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HERE THEY ARE! This issue has all the gleanings from your Annual Reports. There are lots of good ideas you all can use. Be sure to look for your school if you sent in a description of your activities. Looks like the favorites were Les Misérables, Tartuffe, and that most French item--FOOD!

*Be sure as you get ready to gear up for the new school year that you are an AATF member. This is an SHF requirement as you are all aware of. If you need a membership card and do not know the address, we can send you one.

*We have our new address computer service in place and hope this will facilitate mailings. Please check your label to make sure it is correct and send us any changes.

*We will be dropping those after this mailing who did not send in an Annual Report for last year. If you did not, please use the one from the last mailing and get it in right away--Sept. 30 is the deadline for all old business!

*Remember you can buy SHF seals from our office. The price is 40 seals for \$5. These can be used on the diplomas of SHF graduates or for other purposes.

*Several teachers have written asking for good ideas for the initiation ceremony. If you have any, please send them along and we'll publish them in the L'ELAN. The Mississippi section of this newsletter has one for starters.

*We are aware that several of you, perhaps through a lack of awareness, are using your own certificates and not sending in the order forms for the official ones for your ceremony. Please be aware that this is illegal. In order to be able to use the name SHF or French Honor Society in conjunction with your award giving, you must use the official certificates and pay the dues and send in the Annual Report to remain an active member. We are aware that many of you have taken over from other sponsors who have not made this clear to you, but trust you will get things straight this year.

*As the school year begins, be on the lookout for possible entries for the creative writing and art (black pen drawings only) contest. Particulars will be sent out in January, but save all good possibilities in the meantime.

*ALL THE BEST FOR UNE BONNE ANNÉE SCOLAIRE!

E. Harris

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

Connecticut

Trumbull HS (N. Perusi): sponsored a reception for the FL faculty and will be teaching French to first graders for three weeks.

Wolcott HS (D. Del Cioppo/J. Marcoux): held a recognition tea to honor all school club advisors.

Brookfield HS (M. Butler): held their initiation along with Spanish Honor Society and plan to hold an end-of-year party with the same.

Central Catholic HS (K. Sammartino): students prepared a luncheon as well as a French dinner for parents where they had skits and games in English and French.

New Jersey



This is the seal of the SHF at Glen Ridge HS (P. H. McPadden).

North Arlington HS (I. Bayard): held eight fundraisers this past year and raised a total of over \$2500 with a very small club. They enjoyed Les Misérables, as did many of you on the east coast. Four graduating seniors who studied French received scholarships from their club and two others were awarded money for French summer study. Chapeau!

North Plainfield HS (E. R. Smelas/D. Perrilloux): tutored underclassmen and went to see Tartuffe and a Marcel Marceau performance. They also did creative writing for the HS literary magazine in French.

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New Jersey, cont'd

Hasbrouck Heights HS (W. Eggmann): saw Tartuffe, Cyrano de Bergerac, and Les Misérables. They also presented French Christmas songs and customs to junior high classes.

Westwood Regional JR/SR HS (S. Horowitz): had a Christmas party, an alumni reunion and a showcase display.

Middletown HS S (D. C. Barca): had a Christmas clothes drive for the area needy, peer tutoring, trips to Les Mis. and a French dinner in NYC, presentations by members to the Middle School students to encourage FL study, and decorated the halls for FL week.

New Providence HS (G. De Sapio): sponsored a November food drive for the needy, trip to Les Mis. and a French soirée complete with crêpes and mousse au chocolat.

North Hunterdon HS (J. Lichtenwalner): trips to Tartuffe and French exhibit at NY Public Library and Museum of Modern Art, gourmet French picnic and outing to Le Malade Imaginaire, fundraisers, and Christmas caroling at the geriatric center.

South Brunswick HS (M. Mustillo): tutoring, holiday parties at Christmas and Mardi Gras, skits, published a French newspaper, fundraisers, and trips to see the Degas exhibit, Tartuffe, and Les Mis.

NEW JERSEY IS ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE STATES IN SHF--KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

New York

Staten Island Academy (W. T. Loughran): tutoring, fund raising, international festivities.

Albertus Magnus HS (L. Croese): tutoring, and involvement in an international initiated as an annual event.

