

# 2012 Year of Ligue pour la Protection des Oiseaux/BirdLife in France!

Information available at <a href="http://www.lpo.fr/">http://www.lpo.fr/</a> Think Camargue, storks, islands, Bonelli's eagle, seas/oceans, swans, Gironde, cross-curricular!

### Lettre de la Secrétaire Générale:

Chers sponsors de la Société Honoraire de Français, Welcome back to another school year. We are very excited to announce all of the major developments that have recently occurred at the SHF, and that we have implemented this fall semester. After an extremely successful SHF breakfast at this year's AATF convention in Chicago, with over 30 SHF sponsors in attendance, we are now able to offer three

new SHF items based on your requests! First, we have created a 2<sup>nd</sup> year certificate for those sponsors who would like to recognize exceptional continued student participation in their local SHF chapter. Unlike the Student Initiate, which is required for all new inductees, the 2<sup>nd</sup> year certificate is an optional item, but one that has been highly requested by our sponsors. We have also created a new SHF Lanyard for purchase as well as an SHF Student Membership ID Card. These new items have all been added to our online store, as well as to our New 2013 Price Sheet which has been recently updated on our website.

On top of these new items, we are also very happy to announce that we have reduced prices on four of our regular items. This includes a price reduction on T-shirts, Formal Pins, Casual Pins, and our Mini Tassel Key Chain! We hope that these types of positive changes can continue to be made in the future, and we owe the success of the SHF to the continuous support of our Sponsors!

We currently still have an SHF Banner in our prospects, as well as an official SHF Induction Register Book. Hopefully, it is only a matter of time before we are able to locate these products at reasonable prices. When placing SHF orders, please remember these important tips that will help ensure that your SHF orders process in a timely fashion. 1. Verify that your AATF membership is current. 2. Send in all forms with payment or a purchase order. 3. Provide a list of student names when ordering Student Initiates. 4. Only School checks or personal checks from an SHF Sponsor will be accepted (No Student/Parent checks). Thank you for all that you do for the SHF. We continue to support your local chapter of SHF here at the AATF! Sincèrement,

Jessica Nelson Executive Secretary, SHF shf@frenchteachers.org

#### Note de la Présidente:

Chers Collègues,

The more than 30 sponsors of the SHF who attended the Friday early-morning breakfast at the Chicago convention focused their discussion on induction ceremonies, new products and connecting with community. For a more thorough look at what took place during the meeting, check out Executive Secretary Jessica Nelson's article on page 14 of the September 2012 National Bulletin.

Many thanks to Ann Sunderland, National AATF President, and to Jessica Nelson who stepped in to lead the breakfast and discussion while my husband and I took care of family. I look forward to seeing you in Providence in July, 2013!

Sharon Rapp National President SHF sbrapp@conwaycorp.net

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- 4590 Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend, IN, Lori Fournier Norem
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- 4592 Franklin High School, Reisterstown, MD, Beverly Washburn
- 4593 Arbor View High School, Las Vegas, NV, Katherine Pia
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- 4596 Mount Vernon High School, Alexandria, VA, Regina Dee
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- 4598 Suncoast High School, Riviera Beach, FL, Silvia Demarchi
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- 4600 Dr. Phillips High School, Orlando, FL, Zorina Manoni
- 4601 East Lake High School, Tarpon Springs, FL, Diana Navarro
- 4602 Lindsay HS, Lindsay, CA, Fode Doumbia
- 4603 Charleston Charter School for Math and Science, Charleston, SC, Becca Stein
- 4604 Millwood School, Midlothian, VA, Catharine Wilkinson
- 4605 Mira Costa High School, Manhattan Beach, CA, Marie-France Sam
- 4606 Henry W. Grady High School, Atlanta, GA, Theresa Monve
- 4607 Cedar Ridge High School, Round Rock, TX, Marie Douglass
- 4608 Fort Dorchester High School, North Charleston, SC, Cheryl Bernardi
- 4609 Woodlawn High School, Baltimore, MD, Amanda Pascarella
- 4610 Woodrow Wilson High School, Long Beach, CA, Debra Boyle
- 4611 Summit Christian Academy, Yorktown, VA, Maria Cochrane
- 4612 Cambridge Christian School, Tampa, FL, Betty Combee
- 4613 McGill-Toolen Catholic High School, Movie, AL. Dianne Gaiennie Davis
- 4614 Episcopal High School, Baton Rouge, LA, Blair LaVaun Richards
- 4615 Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School, Spring Hill, FL, Shannon McKenna

