of us."

Ada HS, Ada, OK, Erna Leach:

"Get-back-to-school picnic for all foreign language students; Halloween Dance--French students only; work with kindergarten & first graders introducing them to French."

Miami Norland Sr HS, Miami, FL, M. Olson:

"During the Christmas holidays we organized a collection of food and money for a comatose former student. We are helping Haitian students at our school with their English studies and translate for them the reports on the P.A. speaker. We served French omelettes to the administration of our school and in May have planned an International Lunch for teachers."

Pine View School, Sarasota, FL, J. Stratton:

"On Valentine's Day, we had a very successful carnation sale and delivery service. The members delivered the carnations to happy recipients during this annual activity. Our biggest fund-raiser has been the sale of croissants bought from a French bakery; we sell about 8 doz./week."

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Western Hills HS (1612)
Cincinnati, OH, Marilyn Douglass
Northwestern HS (1613)
Rock Hill, SC, Blynn Field
L. C. Bird HS (1614)
Chesterfield, VA, Eleanor Tuck
Villa Walsh Academy (1615)
Morristown, NJ, Eleanor Cohan
Ursuline Academy (1616)
Springfield, IL, Ann Nonneman
Wheaton North HS (1617)
Wheaton, IL, Arthur J. Bonds
Northview HS (1618)
Dothan, AL, Carolyn Wallace
Campus HS (1619)
Wichita, KS, Florianne L. Woods
Highlands HS (1620)
Ft. Thomas, KY, Rose Schlosser

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Stafford Sr HS (1621)
Fredericksburg, VA, Betty Dameron
Paul G. Blazer HS (1622)
Ashland, KY, Judith Deutsch
St. Croix Central HS (1623)
St. Croix, USVI, David Rossington
Cardinal Gibbons HS (1624)
Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Patricia Freund
Hartland HS (1625)
Hartland, MI, Janice Cooley
Armstrong-Kennedy HS (1626)
Richmond, VA, A. Swann, R. Taylor
Palmer School (1627)
Miami, FL, Carmen Dearing
Benjamin Russell HS (1628)
Alexander City, AL, Douglas Hitson
Eleanor Roosevelt Sr HS (1123)
Greenbelt, MD, Grazina Blekaitis
Charles E. Jordan Sr HS (1629)
Durham, NC, Portia Wilson-Whitaker
Spring HS (1630)
Spring, TX, Paul Friedman
Wooster School (1631)
Danbury, CT, Maureen Mugavin
Belpre HS (1632)
Belpre, OH, Rita Baldwin
South Caldwell HS (1633)
Hudson, NC, Nancy Prushinski
Western Hills HS (1634)
Frankfort, KY, Claudette Evon Delk
Lake Taylor HS (1635)
Norfolk, VA, Bettie Thomas
Cypress Creek Sr HS (1636)
Houston, TX, Frances Davis
Paul VI HS (1637)
Haddonfield, NJ, Catherine Cannataro
Escambia HS (1638)
Pensacola, FL, Jeanne Kaufke
John Overton HS (1639)
Nashville, TN, Helen McMackin
Northwestern HS (1640)
Hyattsville, MD, Nadia Wasserman
J-H-W (Huguenot) HS (1641)
Richmond, VA, Florence T. King
J. O. Johnson HS (1642)
Huntsville, AL, Ela Castillo
Mize HS (1643)
Mize, MS
Marist School (1645)
Atlanta, GA, Susan Morrison
Springbrook HS (602)
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