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FROM THE PRESIDENT/ CHAIRPERSON, ROZELLA KIRCHGAESSNER

"Thank you" to our members and friends who have made our 2008 / 2009 events so successful. As the Spring 2009 semester draws to a close, there are three very important events to add to your calendar. On Thursday, June 3rd, ATSS/UFT will sponsor a special full day staff development program on Developing 21st Century Skills. Join us Saturday, June 20th for our Spring trip, celebrating 1609 with "EXPLORING SEA AND SKY – HUDSON, GALILEO" (page 3), and July 13-19th, we will partner with the NY Geographic Alliance to sponsor a week long Institute at Renaissance HS.

The fall brings us another opportunity to network November 13th to 15th, at the 89th NCSS annual conference "Dreams and Deeds: The Civic Mission of Schools," which convenes in Atlanta, Georgia, indeed, an incredible place to dream! Come in person or via video conference. Some scholarships are available for first time attendees.

Check out pages 2 and 5 for a discussion of our very successful 2009 GMNY. Plans are underway for the "GMNY 50" our Golden anniversary celebration, Saturday, February 6, 2010.

Page 4 includes a discussion of both our interactive Woman's History Workshop, our Holocaust program with Yad Vashem.

Be certain to stop by and introduce yourself at our booth at the 2009 UFT Spring Conference on Saturday, May 9th 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 2009.

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 8 2009

Friday, June 12, 2009 (Dinner Meeting, Location TBA)

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.

2009 GMNY CONFERENCE

The 2009 GMNY, the 49th Annual Greater Metropolitan New York Social Studies Conference, the main annual event of ATSS/UFT, was held on February 7th, 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 36 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. For the first time, there was an exhibit of student work. The Bernard A. Cohen Social Studies Awards (formerly the John Bunzel Awards) were presented at the Bernard A. Cohen Memorial Breakfast. The Hubert Humphry Humanitarian Award was given at the seated and served hot luncheon to Edward F. Ott, Executive Director of the New York City Central Labor Council. The Gilder Lehrman Foundation brought us Dr. Robert Tomes, from St. Johns University who spoke at the "History Happy Hour" sponsored by the National Council on Economic Education. 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 *"SUSTAINING OUR PLANET: CHALLENGES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY."* The United Federation of Teachers sponsored the breakfast and luncheon.

Special thanks to the GMNY Planning Committee which made the GMNY Conference a huge success: Robert Dytell, Chairperson, and Rozella Kirchgaesner, ATSS/UFT Chair, Carolyn Herbst, Exhibits, Levi Anthony, Brochure, Ron Campana, Program, Mark Willner, Awards, and ATSS/UFT Board Members John Agnielo, Rosemarie R. Armetta, Victoria Braxton, Arthur Brown, Michael Collazo, Cynthia Copeland, Wanda Daniels, Adrienne Dixon, Pasquale, D'Onofrio, Dr. Richard Foreman, Angela Magliano, L. Zenzele Magwood, Adrienne Rattay, Deborah Straughn Moore, Mary Ann O'Grady, Dr. Brenda Parnes, Herbert "Jimmy" Schwarz, Richard Steckmeister, Helen S. Settles, Arlyne Steiner, Steven Steiner, Ollie Fields Thacker, Patricia Urevith, Alice Skinner Williams, and SSSA President Dorene Lorenzoni –Parecic and Board Members Jonathan Barnett, Frank Pedone, Nelson Acevedo, Jeffrey Winograd. Special thanks to UFT staffers 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.



ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF SOCIAL STUDIES /UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS PROUDLY PRESENTS

CELEBRATING 1609:

EXPLORING SEA AND SKY – HUDSON, GALILEO

NEW YORK/NIEUW AMSTERDAM– PHILADELPHIA/FLORENCE, ITALY

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2009 \$150.00 PER PERSON

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

Featuring:

- **MULTI-SENSORY BUS TOUR, "THE WORLDS OF HENRY HUDSON AND NIEUW AMSTERDAM," LOWER MANHATTAN.** CELEBRATING THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF HENRY HUDSON'S SAIL UP THE RIVER THAT BEARS HIS NAME, A NARRATED TOUR WITH DVD PICTURES AND SOME BRIEF STOPS LED BY DR. PHILIP SCHOENBERG, OF *NEW YORK WALKS AND TALKS*, LICENSED GUIDE AND MEMBER OF ATSS/UFT, AND ADVERTISED IN THE *NEW YORK TIMES*. ALL THE HISTORIC DETAILS OF A WALKING TOUR FROM THE COMFORT OF AN AIR-CONDITIONED BUS.
- **BRUNCH AT THE STONE STREET TAVERN, NEW YORK CITY.** ON THE OLD DUTCH STREET TUCKED AWAY IN LOWER MANHATTAN. (SEE COUPON BELOW.)
- **"GALILEO, THE MEDICIS. AND THE AGE OF ASTRONOMY," FRANKLIN INSTITUTE, PHILADELPHIA, PA.** CELEBRATING THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF GALILEO'S FIRST USE OF THE TELESCOPE, "NOT TO BE MISSED": THE *NEW YORK TIMES*. VIEW THE EXQUISITELY CRAFTED AND DECORATED SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND MAPS OF COSIMO DI MEDICI I & II, THE LATTER PATRON OF GALILEO, AND GALILEO'S TELESCOPE, ALL FROM THE INSTITUTE AND MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, FLORENCE, ITALY. SOME FREE ADDITIONAL TIME AT THE MUSEUM. THERE IS A FINE GIFT SHOP
- **DINNER AT THE BISTRO ROMANO, PHILADELPHIA, PA.** ENJOY A FORMAL DINNER IN ELEGANT SURROUNDINGS IN AN OLD GRANARY ON SOCIETY HILL. (SEE COUPON BELOW.)
- **HOMAGE TO THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE OLD DUTCH COLONY, THE DELAWARE RIVER, PENN'S LANDING, PHILADELPHIA.**

BOARD BUS AT 9:00 AM. BUS LEAVES PROMPTLY AT 9:20 AM FROM UFT HEADQUARTERS, 52 BROADWAY, NEAR RECTOR STREET, MANHATTAN. BRING BREAKFAST OR EAT BREAKFAST AT HOME. THE BUS WILL RETURN TO UFT HEADQUARTERS, WITH A STOP AT UNION SQUARE AND IN MIDTOWN, AT 9:30 PM)

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

THE COST IS \$150.00 PER PERSON, AND INCLUDES BRUNCH AND DINNER, ALL ADMISSIONS, TOURS AND TIPS. **BRING A CELL PHONE FOR NARRATION IN FRANKLIN INSTITUTE OR BUY AUDIO TAPE FOR \$1.00 OR BOOKLET FOR \$1.00. MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR \$150.00 PER PERSON 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 WEDNESDAY JUNE 3, 2009.** THERE IS LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE, SO APPLY EARLY. REFUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER JUNE 3 ONLY IF THERE ARE PARTICIPANTS ON A WAITING LIST. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL CAROLYN HERBST AT 646 258 1942 OR 212 510 6389

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DEAR CAROLYN:

I AM SENDING A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR \$150.00 TO RESERVE A PLACE ON THE ATSS/UFT JUNE TOUR, SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2009.

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

SCHOOL/ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE (____) _____ SCHOOL PHONE (____) _____ E-MAIL _____

MY CHOICE FOR BRUCH IS (CHECK 1) /____/MAC & CHEESE /____/SMOKED SALMON, SCRAMBLED EGGS
/____/ EGGS BENEDICT, TRADITIONAL BACON /____/ EGGS BENEDICT, SPINACH
/____/ BANANA WALNUT PANCAKES, WHIPPED CREAM, MAPLE SYRUP

MY CHOICE FOR DINNER IS (CHECK 1) /____/ CHICKEN MARSALA /____/ SALMON WITH WHITE WINE
/____/PASTA PRIMAVERA (VEGETARIAN)

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ATSS/UFT AND AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR YAD VASHEM PROGRAM

On Sunday, March 22, 2009, 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 in the workshops and at the conclusion of the program. ATSS/UFT Past President/Chairperson Carolyn Herbst greeted the participants on behalf of ATSS/UFT. She introduced ATSS/UFT executive board Members Mark Willner and Pasquale D'Onofrio, who also attended.

