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MESSAGE FROM THE ATSS/UFT PRESIDENT/ CHAIRPERSON, ROZELLA KIRCHGAESSNER

The 2007– 2008 school year is moving past us as quickly as it came. Our very successful 2008 GMNY is behind us (see pages 2 & 5). Plans are now being made for GMNY 2009 and our upcoming 50 year conference celebration in 2010.

There were several events planned across the Winter and Spring. Please see this issue of the SAGE for details on our interactive Woman's History Workshop (see page 4), our Holocaust program (see page 4) and the ATSS/UFT Spring Museum Tour scheduled for Saturday, June 7 (see page 3).

Be certain to check out our booth at the 2008 UFT Spring Conference on Saturday, May 10th at the New York Hilton.

Remember, all Social Studies professionals are welcome at our monthly Executive Board meetings. While only elected board members have voting privileges, we welcome your creativity, your insights and your programming suggestions.

ATSS/UFT is your local Social Studies professional organization. We can only address your issues and your needs as we become aware of them. Your organization is only a mouse click away at ATSSUFTnyc@gmail.com, or on the web at: <http://www.uft.org/member/committees/atss/services/>

Let us hear from you often. Best wishes for a warm and memorable Spring and Summer.

Rozella

ATSS/UFT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS FOR SPRING 2008.

Meetings take place at UFT Headquarters,
50 Broadway, 2nd floor, 4:30 to 6:30 PM, and are open to all New York City Social Studies Professionals. Only ATSS/UFT Executive Board Members can vote on business items)+ Friday, May 9, 2008
+ Thursday, June 12, 2008 - Meeting @ the Federal Reserve Bank, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

The MISSION of the Association of Teachers of Social Studies / United Federation of Teachers is to provide a network wherein Social Studies educators and related professionals may advocate for Social Studies education and share scholarship, information, strategies and practices related to the issues important to Social Studies instruction.

2008 GMNY CONFERENCE

The 2008 GMNY, the 48th Annual Greater Metropolitan New York Social Studies Conference, the main annual event of ATSS/UFT, was held on February 9th, at UFT Headquarters, 52 Broadway, Manhattan. About 300 Social Studies professionals attended, including a large number of new teachers. Social Studies professionals from all levels K-12 and college, teachers as well as supervisors attended, with an increasing representation from elementary schools.

There were over 50 exhibitors and sponsors whose booths were swamped by enthusiastic participants searching for materials for their classrooms. The program included a very worthwhile group of workshops and most interesting afternoon panels. The Bernard A. Cohen Social Studies Awards (formerly the John Bunzel Awards) were presented at the Bernard A. Cohen Memorial Breakfast. The Rosa Parks Memorial Award was presented to Dr. James A Banks at the wine reception. The Hubert Humphry Humanitarian Award was given to the Hon. Catherine Nolan. Participants went home with bags of materials, new ideas shared with professional colleagues, and the satisfactiolum of having a wonderful day in most congenial surroundings. This year's conference theme was: "Redefining Social Studies: 2008 and Beyond."

Pearson Publishing Company sponsored the breakfast, The Gilder Lehrman Foundation sponsored the wine reception and the United Federation of Teachers sponsored the luncheon.

Special thanks to the GMNY Planning Committee which made the GMNY Conference a huge success: Robert Dytell, Chairperson, and Rozella Kirchaessner, Levi Anthony, Rose Marie R. Armetta, Victoria Braxton, Arthur Brown, Ronald Campana, Mike Collazo, Cynthia Copeland, Wanda Daniels, Pasquale D'Onofrio, Dr. Richard Foreman, Carolyn Herbst, Angela Magliano, L. Zenzele Magwood, Deborah Straughn Moore, Mary Ann O'Grady, Dr. Brenda Parnes, Herbert "Jimmy" Schwarz, Helen S. Settles, Arlynne Steiner, Steven Steiner, Ollie Fields Thacker, Patricia Urevith, Alice Skinner Williams, Jonathan Barnett, Nelson Acevedo, Frank Pedone, Nyree McCray, Armando Mandes, Christina Camerlingo, Joshua Zuckerberg and especially George Altomare.