Commack HS (E. LeClair): Valentine

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French lollipops; Belgian, Swiss, and French chocolate sale for a FL scholarship to a deserving senior.

Smithtown W HS (R. Drelick/ Y. Hohler): cheese tasting and French café breakfast for the school, field trip to the NYC Museum of Art to see Degas exhibit.

Mohonasen SR HS (A. Cacchillo): Les Trois Mousquetaires, 9-day trip to France in April, fundraisers including in-school flower sales.

Rondout Valley HS (D. K. Bartle): tutoring and FL Fair with Spanish students.

Elmwood Park Memorial JR/SR HS (G. Koser): trip to U.N., evening at French restaurant, Les Mis., Met. Museum of Art tour, after-school video parties w/ French travelogues and films, tutoring, Sponsorship of French awards at Senior Assembly.

Pennsylvania

Serra Catholic HS (C. P. Wood): tutoring and a compu-copied sale to raise money for SHF pins.

Shaler Area SR HS (M. F. Maser): crêpe sale at Homecoming, French movies, and lunch at a French restaurant.

Geibel HS (M. Gasbarro): debate during "French Revolution Day" at U. Pittsburgh at Greensburg, "Humanities Day" activities at U. Pitts. Grnsbrg. with art and creative writing projects and music and drama competitions, runners-up in a video contest sponsored by the Jour. Fran. d'Am., a "Bon Voyage" Senior Banquet with French meal and desserts.

Hempfield Area SR HS (L. Laughner): Mardi Gras celebration and "Humanities Day" competition at U. Pitts. Grnsbrg.

Greater Johnstown HS (S. Tanchick): raised \$500 for a French IV member of SHF to be given on Awards Day.

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Central Columbia HS (D. J. De Melfi): FL volleyball match, Le Pops (lollipop fundraiser), trip to NYC to Les Mis., the Met. Museum of Art, and a French restaurant.

Marian Catholic HS (M. W. Regan): monthly activities with the French Club to do cultural activities such as eating French food, looking at slides, and playing games.

Mountain View HS (P. J. Pasko): participated in the National French Exam.

Haverford School (T. D. Blicharz): annual dinner, five day excursion to Montréal, regular meetings.

George Washington HS (B. G. Siegel): trip to the Met. Museum to see the Degas exhibit, guest speakers, fête d'hiver.

Washington, D. C.

St. John's College HS (J. R. Schlagel): guest speakers, French films, card sale and car wash fundraisers for local charities.

Maryland

Laurel HS (C. Kidd): 2-day total immersion camp, croissant sales each week, field trip to Wash. D.C. restaurant, sponsored a \$150 scholarship, purchased materials for the library and FL department.

Bowie HS (P. Carlton): prepared a hall display case to promote French study.

Parkdale HS (N. Weigant): float for Homecoming procession which earned 2nd place, collected and recycled aluminum cans for fund-raiser, school showcase in honor of the Revolution, French Christmas party, sponsored a Haitian foster child, National French contest, club keeps photo album, International Buffet at the initiation ceremony at which members and inductees performed parts of Les Mis.

Walter Johnson HS (K. Lungociu): publication of a FL literary magazine.

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Charles E. Smith Jewish Day (J. Eisler): SHF members serve as editors of the Romance Language Department's annual publication, The Melting Pot, judged at the annual poster contest, organized activities for FL week.

Bishop Walsh MS/HS (L. Ratchford): tutoring by volunteers, display for FL week, bakesale during FL week to raise money for classroom materials.

Virginia

Robert E. Lee HS (C. Dahl): international dinner, French bread sales, scholarship presentation, volleyball tournament, contribution to the library for equipment.

Stafford SR HS (B. Dameron): Valentine flower and balloon sales, dance with Spanish Club, French restaurant and market in Georgetown, winning Homecoming float, banquet.

West Virginia

Central Catholic HS (P. Hartman): FL week activities (decorations, announcements, bake sales), guides for 8th grade visitation, and hosted parent-teacher orientation evening.

Parkersburg HS (T. A. Law): have inducted 228 members since their chapter began in 1983.

