

LA PAROLE
Newsletter of the Acadian Museum
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- You are on the museum's email list to receive *La Parole*. If you know of anyone else who would like to receive it, please forward their name and email address to my secretary Darylin at: darylinb@plddo.com. If you no longer want to receive future issues, please advise at the email noted above.
- Drew Landry of Dirty Cajuns (www.dirtycajuns.com) sends us this important notice:
There will be a **Town hall Meeting @ The Shed**, 308 Hwy 93, Scott, LA (Exit 97) on Wednesday, July 1st, 6-8pm.
In an effort to unite the citizens of Southwest Louisiana and help those in need on our coast a Town hall meeting with experts and those affected by the BP Deepwater Horizon spill will take place Thursday. We will discuss the effects of the oil leak on our way of life and how to deal with a toxic Hurricane season. The panel will include [Dr. Paul Klerks](#) from ULL, [Warren Perrin](#) (attorney working on behalf of the United Commercial Fisherman and the Louisiana Environmental Advisory Group fishermen & the President of CODOFIL), [Chris Gilbeaux](#)- From the Louisiana state HAZMAT RESPONSE TEAM, state senator [Nick Gautreaux](#), [Kindra Arnesen](#) and many other community leaders. We are waiting for word from BP & Coast Guard reps and have more fishermen & residents from the affected areas.
- **Invitation to all to attend "Living Legend" induction ceremony:** Recent inductions included Jules Guidry on February 27th, Philip Andrepont on March 13th, Brady Broussard on April 10th, Gerald Bertinot on May 8th, Lt. General Russel L. Honoré (Ret.) on May 28th, and Lester Gauthier, Jr. on June 5th. Upcoming inductions are as follows: Harold Schoeffler on July 17th, Bernie David on July 28th (will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the Acadian Memorial in St. Martinville), Camey Doucet on August 14th, and Tim Creswell on September 11th. The programs begin at 4:00 p.m. at the Museum Café in Erath and include a Cajun music jam session beginning at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information,

(337) 937-0012.

- Anyone interested in learning to speak French in a social setting is invited to *Le Pique-Nique* which is held monthly on the second Sunday in Lafayette's Girard Park. Look for the Acadian flag. For more information, call Mike LeBlanc at (337) 261-1002.
- On July 28th, the Acadian Memorial will hold a Day of Remembrance. Events include at 5:00 p.m. the induction of Bernie David into the Order of Living Legends by the Acadian Museum (a delegation of MiKmaq from Nova Scotia will attend and perform a song honoring our ancestors), at 6:00 p.m. mass to be held at St. Martin de Tours Catholic church to remember the day the deportation order was signed and at 7:00 p.m. a dinner at a nearby restaurant.. Other upcoming events to be held are: August 15th - National Day of the Acadians; October 6, 2010 - *L'Ordre du Bon Temps* supper. For more information: (337) 394-2258; www.acadianmemorial.org.
- The French-American Chamber of Commerce, Louisiana Chapter, held its Eleventh Annual French Summer Wine Festival "Everything French" on June 26th. For more information, (504) 458-3528 or info@face-la.com.
- Every year, CODOFIL welcomes French teachers from all over the world. For several years, families have welcomed these teachers in their homes for a week at the beginning of the year to help them get settled. It's always a very interesting cultural experience. If you would be interested in welcoming a teacher, particularly in St. Martin Parish or in Lafayette Parish, please contact Elaine Clement (337-262-58190) for more details.
- On June 23rd, the Louisiana Folk Roots Cajun & Creole Summer Camp for Kids visited the Acadian Museum for a field trip, including a music lesson from Sam Broussard, talk by me on Acadian history.
- On June 23rd, I made a talk on Acadian culture to the Vermilion Parish Boy Scouts at Camp Steen near Abbeville. They can now be awarded their History Badge.
- According to Conni Castle, the documentary *King Crawfish* premiered on June 24 at the Bayou Bijou Theater in the UL Lafayette Student Union. For more information, call 337-277-5292 or email: connicastille@gmail.com. For a trailer of the new film see: <http://vimeo.com/12468171>.

