

***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 who would like to receive it, please forward their name and email address to my secretary Darylin at: [darylinb@plddo.com](mailto:darylinb@plddo.com). If you no longer want to receive future issues, please advise at the email noted above.
- **Invitation to all to attend "Living Legend" induction ceremony:** Recent inductions included Lt. General Russel L. Honoré (Ret.), Bernie David, Camey Doucet, Tim Creswell, Harold Schoeffler, Kermit Miller, Willis & Edith Granger, Dr. John A. Bertrand, August Broussard, Dotsie LeBlanc, Arthur Roland "Prof" Broussard, Clarence and Patsy Martin, A. J. LeBlanc, Janie Buillard, Ulysse "Joe" Gayneaux, Ruth Broussard, Redell "Mama Redell" Miller, and Richard "Dickie" Breaux. Upcoming inductions are as follows: Russell Gary, January 28<sup>th</sup>, Betty Bernard, February 11<sup>th</sup>, and Chester Isaac "Pee Wee" Broussard, March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 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.
- Andrepont Publishing has announced that my book *Acadian Redemption* is now available for reading electronically. For more information, contact Andrepont Publishing at (337) 942-6385. They also released the 2012 calendar which features Acadian history and is bi-lingual. For orders, call (337) 942-6385 or mail request to 326 Cedar Grove Drive, Opelousas, LA 70570.

- Please note below is a list of films dealing with Acadians/ native Americans/Metis/the French and Indian War. Please submit the titles of any other films so that we may add to our list:

**ENGLISH:**

Réveil  
 Full Blast  
 The Man Who Came Back  
 Cigarettes & Nylons  
 The Scoundrel's Wife  
 Belizaire the Cajun  
 Evangeline (1928)  
 Evangeline - A True Love Story  
 Louisiana Story  
 The Last of the Mohicans  
 Dirty Rice  
 Black Robe  
 Against the Tide  
 Mon Cher Camarade  
 Dance for a Chicken  
 Cajun Renaissance Man: Dudley J. LeBlanc  
 Passion Fish  
 The Patriot

**FRENCH:**

La Contesse de Bâton Rouge  
 Zarico  
 Huit Piastres et Demie  
 La Fièvre Jaune (Yellow Fever)  
 Le tapis de Grand-Pré (The Hooked Rug of Grand-Pre)  
 Le secret de Jérôme (Jerome's Secret)  
 Gumbo Oh La La  
 Évangeline en quête  
 Les années noires  
 Contre vents et contre marées  
 L'Acadie L'Acadie  
 Déliverance (Pierre II Surette and Beausoleil Broussard -Acadian Resistance-Dan Tebeau, CBC 2011)  
 Acadie Liberté  
 Le Souvenir Necessaire  
 L'Acadie Retrouvée  
 Terre D'Acadie  
 La Sagouine

- On October 11, 2011, during the *Grand Reveil Acadien*, the Acadian Museum hosted 70 Acadians from Memramcook, New Brunswick, Canada, led by Richard Laurin, to the Perrin Farm for a Cajun meal of pork and sausage jambalaya prepared by Durphy Landry of Erath. Kermit Bouillion and Neal Hebert grilled fresh pork sausage from Champagnes Supermarket of Erath (that donated many items for the meal). Locals prepared side dishes of sweet potatoes, crawfish salad, green beans, potato salad, rice dressing, fried chicken, pork and beans, bread and a wide variety of delicious deserts. Cajun music was performed by Earl Broussard and D.L. Menard, twice nominated for a Grammy Award.
- On March 16<sup>th</sup> , the Acadian Museum will again host New York students from N. Y. University in New York studying culinary science. If anyone would like to help out by preparing a dish, please let me know.