For a full list of the Awards and Award Winners presented at the GMNY Conference please see page 5.



THE SAGE

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ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF SOCIAL STUDIES /
UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS
proudly presents

WONDERFUL WILMINGTON WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008

7:00 AM TO 9:30 PM + A FULL DAY BUS TOUR INCLUDING LUNCH AND A FORMAL DINNER

featuring:

- DELAWARE ART MUSEUM, WILMINGTON. GUIDED TOURS OF "THE BAROQUE WORLD OF FERNANDO BOTERO," A SPECIAL TRAVELING EXHIBIT OF PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURE AT ITS ONLY EAST COAST VENUE, AND OF THE MUSEUM'S REKNOWNED PRE-RAPHAELITE PAINTINGS, AND EARLY AMERICAN ART. THERE IS A FINE GIFT SHOP.
- LUNCH AT THE DELAWARE ART MUSEUM, WILMINGTON. ENJOY A BOX LUNCH IN THE SCULPTURE GARDEN OR café, DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER. (SEE COUPON BELOW.)
- WINTERTHUR, THE DUPONT FAMILY ESTATE, WILMINGTON. A TRAM TOUR OF THE GARDENS AND A GUIDED TOUR OF THE MANSION, KNOWN FOR ITS EARLY AMERICAN ART AND FURNITURE COLLECTIONS, PLUS VIEWING OF A FILM AND THE SPECIAL GALLERIES ON YOUR OWN. THERE IS A FINE GIFT SHOP
- DINNER AT THE MENDENHALL INN, MENDENHALL, PA. ENJOY A FORMAL DINNER IN ELEGANT SURROUNDINGS. (SEE COUPON BELOW.)

BOARD BUS AT 7:00 AM. BUS LEAVES PROMPTLY AT 7:20 AM FROM UFT HEADQUARTERS, 52 BROADWAY, NEAR RECTOR STREET, MANHATTAN. BRING BREAKFAST OR EAT BREAKFAST AT HOME. NAP ON THE BUS. THE BUS WILL RETURN TO UFT HEADQUARTERS, WITH A STOP AT 21ST STREET AND PARK AVENUE SOUTH, AT 9:30 PM)

*** TOUR INCLUDES OUTDOOR AREAS RAIN OR SHINE. DRESS APPROPRIATELY. BRING AN UMBRELLA.***

THE COST IS \$140.00 PER PERSON, AND INCLUDES LUNCH AND DINNER, ALL ADMISSIONS, TOURS AND TIPS. MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO ATSS/UFT AND SEND BOTH THE MONEY AND THE COUPON BELOW (ONE COUPON PER PERSON, DUPLICATE AS NECESSARY) TO: CAROLYN HERBST, TOUR COORDINATOR, ATSS/UFT JUNE TOUR, C/O UFT, 52 BROADWAY, 12TH FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10004, NO LATER THAN TUESDAY MAY 20, 2008. THERE IS LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE, SO APPLY EARLY. REFUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER MAY 20 ONLY IF THERE ARE PARTICIPANTS ON A WAITING LIST. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL CAROLYN HERBST AT 212 510 6389 OR 646 258 1942

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DEAR CAROLYN:

I AM SENDING A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR \$140.00 TO RESERVE A PLACE ON THE ATSS/UFT FALL TOUR, SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008.

NAME _____

home address _____ zip _____

school/address _____ zip _____

home phone (____) _____ school phone (____) _____ E-MAIL _____

MY CHOICE FOR SANDWICH LUNCH IS (CHECK 1) /_____/TUNA SALAD /_____/TURKEY AND GRUYERE CHEESE

MY CHOICE FOR DINNER IS (CHECK 1) /_____/CHICKEN PICATA /_____/SALMON WITH LEMON, OREGANO, GARLIC /_____/VEGETARIAN RAVIOLI AND GRILLED VEGETABLES

ATSS/UFT AND AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR YAD VASHEM PROGRAM