- 4616 Hebrew Academy of Nassau County, West Hempstead, NY, Margaret Yaari
- 4617 Randall K. Cooper High School, Union, KY, Bridgette Brown
- 4618 Ellison HS, Killeen, TX, Casey Suchko
- 4619 The Master's School, West Simsbury, CT, Elizabeth Chotkowski
- 4620 Middletown High School, Middletown, MD, Karen Denise Owens
- 4621 Lyman Memorial High School, Lebanon, CT, Molly Lathrop
- 4622 Colony High School, Palmer, AK, Ginny Boyd
- 4623 Emporia HS, Emporia, KS, Barbara Moore
- 4624 Fort Pierce Central High School, Fort Pierce, FL, Yvrose Elie
- 4625 East Coweta High School, Sharpsburg, GA, Christine Poling
- 4626 Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, Shawnee Mission, KS, Leslie Ransdall
- 4627 Westosha Centrai HS, Saiem, WI, Julia Price
- 4628 Northwest Rankin High School, Flowood, MS, Nancy Johnston
- 4629 Catholic Memorial High School, Waukesha, Wl. Bonny Blake
- 4630 George Rogers Clark High School, Winchester, KY, Lydia Kohler
- 4631 Austin High School, Decatur, AL, Emily West
- 4632 Oxford High School, Oxford, AL, Mary Baker
- 4633 Belen Jesuit Preparatory School, Miamì, FL, Maria Alonso
- 4634 Norristown Area High School, Norristown, PA, Diana Meitzler
- 4635 Langston Hughes High School, Fairburn, GA, Slone Malone
- 4636 Presbyterian Christian School, Hattiesburg,
   MS, Charlotte White
- 4637 Central York HS, York, PA, Lori Jacobs
- 4638 Patriot HS, Nokesville, VA, Sarah Goss
- 4639 Joliet Central HS, Joliet, IL, Sharon Eichensehr
- 4640 Cypress Ranch High School, Cypress, TX, Lisa Parliament
- 4641 Santa Fe Christian School, Solana Beach, CA, Jennifer Cattaneo
- 4642 Mishawaka High School, Mishawaka, IN, Cheryl Ann Herman
- 4643 Ashley Ridge High School, Summerville, SC, Shelby Walls
- 4644 Willowbrook HS, Villa Park, IL, Mahjoub Hilali
- 4645 Jackson Liberty High School, Jackson, NJ, Margaret Harris
- 4646 Tuscarora High School, Leesburg, VA, Timotha Rainey
- John Dickinson High School, Wilmington, DE, Debbie Supplee