- The French American Chamber of Commerce announced that the French Week Gala Dinner on November 17, 2011 featured the French Ambassador to the US François Delattre. For more information, contact Lorretta Krentel Krasnow at (504) 458-3528.
- The Council of French Societies of New Orleans held a Reunion Dinner on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Honorary guest were M. Jean-Claude Brunet, Consul General of France and Mme Muriel Brunet.
- The French American Chamber of Commerce held the 2011 Beaujolais Festival on November 19, 2011 at the J. W. Marriott Hotel, New Orleans. For more information, email [info@facc-la.com](mailto:info@facc-la.com).
- Richard Lauren is promoting a *Allons au Festival* from August 12 to 21, 2012 for Cajuns who want to go to Canada during *Festival Acadien* in the Maritimes, with the tour culminating with the great celebration of the 15<sup>th</sup> of August in Caraquet, New Brunswick. For more information, contact Richard via email: [richard.novacadie@gmail.com](mailto:richard.novacadie@gmail.com) or Louisiana Travel Services at (504) 305-8712.
- On November 8, 2011, the *Merci Eliane* event was held. Eliane Levaque de Pues, Consul-General of Belgium, was the guest of honor at a *soiree* that was co-sponsored by CODOFIL and *La Fondation Louisiane* to thank her for her long and dedicated service to Louisiana.
- On October 28<sup>th</sup>, I was a guest speaker in Atlanta at an event hosted by *L'Alliance Française d'Atlanta*, The Consulate General of Canada, Atlanta and Georgia Perimeter College, Dunwoody Campus. Thanks to Bernie David and Kermit Bouillion who accompanied me and helped to put on the two events, and Louise McKinney for inviting me.
- Kermit Bouillion, a member of the Lafayette Parish School Board, was named by the *Independent* as the “Newsmaker of the Year for 2011.”
- On November 17, 2011 *Alliance Française de Lafayette* held the 2011 Beaujolais Nouveau at Philippe’s Wine Cellar.
- On November 19<sup>th</sup>, Vermilionville’s *La Cuisine de Maman* hosted Thanksgiving cooking classes for families. Linda Sue Fontenot demonstrated how to prepare kid-friendly recipes.
- *Alliance Française* of New Orleans held a workshop on “The Connections Between Louisiana and France From Robert De La Salle in 1682 Till Now”. It is a ten-week session. For more information, Robert Sullivan via email: [aiglefort@hotmail.com](mailto:aiglefort@hotmail.com).

- In an online article, “Demand for French education surges in Louisiana,” it was stated that the Louisiana families have a desire that their children get a French education. Visit: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5grKdchscI5V7TWRDFBJehZGds2hQ?docId=f63f6c86d474455c8ec8beaa47a77653>.
- On November 30<sup>th</sup>, Living Legend George Rodrigue was honored with the James William Rivers Prize in Louisiana Studies by UL Lafayette’s Center for Louisiana Studies.
- On December 1, 2011 a presentation at The National World War II Museum was held on the life of Madame Simone Renaud, who became known as the “Mother of Normandy,” Maurice Renaud. Madame Renaud’s youngest son, discussed his mother’s lifetime devotion to a generation of heroes, and “Ste. Mere Eglise: D-day 6 June 1944” written by his father, the Mayor of Ste. Mere Eglise, published in 1945. For more information, contact William “Bill” Detweiler at (504) 495-4742.
- *La Table Française* (the French table) is held on these days: Tuesday at noon at Pamplona Tapas Baron on Jefferson; Wednesday morning at Dwyer’s Café on Jefferson; Friday afternoon at Café des Arts., and Saturday morning at the Rayne Public Library. For more information, call (337) 261-1002.
- *Evangeline, Passion Stolen* by Michelle LeBlanc is a most interesting book. Details can be found at <http://www.acadian.org/evangelinebook.html>. I was honored to have been asked to help prepare the cover of the book and write the forward.
- Yvon Cyr invites you to his website (<http://www.acadian.org/congres5.html>) to see his new logo and obtain more information on the next major Acadian-Cajun event which will be the *Congres Mondial Acadien* in 2014 in parts of Quebec, Maine and New Brunswick.
- On March 16, 2012, Vermilionville and UL Lafayette College of Arts and College of Liberal Arts are sponsoring a symposium on the literary contributions and contexts of Antoine Maillet, the foremost Canadian author of Acadian descent. For information, call (337) 482-6224. To purchase tickets, visit: <http://mailletlafayette2012.eventbrite.com>. The Acadian Museum and The History Channel will help to sponsor the event by bringing Dr. Denis Bourque of Moncton University to Lafayette.
- *Heroes-Acadian-Resistance: The Story of Joseph Beausoleil Broussard and Pierre II Surette* by Diane Marshall is a wonderful book and can be ordered by visiting this website:

- <http://www.amazon.com/Heroes-Acadian-Resistance-Beausoleil-Broussard/dp/0887809782>.
- The *Grand Réveil Acadian Souvenir Book* can be ordered by calling (888) 769-7339 Ext. 4.
  - LAMA has a newly-updated and searchable directory of historical repositories in Louisiana. You can read all repository records at <http://vt-openings.net/Nutrias/Lama1.php> . Send requests for modifications to Elizabeth H. Dow at [edow1@lsu.edu](mailto:edow1@lsu.edu).
  - As a result of a *sui generis* legal dispute with an oil company, I was the subject of an article which appeared in the *New York Times*, “Louisiana Family’s Long Legal Fight Over Texaco Drilling Lease Takes a Twist,” December 30, 2011) by Campbell Robertson. The article mentioned my work to preserve Acadian history in general, and the Royal Proclamation in particular. Included in the article was a photograph of the Royal Proclamation and the Acadian Museum of Erath. Visit this link below to read the article:  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/12/30/us/in-louisiana-twist-in-legal-fight-over-texaco-drilling-lease.html?ref=campbellrobertson>.
  - On January 26<sup>th</sup>, *BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet* will perform at Vermilionville Performance Center and on January 27<sup>th</sup> at the historic Sliman Theater.
  - The New Orleans Historic Collection is offering a trip April 26 - May 4: “Tracing our story in Paris, Rouen, and Bordeaux.” For more information, (504) 523-4662.
  - Congratulations to Erin Stickney, the new communications officer for CODOFIL!
  - On January 16<sup>th</sup>, Sharon Swan, a French teacher, and her French Immersion students from Indianapolis, Indiana visited the Acadian Museum. Following the visit, they were hosted by David Bertrand for lunch at Shuck’s in Abbeville. The students are studying about the Cajun history and culture and visited sites regarding Acadian history, including St. Martinville. To read an article about the trip, visit:  
<http://www.theadvertiser.com/article/20120117/NEWS01/201170301/Indiana-students-experience-Acadiana?odyssey=mod|mostview>
  - Mike LeBlanc, Planning Manger, Lafayette Consolidated Government, recorded a video public service announcement in French to encourage the use of alternative ways to travel to work. See: <http://mpo.lafayettela.gov/TravelDemandManagement.asp>.

- Below is the latest list of families registered for the 2014 World Acadien Congress:

FAMILLES INSCRITES /families registered LOCALITÉS/locality

ALBERT	Lejeune, QC
ARSENEAULT	Saint-Michel-du Squatec QC
AYOTTE	Ste Agatha Maine
BAKER	Baker Brook NB
BEAULIEU	Portage Lake Maine
BELLIVEAU	Edmundston NB
BOUTOT	Portage Lake Maine
BROUSSARD	Edmundston NB
CAISSIE	Drummond NB
CARON	Madawaska Maine
CHAREST	St Jacques NB
CHASSÉ	Maine
CYR	Madawaska Maine
DAIGLE	Madawaska/St David Maine
DEVEAU	Cyr Plantation Maine
DESCHAINES/DESCHÊNES	Madawaska Maine
DIONNE	Biencourt QC
DUBOIS	Portage Lake Maine
DUGAL	Maine
DUMONT	Maine/Québec
FOURNIER	Edmundston NB
GAGNON	Maine
GAUDET	Nouveau-Brunswick
GAUVIN	Van Buren Maine
GIROUARD	Témiscouata QC
GODBOUT	Drummond NB
GUERETTE	Ste Agatha Maine
HÉBERT	Maine
LAGACÉ/LAGASSÉ	Madawaska Maine
LANDRY	St François NB/ Rivière Bleue QC
LEVESQUE	Fort Kent Maine
LONG/LANG	Clair NB
MADORE	Van Buren Maine
MAILLET	St Basile NB
MALLET-Mallais-Malley	Nouveau Brunswick
MARQUIS	Maine
MARTIN	Madawaska Maine
MAZEROLLE	Nouveau Brunswick
MICHAUD	Ste Agatha Maine
MORNEAULT	Ste Agatha Maine
NADEAU	Lac Baker NB
OUELLET-TE	St Hilaire NB