On Sunday, January 27, 2008, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM, ATSS/UFT co-sponsored a program on **TEACHING THE HOLOCAUST** with the American Society for Yad Vashem. This series of workshops centered on the teaching of the Holocaust and the use of resources to teach the lessons of the Holocaust. Materials were provided, including a curriculum and video prepared by the American Society for Yad Vashem, the Shoah Foundation, and the Anti-Defamation League. The date marked the observance of American and International Holocaust Memorial Day. ATSS/UFT Past President/Chairperson Carolyn Herbst greeted the participants on behalf of ATSS/UFT. She introduced ATSS/UFT President/Chairperson Rozella Kirchgassner and Vice President/Vice Chairperson Brenda Parnes who were in the audience. Carolyn spoke about recently learned information concerning her family in Eastern Europe at the turn of the last century and during and after the Holocaust that her cousin, retired New York City Social Studies teacher Allen Kurtz researched. A kosher breakfast and lunch were served. The program took place at the Pratt Mansions, 1027 5th Av. bet 83 & 84 Sts. The program was free. About 150 people attended. For more information about the American Society for Yad Vashem call: 212 220 4304.

ATSS/UFT PROGRAM "WOMEN: A GLOBAL FORCE"

On Friday, April 11, 2008, ATSS/UFT presented a program "Women: A Global Force, led by ATSS/UFT Executive Board Member Ollie Fields Thacker and Secretary Victoria Braxton. The program took place at UFT Headquarters, 52 Broadway, Manhattan from 4:30 to 7:30 PM, and was free with advance registration. It was a dynamic workshop celebrating Women's History Month (which was actually in March). About a dozen eager participants attended.

Participants created digital portfolios honoring the historical contributions of women, designed standards-based units and lesson plans and received hands-on training in the implementation of interactive technology in the Social Studies and ELA classroom.

ATSS/UFT AWARD PRESENTED AT THE GMNY CONFERENCE 2008

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY HUMANITARIAN AWARD

THE HONORABLE CATHERINE NOLAN
Chair, NYS Assembly Education Committee

ROSA PARKS AWARD

DR. JAMES A. BANKS
Director, Center for Multicultural Education,
University of Washington

BERNARD A. COHEN AWARDS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATORS

CECELIA GOODMAN

P.S. 197, Brooklyn

KRISTINA MONTE

I.S. 119, Glendale, Queens

MICHAEL PEZONE

Law, Government and Community Service Magnet High School, Queens

LESLIE STRAUSS

Benjamin N. Cardozo High School, Queens

**PRESIDENTS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
IN CURRICULUM DESIGN**

Teacher's College, Columbia University
TEACHING THE LEVEES CURRICULUM
Margaret Crocco, Editor

Office of the Honorable Helen Marshall, President, Borough of Queens

THE FLUSHING REMONSTRANCE CURRICULUM

Terri Osborne, Director of Community Affairs

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE

LEVI ANTHONY, ATSS/UFT
CAROLYN HERBST, ATSS/UFT
MARK WILLNER, ATSS/UFT

ABOUT ATSS/UFT

ATSS/UFT was founded in 1937 as The Association of Teachers of Social Studies. In 1978, the organization merged with the United Federation of Teachers. Today it is one of the UFT's most active professional Committees. From the time ATSS/UFT merged with the UFT, there have been no membership dues. If you work in New York City as a Social Studies professional and if you are a UFT member and / or participate in our programs you are a member of ATSS/UFT. Members receive information through UFT *New York Teacher*, our web page at www.uft.org, (members/union committees/ATSS/UFT). We are also linked from the National Council for the Social Studies website www.ncss.org.

ATSS/UFT is the largest local Social Studies professional council in the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS). Our representatives sit in the House of Delegates and serve on committees. Other area councils affiliated with ATSS/UFT and NCSS are the New York State Council for the Social Studies (NYSCSS) and the Middle States Council for the Social Studies (MSCSS). Besides running excellent conferences they also provide members with very worthwhile professional publications on social studies content, lesson planning and educational research.