4648	Highland	High	School,	Blackwood,	NJ,
	Elizabeth	Gadon	nski		

- 4649 Xavier College Preparatory, Phoenix, AZ, Ann-Marie Hyland
- 4650 Concordia International School Shanghai, Shanghai, China, Laurie Szabo
- 4651 Glen Allen High School, Glen Valley, VA, Barbara Bonner
- 4652 Cypress Ridge High School, Houston, TX, Margarita Diego
- 4653 South Carolina Virtual Charter School, Columbia, SC, Margaret Young
- 4654 Alan B. Shepard High School, Palos Heights, IL, Kelly Karstrand
- 4655 Collinsville High School, Collinsville, IL, Mary Ann Bitzer
- 4656 Sanger HS, Sanger, CA, Bruce Babcock
- 4657 Connersville High School, Connersville, IN, Judith Echano Medina
- 4658 Colonial Forge High School, Stafford, VA, Sue McCloud
- 4659 St. Peter's Preparatory School, Jersey City, NJ, Alison Carlson
- 4660 Ogden High School, Ogden, UT, Suzie Davis
- 4661 Mount Vernon High School, Mount Vernon, OH, Jennifer Bishop
- 4662 Chino Hills High School, Chino Hills, CA, Leigh Anne Munoz
- 4663 Covenant Christian Academy, Colleyville, TX, Lisa Snyder
- 4664 Alexander Dawson School, Lafayette, CO, Jean-Claude Hounou
- 4665 Phillip O. Berry Academy, Charlotte, NC, Regina Brandon
- 4666 Bishop John J. Snyder High School, Jacksonville, FL, Jacqueline Hutchins
- 4667 The Gunnery School, Washington, CT, Karen Lincoln
- 4668 Effingham County High School, Springfield, GA, Thomas Carnes
- 4669 Stratford Academy, Macon, GA, Rachel Chabot
- 4670 Uniondale HS, Westbury, NY, Wilhelm Louis
- 4671 Villa Rica HS, Villa Rica, GA, Jennifer Miller
- 4672 Roosevelt High School, Sioux Falls, SD, January Johnson
- 4673 Treasure Coast High School, Port St Lucie, FL, Marie Spranza
- 4674 School of the Osage, Osage Beach, MO, Linda Rowland
- 4675 Woodgrove High School, Purcellville, VA, Susan Wrenn
- 4676 Regents School of Austin, Austin, TX, Nicole De Falcis
- 4677 Kenmore West HS, Buffalo, NY, Anne Brown

- 4678 Delbarton School, Morristown, NJ, Maureen Pearsail
- 4679 Island Trees High School, Levittown, NY, Cindy Eisenberg
- 4680 Gould Academy, Bethel, ME, Adam Leff
- 4681 Federal Way High School, Federal, WA, Meghan Schumacher
- 4682 North Kingstown High School, North Kingstown, RI, Evelyn Byrne
- 4683 Shippensburg Area High School, Shippensburg, PA, Jennifer Mowers
- 4684 York School, Monterey, Ca, John Daniel
- 4685 Home School, Pass Christian, MS, Kristen Necaise
- 4686 Pacheco HS, Los Banos, CA, Brenda Clark
- 4687 St. Teresa's Academy, Kansas City, MO, Alice Amick
- 4688 Grayson HS, Loganville, GA, Rachel Fowler
- 4689 Heritage High School, Romoland, CA, Courtney Ziani
- 4690 Brandeis HS, San Antonio, TX, Ikram Tauzin
- 4691 Atlantic Community High School, Delray Beach, FL, Sheri Faber
- 4692 Texas HS, Texarkana, TX, Maryann Fricks
- 4693 The Grier School, Tyrone, PA, Kimberly Brennan
- 4694 Crown Point High School, Crown Point, IN, Linda Atwood
- 4695 Whitefield Academy, Mableton, GA, Meghan Magee
- 4696 Waggener HS, Louisville, KY, Carl Schaefer
- 4697 Stratford High School, Goose Creek, SC, Rebecca Hanford
- 4698 Valley Christian High School, San Jose, CA, Judith Marc
- 4699 Institut Romain, St. Martin, Netherlands Antilles, Anolan Hernandez-Diaz
- 4700 Learning Unlimited Preparatory School, St. Maarten, Anolan Hemandez-Diaz
- 4701 Seacrest Country Day School, Naples, Fl, Nancy Turner
- 4702 Jefferson Forest HS, Forest, VA, Pia Trice
- 4703 Nacogdoches High School, Nacogdoches, TX, Kristin Wright
- 4704 Hazelwood West High School, Hazelwood, MO, Andrea Junkans
- 4705 Brazoswood HS, Clute, TX, Deanna Sharp
- 4706 Fayetteville-Manlius High School, Manlius, NY, Sara Woodward-Jones
- 4707 Melbourne High School, Melbourne, FL, Rebecca Courtois

Check current regional structure on pages 24-25 of the September 2009 *National Bulletin* or on the Web site at <a href="www.frenchteachers.org">www.frenchteachers.org</a> by clicking on Chapters.