Carolyn spoke about the possibility of teaching, in an integrated approach, Jewish and Christian history together, and Eastern and Western European History together, from the Roman Empire to the present day, as a way of better understanding the place of the Holocaust in fuller and more accurate History of Europe. The American Society of Yad Vashem is a particular specialist in using the stories of individuals, as well as portraying the Jewish culture of Europe before and after the Holocaust, to teach about the Holocaust, in a safe, classroom-friendly, and understandable manner. The workshops and materials reflected this approach.

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. For more information about the American Society for Yad Vashem call: 212 220 4304.

ATSS/UFT PROGRAM "WOMEN: A GLOBAL FORCE"

On Friday, March 27, 2009, ATSS/UFT presented a program "The Transformational Power of Women, 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 is designated as the month of March.

Participants first used print materials in groups, each group studying a different aspect of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire. The groups then presented a synopsis of their group discussion, using the SmartBoard to highlight the material and share personal experiences. With coaching during each presentation by Ollie Fields Thacker, a computer expert, this became an excellent way to increase participants expertise in using the SmartBoard and organizing a technology rich lesson.

ATSS/UFT AWARD PRESENTED AT THE GMNY CONFERENCE 2009**THE UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS****HUBERT H. HUMPHRET HUMANITARIAN AWARD:**

EDWARD F. OTT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
NEW YORK CITY CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

THE BERNARD A COHEN AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING SOCIAL STUDIES**JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER:**

ZEREEN SARTAJHALSEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 157, QUEENS

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER:

LISSETH SALAS-OCAMPO
GROVER CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL, QUEENS

SOCIAL STUDIES SUPERVISOR:

RICHARD MARINO
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 77, QUEENS

ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF SOCIAL STUDIES / UNITED FEDERATION OF THEACHERS AWARDS

THE PRESIDENTS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
THOMASENA FOXWORTH CLAYON

THE PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
ARLYNNE STEINER
STEVEN STEINER

ATSS/UFT 2009 TECHNOLOGY FIRST: 4 03 09

ATSS/UFT President / Chairperson Rozella Kirchgaessner, organized the first ATSS/UFT interactive video conference using *Illuminate Live!* The New York State Council for the Social Studies (NYSCSS) Annual Conference was held at the Saratoga Hilton in Saratoga Springs, New York, April 2-4, 2009. On Friday, April 3rd the ATSS/UFT delegation in Saratoga met for over an hour with ATSS/UFT Executive Board Members at Teacher Center offices in the Bronx, Manhattan and Queens via an Illuminate meeting that was bridged through NYIT. All users needed were a microphone and speakers attached to their computer to be able to talk and hear while at the meeting. Adding a video camera enabled a participant to also be viewed. Participants could use their personal computer or go to The UFT Teacher Center office in Manhattan or the Bronx. Ollie FieldsThacker staffed the event in Saratoga Springs where she showed photos taken at the conference and links to several important web sites. Plans are underway to enable the same type of video session from the NCSS conference in Atlanta in November. Please spread the word and encourage others to participate. The New York State Education Department (SED) will be using the Ellunimate system to hold monthly with local council presidents meetings. If you would like more information, please contact Rozella Kirchgaessner at atssuftnyc@gmail.com.

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) and become actively involved in our activities and our social networking sites.

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.

You are encouraged to actively participate in ATSS/UFT trips, workshops, conferences, institutes, social networking sites and publications. Your voices are welcome and your issues are important.

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_____

NAME_____

HOME ADDRESS_____

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SCHOOL ADDRESS_____

_____ZIP_____

E-MAIL ADDRESS_____

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