PARADIS	Frenchville Maine
PARENT	Hamlin Maine
PELLETIER	St Marc du lac Long QC
PICARD	Madawaska Maine
POITRAS	St André NB
RAYMOND	Dégelis QC
RICHARD	Témiscouata sur le Lac QC
IOUX	Grand Sault NB
ROUSSEL	St Jacques NB
ROY	Frenchville Maine
SAVOIE	Saint Quentin NB
SIROIS/LALANCETTE	St Joseph NB
SOUCY	St Basile NB
ST-PIERRE	Van Buren Maine
TALBOT/GERVAIS	Ste Agatha Maine
THERIAULT	Fort Kent Maine
THIBODEAU	Rivière Verte NB
TURCOT/TURCOTTE	Dégelis QC
VIOLETTE	Van Buren Maine

- Gary Theall said that the first quarter meeting of the Vermilion Historical Society will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, at the Vermilion Parish Library in Abbeville at 5:30 p.m. After the business meeting, a program will be presented on the Society's collection of early Vermilion Parish postcards.
- John Hernandez, II and I are serving on the New Orleans Event Planning Committee in preparation for the Louisiana Bicentennial.
- According to Ken Walker of the CFMA, *Le Cajun Music Award and Festival* will be held in Cade on August 16, 17 & 18, 2012. For information, call 337-344-3494.
- A political commercial aired by Gingrich belittles the French language by using one of Louisiana's most common French phrases, *Laissez les bons temps rouler* - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tyFaWhygzjQ>. It bashes John Kerry and Mitt Romney for speaking French. We ask that everyone send communications of protest to Gingrich, newspapers, editorial boards, etc.
- Thanks to the efforts of Bernie David, the Acadian Museum is pleased to be hosting members of the Mi'kmaw Nation of Nova Scotia for a spring equinox celebration and traditional sacred pipe ceremony. Special guest will be Norma Muise, L'il Feather, Spiritual Elder, and Keeper of the Sacred Pipe, from Tusket, Nova Scotia.

- John Hernandez, II, President of the Francophone Section of the La. Bar Association, announced that former Supreme Court Justice Michel Bastarache, the first Acadian to serve on the Supreme Court of Canada, will be coming to Lafayette in April to make a presentation to the group's civil law seminar in connection with the state's Bicentennial festivities and *Festival International de Louisiane*.
- There are a lot of reasons to love Lafayette - the funky, homegrown music scene, the fun-loving people, the family-friendly festivals. But, one of the best reasons to love Lafayette is the food! Young and seasoned chefs alike are building upon their Cajun and Creole roots to create new classic dishes, bringing the freshest ingredients from the farm to the table for your culinary enjoyment. *Southern Living* magazine has included Lafayette as one of the top 10 "Tastiest Towns in the South" and now it's up to you to make sure Lafayette wins. Cast your vote daily for Lafayette through January 31st and you'll help name the South's Tastiest Town. Plus, you'll be entered for a chance to win a \$2,500 cash prize for a trip to any Tasty Town of your choice. Vote now at <http://www.southernliving.com/travel/souths-tastiest-towns-lafayette-0041700> and tell your friends!
- Join Bayou Vermilion District's Vermilionville on Sunday, February 5 from 11 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. as they bring a traditional country Mardi Gras run to the city for their annual Courir de Mardi Gras with the Basile Mardi Gras Association. "This is our heritage, culture and tradition. This is us. This is how we've always done it – to go out and beg, sing, dance and hopefully get everything we need for a gumbo," explains Russell "Potic" Rider – President of the Basile Mardi Gras Association.
- Cinema on the Bayou Festival will run from January 25 through January 29<sup>th</sup>. For more information visit: [www.cinemaonthebayou.com](http://www.cinemaonthebayou.com). The featured film *Déliverance* focuses on the Acadian Resistance. Donovan Richard and Danny Tebeau, the New Brunswick filmmakers, will be present for the U. S. premier of the film on January 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Acadiana Center of the Arts in Lafayette.
- For an interesting history by Shane Bernard, Ph.D. on the origin of the term Ragin Cajun, visit: <http://bayoutechedispatches.blogspot.com/2012/01/from-jet-fighters-to-football-origin-of.html>.