Even though you are automatically a member of ATSS/UFT, we highly recommend you pay the fees to join these other social studies councils too. (see forms on page 8)

Several members of the ATSS/ UFT Executive Board also serve, or have served, on the Executive Boards and committees and have presented workshops at NCSS, MSCSS and NYSCSS conferences. As a member of any and all of these councils, you may also want to more actively participate in them above and beyond taking advantage of the publications and conferences they offer.

ATSS/ UFT MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF SOCIAL STUDIES/ UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS IS TO PROVIDE A NETWORK WHEREIN EDUCATORS AND RELATED PROFESSIONALS MAY ADVOCATE FOR SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION, EFFECTIVE CITIZENSHIP AND SHARE INFORMATION, SCHOLARSHIP, STRATEGIES AND PRACTICES RELATED TO THOSE ISSUES THAT ARE BOTH RELEVANT AND IMPORTANT.

WE ENVISION THE ATSS/UFT AS A VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR TEACHERS:

- + ENSURING THAT, AS A PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS IN NEW YORK CITY, WE SERVE THE INTERESTS OF UFT MEMBERS AND OTHER RELATED SOCIAL STUDIES PROFESSIONALS AS A EFFECTIVE VANGUARD ORGANIZATION, REFLECTING THE CONCERNS OF NEW YORK CITY EDUCATORS WHILE MAINTAINING OUR LONG STANDING AFFILIATIONS WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES (NCSS) AND THE NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL Studies (NYSCSS);**
- + ENHANCING THE ABILITY OF SOCIAL STUDIES PROFESSIONALS TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTION THAT ADDRESSES NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK STATE AND NATIONAL STANDARDS;**
- + USING EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE LINES OF COMMUNICATION AMONG SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATORS AND RELATED PROFESSIONS;**
- + MAINTAINING A WEB SITE ORGANIZED BY TOPIC AND STRATEGY CONTAINING USEFUL LINKS TO CURRENT RESOURCES AND RELEVANT CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS;**
- + PROVIDING WORKSHOPS, PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES AIMED AT COMMUNICATING INFORMATION AND STRATEGIES ABOUT ISSUES RELATED TO A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR CITY, STATE, NATION AND WORLD;**
- + AND, AT ALL TIMES, SUPPORTING THE ABILITY OF INDIVIDUALS TO LEARN AND GROW AS KNOWLEDGEABLE AND EFFECTIVE MEMBERS OF OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY.**



SOCIAL STUDIES PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS MEMBERSHIP FORM

ATSS/UFT has created this form to help you join the various professional associations. If you have any questions, or want additional information, feel free to call ATSS/UFT at (212) 510-6389. Weekdays, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Send this form and a separate check for each council you wish to join payable to the organization as stated.

Remember, you are a member of ATSS/UFT without paying a membership fee if you are a New York City Social Studies profession and/or participate in our programs.

Send to: Treasurer, ATSS/UFT, 52 Broadway, 12th Floor, New York NY 10004

I WISH TO JOIN THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES (NCSS)

- / / FIRST YEAR MEMBERSHIP, SPECIAL PRICE, REGULAR CATEGORY (JOURNAL AND NEWSLETTER). MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO NCSS. \$32.50
- / / RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP, REGULAR CATEGORY (JOURNAL AND NEWSLETTER). MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO NCSS. \$60.00
- / / FIRST YEAR MEMBERSHIP, SPECIAL PRICE, COMPREHENSIVE CATEGORY (ALL PUBLICATIONS). MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NCSS. \$38.00
- / / RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP, COMPREHENSIVE CATEGORY. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NCSS. \$70.00

I WISH TO JOIN THE NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES (NYSCSS)

- / / FIRST YEAR MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWAL. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NYSCSS. \$60.00

I WISH TO JOIN THE MIDDLE STATES COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES (MSCSS)

- / / FIRST YEAR OR RENEWAL. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO MSCSS. \$25.00

ENCLOSED IS/ARE CHECK(S) FOR JOINING:

/ / NCSS / / NYSCSS / / MSCSS

MY LEVEL OF INTEREST IS:

/ / PRE-K / / ELEMENTARY / / MIDDLE/ INTERMEDIATE/ / HIGH SCHOOL
/ / COLLEGE / / OTHER _____

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