Magnolia HS (E. Beale): crêpe sale, participation in FL Day at Bethany College and won 4th place in upper level recitation and 5th place in second year recitation.

East Fairmont HS (J. Beafore): French festival, FL week activities, teaching at local elementary school, field trips and fund raisers.

North Carolina

Walter Williams HS (E. H. Russell): initiation has a special theme each year. This year three students performed a ballet and discussed the French names of the ballet steps.

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Wake Forest-Rolesville HS (T. A. H. Cunningham): after-school videos, crêpe dinner, reception.

C. E. Jordan HS (M. T. McAfee): FL competition at Salem College, FL week activities including soccer matches, poster contest, trivia in bulletins, signs around school in French, FL students teaching foreign languages in other classes.

South Carolina

James Island HS (N. W. Deddish): reception for foreign exchange students at JIHS and dinner at French restaurant in Charleston.

J. L. Mann (C. W. Sawyer Moyer): international covered dish supper, Tartuffe, dinner at French restaurant, French picnic pool party.

Hillcrest HS (M. Hawthornthwaite): fund-raiser for senior FL scholarship for student planning FL career after college.

Georgia

Columbus HS (S. J. Chuites): tutoring and teaching nursery school class.

Florida

Milton HS (B. S. Oser): bake sale and car wash to raise money for new school public address system, tutoring.

Titusville HS (J. W. Zack, Jr.): banquet, scholarship, trip to a French restaurant.

Astronaut HS (L. Hoctor): participation in Le Congrès de la Culture Française en Florida.

Colonial HS (M. A. Toulgoat): tutoring, Thanksgiving baskets for the needy, collection of toys for "Toys for Tots" at Christmas, candy sale to buy supplementary materials for advanced levels, French Christmas party, French restaurant and bowling party.

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North Miami Beach SR (E. Kurbegov): visit to the Ronald McDonald house, home for terminally ill children, and party for Haitian children at Christmas.

St. Thomas Aquinas HS (A. Cooke): first publication of "Le Cahier" by SHF members, Tartuffe, tutoring.

Armwood HS (V. F. Collins): plans for a French cookbook.

King HS (K. Rizzo): sponsored students from Nice (France), participation in local chapter of the Alliance Française, trips to French restaurants, two video parties to see French films, district French Culture Day and ballet demonstration, schoolwide French Food Day including both cooking and French table setting and etiquette, tutoring, project on French music.

St. Petersburg HS (E. N. Marx): tutoring, purchased a page in the yearbook, poster sale fund raiser.

Shorecrest Preparatory (L. Matievich): participation in the Congrès de Floride along with non-members.

Lakewood SR HS (C. Hickman): host committee for French teachers in Le Bus program (2 days), tutoring.

St. Petersburg HS (J. V. Ermengem): Christmas party, reception for the BUS French teachers, car wash, candy sale to finance the students going to the French Congrès.

Naples HS (N. A. Turner): service fund-raisers to raise \$300 for a graduating senior pursuing languages, formal French dinner.

Pine View School (J. Stratton): Alliance Française student meetings, French restaurant, tutoring, hot chocolate and croissant sales, St. Patrick's Day balloon sales, Valentine's Day roses and carnations sale, Mardi Gras celebration for fourth grade students.

FLORIDA IS ANOTHER OF OUR BIGGEST STATE SUPPORTERS OF SHF--THANKS FOR SHARING THE NEWS ABOUT YOUR CLUBS.

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Alabama

Winterboro HS (G. S. Gobeil): Christmas banquet at local restaurant.

Grissom HS (L. Meigs/E. Quillen): car wash and donated funds to school literary magazine, gifts and Christmas carols at a nursing home, participation in state French Club Convention and will serve on the executive committee this next school year.

S. R. Butler HS (D. T. Palmer): SHF members' candy sale to raise money for pins, French dinner.

Auburn HS (P. S. Todd): trip to see Les Mis., party with other language honoraries.

Tennessee

Treadwell HS (E. Sills): French soirée, French cultural exhibits, French plays.