#### Statistics

Executive Secretary Jessica Nelson submitted a financial report indicating a healthy balance in checking on June 22, 2012. Most of the funds received during a year are reinvested in supplies in preparation for a quick turnaround as orders arrive. She also reported several statistics from receipts for 2011-2012 which may be of interest:

Memberships	18,900	(approximate)
Charters	169	(new and reactivated)
Gold Seals	7,763	·
Invitation Seals	4,663	
<b>Graduate Cords</b>	6,700	(approximate)
Tassels	367	. , .
Blazer Patches	560	
Casual Pins	2,436	
Formal Pins	702	
T-Shirts	234	(Key Chains 44)

#### **Dates to Remember**

National French Week, November 8-14, 2012 www.frenchteachers.org

International Education Week, November 12-16, '12 http://iew.state.gov/about

National Foreign Language Week, March 4-10, 2013
Theme:

Foreign Languages: They Nourish the Brain! Sponsor: Alpha Mu Gamma

La Journée internationale de la Francophonie, 2013 http://20mars.francophonie.org

> AATF Convention, July 11-14, 2013 Providence, RI

## Concours - SHF Travel Awards

In recent years, up to ten (10) awards have been made, each in the amount of \$750.

- 1. Each **chapter** may submit no more than **two** applications.
- 2. The teacher of the student applicant must be a member of AATF by Feb. 1, 2013.
- 3. A student may receive only one travel stipend.

- 4. The applicant must be a member of the SHF by the application deadline, currently studying French, and possess a good knowledge of the language.
- Awards must be used for travel, not tuition, course fees, etc. Proof of registration by May 1st in the program described on, or attached to, the application form and/or travel reservations may be required before disbursement is made.
- 6. The applicant must be registered in, or able to register in, a program approved by the SHF sponsor. Although independent travel is discouraged, exceptions will be made if the applicant and sponsor provide a detailed program of travel/study and justification.
- 7. Travel must be completed within 12 months of the award deadline (by 2/1/14).
- 8. Each recipient is expected to send to the address below a brief description of the travel/study experience and its significance within one month of completion of the trip. The form will accompany the stipend and can also be found on line at <www.frenchteachers.org>.
- Only applications which are complete will be reviewed. The sponsor must mail all the following items in one envelope:
  - Completed application form
    Student essay, hand-written in cursive, signed and dated by the student (see center of application form—in bold print—for details)
  - Letter of recommendation, signed and dated, from current French teacher
  - Letter of recommendation, signed and dated, from another faculty member of the school the applicant is now attending
  - ☐ Official transcript through first semester 2012-13
  - Paper copy of travel/study program prospectus (or justification)
- NOTE: Winning students' names will be posted on the SHF Web site. If this student's name should NOT be posted, check the appropriate blank on the form on page 5.

Postmark Deadline: February 1, 2013 to: Sharon B. Rapp, President SHF 1817 South Blvd. Conway, AR 72034-6205

# **Application for an SHF Travel Stipend**

This completed **form** (which may be copied) **and all supporting materials** (see page 4) must be sent **by the sponsor** in the **same envelope**, **postmarked no later than February 1, 2013**, to the address below. The applicant must be a member of SHF and the applicant's sponsoring teacher must be a member of AATF by the application deadline.