- BP Gulf oil disaster: Bernie David, a member of the Mi'Kmaq Nation, went to the Gulf Coast to offer ties for the water and environment in order to heal from the devastating April 20th B. P. catastrophe. The idea was inspired by Ellen Hunt, Elder of the Mi'Kmaq nation. In response to President Obama's remarks to the Nation on June 15th, I submitted the following quote to the *Daily Advertiser* on June 16, 2010: "Nothing anybody could have said would have made the people in Louisiana feel good, but it made me and my family feel a little better. When he said he would fight (the spill) with everything he had, it reassured me that our way of life will be protected if he has anything to do with it."
- The New Brunswick Fishery Minister, Rick Doucet and P.E.I. Minister of the Environment, Richard Brown along with other people from the New Brunswick government will be meeting with Robert Barham, Wildlife and Fishery Secretary and people affected by the oil spill. The group came to Louisiana with the CBC News Radio-Canada team led by Marc Poirier and Nicolas Steinbach who interviewed me in Lafayette on June 26.
- Fernande Devost with Radio-Canada Acadie informed me that Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip went to Nova Scotia and Ottawa for a Royal Tour starting on June 28th. Their visit was, in part, to commemorate the Tri-centennial of the transfer of Port Royal to the British in 1710.
- Dr. Robert Carriker informs us that the Cajun Boudin Trail has a new brochure and website (www.cajunboudintrail.com) that establishes a path to discovering Acadiana's best boudin and other regional specialty items, be they pork chop sandwiches, beef jerky, cheesy boudin balls, specialty sausages, cracklin, smoked meats, plate lunches, stuffed chickens, or chilidogs. The places and products highlighted in the guide are a select group who stand out for the exemplary quality of their boudin, their attention to traditional Cajun recipes and methods of production, and the additional specialties they offer. The brochure is available through the convention and visitor's commission and the website is always accessible.
- Natial d'Augereau announced that *Renaissance Cadien* will be performing in France on a two-week tour. You can view an article which appeared in the *Advocate* regarding this tour: <http://www.theadvocate.com/news/96773204.html>.
- Kathy and Johnny Richard just returned from Quebec. They are putting on a bilingual *Congrès* entitled "If Beauty Could Save the World" to be held in October at the Richard Sale

Barn south of Abbeville. For more information, contact Kathy at (337) 233-7060 or www.lebayou.org.

- Yvon Cyr announced that the CYR Family Reunion will be held in conjunction with the Madawaska Acadian Festival in 2011. For more information, visit: <http://www.acadian.org/mad-soc.html>.
- Newly-named Lt. Governor Scott A. Angelle announced an agreement between Louisiana and the French Community of Belgium for a scholarship program for the 2010-2011 academic year.
- I received an email from journalist Jeannita Theriault, mother of Mary-Jo Theriault, singer and songwriter from Montreal, who stated that her daughter's next album will be launched in September in Montreal and that she hopes to be in Lafayette to perform in 2011.
- Please find attached an invitation to the annual *Amis de Grand-Pré* social gathering to be held July 23rd: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nsgrdpre/Evenements/evcalendrier.htm>
- Cedric Watson & Bijou Creole recently performed at Vermilionville. Cedric is a Grammy nominee who is a fiddler, vocalist, accordionist and songwriter who was drawn to the old-style French songs of Southwest Louisiana. He is an important participant in the continuity of Creole music.
- The University of Louisiana System has cut French programs and other academic degrees at Southeastern Louisiana University and Northwestern State University claiming it was due to the state's budget crisis. I argued that the state's \$2 billion cultural tourism industry is strongly tied to Louisiana's French, Cajun and Creole roots and was quoted in an article which appeared in the *Advocate Capitol News Bureau*: "As we try to save the Gulf, let's try to save the French language." Thanks to everyone who signed ____? the Petition opposing the termination. When Dr. Meg Marshall returns from France, we will have a meeting to make a plan of action to get this bad decision reversed either by a lawsuit or lobbying.
- I will be going to Quebec, July 23-27 to participate in a Judge Allen Babineaux Civil Law Symposium. Others attending include John Hernandez, II, Judge James McKay and Kermit Bouillion, photographer who will document the trip for the museum. I will be making a presentation at the conference on recent developments concerning the BP Gulf disaster

litigation.

- I am a member of the Louisiana Bicentennial Task Force organizing the Bicentennial of the admission of Louisiana into the Union. We had a meeting in Baton Rouge on June 29th and created the following committees: Fundraising, Educational and Programs, Marketing and Outreach Historical Research, Major Events, Historical and Cultural. If any of you would like to volunteer to serve on any of these committees, please forward an email to me at perrin@plddo.com or call (337-233-5832).