Mississippi

Forest Hill HS (D. C. Dorsett): welcomed students with a Tap-Day ceremony into SHF. Inductees were sent ribbons and a letter of instructions for a "scavenger hunt." During the course of their hunt, inductees had to translate their instructions and perform tasks to find their "Tricolor." This "Tricolor" was their ticket to the induction ceremony. Also held a Foreign Food Fair with other language clubs, and attended the Mississippi Foreign Language Fair at MSU where they received many awards for competition in various events. Planning to attend Festival de Francophones in Lafayette, LA.

Long Beach HS (D. C. Bishop): sponsored a child at Christmas and bought a bicycle, Foreign Language State Fair, spent a day feeding and cleaning the animals at the Humane Society as well as donated food.

Kentucky

Scott HS (J. M. Motsinger): annual French picnic with baguettes, French cheese and other foods as well as a game of boules.

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Ohio

Columbus Alternative HS (J. McNeil Watts): popcorn sale fundraisers, soirées held in the homes of students, French Market, exhibit of student-created French children's books and poems at school Humanities Festival, French movies, Tartuffe, Christmas caroling, CAHS literary festival with presentations by students, National French and AP Exams, tutoring.

Ashland HS (N. Cooper/M. Finney): string quartet and skit at their installation service, trip to Cleve Museum of Art and dinner at Tangiers.

Indiana

Ben Davis HS (L. L. Geckler): monthly club meetings, after-school "causettes," Impressionist Exhibit at Chicago Art Museum, Christmas caroling in French at a nursing home.

Brown County HS (D. Ryan): ice-skating and supper party.

Michigan

Marian HS (C. Krasucki): Cyrano de Bergerac, charity projects for home for abused women and children, crêpes for the whole student body during FL week, booth at the school "Beach Bash."

Mercy HS (J. Smetanka): co-sponsored with Spanish Honor Society the school used bookstore as a major fundraiser, began a newsletter for SHF, bake sale, Tartuffe, French restaurant in Windsor, Canada, Turkey Raffle fundraiser, open house displays for prospective students complete with crêpes and Nutella w/ French bread, Boutique de Noël with French items, Christmas party, Café Paradis--drama studio transformed into a Parisian street scene complete with food, dance, and waitresses in red berets. (What a delight to read your report!)

Iowa

St. Katherine's/St. Mark's (M. Yost): tutoring, French films, guignol theatre.

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Wisconsin

Brookfield Central HS (D. A. Carpenter): breakfasts, French films, rock opera "La Révolution Française, hot cider sale, banquet.

South Milwaukee SR HS (B. Waschow): meet with other language groups, Christmas charity drive, baseball game and pizza party at the end of the year, French plays, Chicago Art Institute.

Rufus King HS for College Bound (R. L. Smith): tutoring, fund-raising for scholarship award to outstanding SHF senior.

West DePere HS (J. M. Michaels): trip with French Club to Chicago the first week of June.

Minnesota

Hastings SR HS (B. J. Drummond): French folk dancing, cheese tasting party, French-German soccer game, fondue dinner, films, French restaurant, competition at state French speech contest, Père Noël secret.

Illinois

Rolling Meadows HS (M. R. Gerdisch): Homecoming float, French brunch, visit to Art Institute of Chicago, French immersion weekend.

Grayslake HS (J. M. LaFrancis): fundraiser to send a student on an immersion weekend.

Guerin HS (M. Micek-Hejnosz): Mardi Gras bake sale, religious services honoring the founder of the school.

St. Francis Academy (A. Page): St. Nicholas Day treats to the French students.

Rich Central HS (L. M. Regalado): Chicago Ritz Hotel lunch, Art Institute tour, several movie and pizza nights, gourmet cooking lessons at students' homes, Les Mis. theatre outing, Valentine Day carnation flower sale and serenades, French candy sales.

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Illinois, cont'd

Rich East (K. Pohndorff): participation in National French Exams, trip to Gauguin exhibit, sent books to China, Les Mis.

Nazareth Academy (C. Chovelak): induction ceremony with Spanish and German honor societies.

Madonna HS (F. M. Salvato): induction ceremony with Spanish, Polish, math, and business honor societies in a candlelight ceremony.

Auburn HS (P. D. Hill, Jr.): candy and bake sales, tutoring.

Macomb SR HS (E. Leland): candy sale to help fund trip to France.