Sharon B. Rapp, President SHF 1817 South Blvd. Conway, AR 72034-6205

Applicant's name	Name should NOT be posted on Web site					
Home address						
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Activities and awards: _		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
A. Have you participated	in Le Grand Concours (Nation	al French C	ontest)?	(circle) Yes	No Year/s _	<del></del>
B. Have you participated	in other French competitions?	(circle)	Yes N	lo Year/s _	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
C. Have you ever visite	d a French-speaking country?	(circle)	Yes N	o Year/s _		
If A or B above is YES, gi	ve details:					
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Information below to be completed by the <b>SHF sponso</b> (sponsor must be member of AATF by 2/1/13)		'I	<del>                                      </del>	(sponsor sign	ature)	
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School address			· , · .	<u> </u>		***************************************
	(street)				(state)	
AATF region 2013 (see	www.frenchteachers.org)		SHF cha	apter#(see add	iress label)	
Does the school have a	travel/study program? (circle)	Yes N	o IfYE	S, date next trip	)	<del></del>
If NO, what alternative	program has been chosen	(*)?				<u>.</u>
be joining (* or for the a	ack of this page and/or attach a alternative program chosen and at be the trip to which the stipe	d the justific	ation for			

# **Concours – Creative Writing**

# Catégorie A = Niveaux II-III

# Catégorie B = Niveaux IV-VI

The topic for this year's writing competition is from Executive Secretary Jessica Nelson. You may choose to respond to the question in poetry, conversation, prose or a combination thereof.

Choisissez (1) un événement, une personne, ou une époque dans l'Histoire française/francophone qui a de l'importance selon vous. Donnez l'information de base qui est importante pour la compréhension de votre argument. Cette chose ou personne, comment a-t-elle eu un impact sur la société dans laquelle elle a existé? En quelle manière affecte-t-elle la société ou le monde d'aujourd'hui?

# A ne pas oublier...

Chaque école peut présenter trois oeuvres

	and a contract to the contract of the contract
	par catégorie au concours.
	Le professeur de chaque candidat doit
	être membre de l'AATF par le premier
	février 2012.
	On peut envoyer une seule sélection par
	élève (pas de travail de groupe).
	Veuillez indiquer sur la feuille le nom de
	l'élève, le nom et l'adresse de son école,
	le nom de son professeur, et le niveau.
<b>□</b>	Il faut que le texte soit tapé à la machine,
	250 mots maximum.
	Les présentations ne seront pas rendues.
	\$50 et un key chain SHF seront accordés
	aux lauréats qui seront annonces dans le
	Bulletin National. Nous pourrons tous les lire
	dans le prochain numéro de L'Elan.
	Please note: Submission of student writing
	constitutes permission to publish and
	permission to edit the submission to meet
	space requirements of L'Elan.
	Note, too: Names of winning students will be
	posted on the SHF Web site. If this student's
	name should <b>NOT</b> be posted, such statement
	must be handwritten, dated and signed on
	the writing entry.
	Date limite: 1 février, 2013, à
	á
	Sharon B. Rapp, President SHF
	1817 South Blvd.

Conway, AR 72034-6205

# Félicitations!

Congratulations to these SHF sponsors who have been honored this past year for their teaching and service:

# AATF Summer Scholarship to France Chantel Kushner

Granby High School, Norfolk, VA

AATF Summer Scholarship to Québec Teresa Chardola, Seven Lakes HS, Katy, TX

AATF CERAN Outstanding Chapter Officer
Justin Frieman, George Nelson Tremper HS, WI
(now at Adlai E. Stevenson HS, IL)

Dictée au Congrès de l'AATF à Chicago Deb Blaz, Angola High School, IN Edward Gisselbrecht, Brookstone School, GA Jody Lubbers, Plano Senior High, TX

### Remerciements

Here are excerpts from comments made by eight of the 2012 travel stipend winners on their confirmation forms:

I now understand that French is something real and tangible that people use every day. HM

What I liked most about this trip has been seeing the difference in the culture from the country side and the city of Paris. JG

When I got to France, I realized how much French I actually knew. I was forced to communicate, so every phrase and rule resurfaced and came into use. KL

Since this trip I have become more "global." I keep up with news stories and media coverage of the areas in France I visited. DK

I have gained more confidence in myself as a person and as a French speaker. ... All-in-all, I am a new person because of this trip.