Manual HS (B. Suhr): video explaining foreign Christmas customs which was part of a TV news cast Christmas Eve, joint initiation with other language honor societies.

Missouri

Cor Jesu Academy (B. K. Kitts): French movie, French restaurant, onion soup dinner, Christmas party, cheese tasting party, crêpe party.

Hickman HS (M. Deulin/A. Wetzel): World Cup Soccer with French, Spanish, German, and Latin club members.

Louisiana

Bonnabel HS (J. M. Cambre): fund raising activities to send student to France, oral competition at SE Louisiana University--the three students who went all won.

Arkansas

Conway HS (S. B. Rapp): film nights with "Jean de Florette" and "Manon des Sources", French student teaching to elementary students, plaque to honor names of first place state winners in National French Exam (10 in 9 years).

Oaklahoma

Pauls Valley HS (E. Warden): strawberry crêpes for SHF reception.

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OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE SHF CHAPTER AT CENTRAL MID HS IN NORMAN, OK, WHO WRITE THAT THEIR CHARTER PRESIDENT, HOPE LOVELACE, WAS KILLED RIGHT BEFORE THE 1988 INSTALLATION CEREMONY. THEY HAVE NAMED THEIR CHAPTER IN MEMORY OF HER.

Texas

Berkner HS (S. Tucker/S. Patterson): progressive dinner with Spanish and German honor societies.

L. D. Bell (B. K. Chandler): Homecoming float, French restaurant, Christmas and mardi Gras parties, booth at school FL festival.

Westbury SR HS: picnic with Spanish Honor Society, fundraisers to pay for yearbook picture and FL Burns Award, lollipops with "je t'aime" on them at Valentine's Day, French bake sale, garage sale, Christmas card sale for Texas Children's Hospital, shrub and flower planting at school, French movies, participation in the Houston International Festival highlighting the French Revolution.

Theodore Roosevelt HS (L. Parker/J. McIlhany): tutoring, dinner parties, French restaurant.

Carroll HS (A. Johnson): "Adopt-a-Family" for Thanksgiving, donation to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Scholarship Fund, Christmas crêpe party, attended "Babette's Feast" at Corpus Christi State U.

Colorado

Overland (K. Petit): French restaurants, Mardi-Gras celebration with another school, French film.

California

Flintridge Prep School (A. Williams): play for FL week.

La Jolla Country Day School (A. J. Thornton): Le Médecin Malgré Lui performed by traveling French group at U. of San Diego, French dinner at French-family operated bistro and interaction with all family members.

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California, cont'd

Point Loma HS (E. Pritchard):

Le Pops lollipop fundraiser, "parlez-a-thon" where students meet at member home for 6 hours during which they speak only French and afterwards collect money for the amount of time French is actually spoken, "tableau vivant" of the French Revolution presented at a local university celebration of the Bicentennial.

John W. North HS (M. Beckett):

Christmas party with gifts and carols, participation in school beautification day when SHF painted classroom doors.

Sir Francis Drake HS (A. Bartholomew):

annual Réveillon, three week exchange with Lycée in France, movie nights, French restaurant.

Washington

John F. Kennedy HS (J. A. Bubacz):

joint initiation with Spanish and German honor societies.

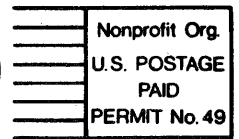
Although Montréal airport was a trying event what with the first gripping tears of homesickness, upon reaching Neufchâtel by twin-engine plane I began to realize what fun this could be. And how.

The first days and nights in Neufchâtel were crammed with placement tests, awkward meetings, and lots of late-night whispering with my roommate, Shannon Barefield. Cool rains ensued, as did day classes with a hysterical-but-informative Bruno Montrouye. Extracurricular activities such as trips to Ste. Anne de Beaupré (where numerous miracles were said to have been performed), Ste. Foy, Lac de Saguenay, and Les Chutes de Neufchâtel as well as superfluous trips to midnight cafés (for the best cappuccino I've ever tasted) made the trip one of the most enjoyable--and educational--I've yet taken.

Québec was really an experience. Where else could I have survived so peacefully for the first four days without my lost baggage?!

--Claudine Villardito
St. Gregory's HS, Tucson, AZ

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