After this trip, I understand that although I have my higher ambitions, it will always be this sense of community and support that will keep me happy—not necessarily money or success. EW

[This trip] also let me realize that they (people from other countries) are hardly any different from you and I. The key is finding a way to relate and to communicate. MJ

It is the best feeling in the world to know I have a second family thousands of miles away. ... Thank you so much for providing me the ability to go to France. The trip changed my life, and I cannot thank you enough.

# **Election Ballot**

Original Ballot required. See page seven below and page one for candidate statements. (Two-year term: January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2014). Clip and send to Dr. Jayne Abrate, Executive Director, AATF, Mailcode 4510, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901-4510. Voting Postmark Deadline Date: December 31, 2012.

For the office of President:		For th	For the office of Executive Secretary:		
<u> </u>	Sharon B. Rapp		Jessica Nelson		
	(write-in candidate)		(write-in candidate)		

# Statement of Jessica Nelson:

My name is Jessica Nelson. I would like to continue my role as the Executive Secretary of the National French Honor Society (SHF). In this position, my mission is to increase revenue for the SHF, reduce prices on items for Sponsors, and to help broaden the horizon of the SHF in terms of what goods, services and support sources we are able to offer. In the span of one year, we have issued over 120 new and reactivated charters and have made great efforts to recruit and promote SHF in secondary schools nationwide. As Executive Secretary, I hope to provide speedy and efficient service, along with the support and advocacy needed to help strengthen all local chapters of SHF.

# Statement of Sharon Rapp:

During the last fifteen plus years we have: reviewed and celebrated our fifty-year history (now 60!); received additional presence in the *National Bulletin*, in electronic communications, and at regional and inter/national conferences; provided logo products, several at your suggestion; presented sessions at conferences; created a promotional brochure; begun the process of the establishment of a "junior" Société Honoraire and the revision of our constitution/bylaws; and, placed a variety of sponsor helps and the ordering of materials on line.

Société Honoraire de Français honors outstanding performance in the study of French, involves secondary students in French-related activities, affords an opportunity for students to practice leadership skills, supports a longer sequence of study, keeps students in touch with the language when there is a gap between high school and post-secondary experience, and encourages the return to and/or continuation of the study of French at the college/university level.

It is both a trust and a privilege to serve you as National President. I would welcome the opportunity to present a session or workshop on SHF or another topic at your conference. I look forward to the

opportunity to continue our journey together as we encourage one another and as we work to strengthen each of these important roles of Société Honoraire.

#### Lettre de la Présidente de la SHF

Colleagues,

We welcome each of the **chapters new** since the fall of 2011 which are listed in this issue. You will find your chapter number on your charter or on the first line of the address on page eight preceding the sponsor name/s. If the chapter number is still missing, please contact me at the coordinates below.

You will find details in the September issue of the *National Bulletin* for nominating a student for the AATF Outstanding Senior in French award and for an Academic Palms summer-scholarship, as well as resources for advocacy. Check the AATF web site for updates on activities and awards.

A question has arisen about the difference between the **travel essay and the creative writing essay**. The travel essay is described in the middle of the cover form on page five as stating "your reasons for applying for this travel award" and, written in the student's own cursive handwriting, is to be submitted along with the materials for that concours (pages 4-5). The creative writing entries are to address the topic on page six and are to be typewritten. The competitions are completely separate and, within the limitations set forth in the rules, a student may enter both.

Do you sponsor a chapter in the Midwest? Should you wish to **invite** the National President to attend your SHF, it might be possible to coordinate that request with a trip to visit family and/or friends in the states of AR, MO, TN, and WI. You are welcome to contact me at <sbrapp@conwaycorp.net>.

**Thanks** for all you do for, and the extra time you give to, your students through SHF!

Sharon Rapp 1817 South Blvd. Conway, AR 72034 501/327-4216



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Deadline for the spring issue is February 1, 2013.

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