THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF LANGUAGE GOES NATIONAL

In honor of the YEAR OF LANGUAGES 2005, the National Museum of Language (NML) prepared to greet the greater public. Members of the Museum’s leadership arranged an exhibit at the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Conference and Exposition which was held in Baltimore November 18-20, 2005. For the NML’s first national-level presentation, they displayed numerous items from the Museum’s exhibition room and archives.

President Amelia Murdoch, Vice-President Whitney Reed, Board members Pat Barr-Harrison and Jim McFadden, and Member Frances Reed prepared an exhibit for over 4,000 people. “Hello” in various languages greeted the conference attendees. The exhibit consisted of artifacts and information, with people on hand to talk about “language.” Among the items displayed were Associate Donald Donoguier’s power point presentation of the Museum’s past, present, and future and a trifold presentation containing an abundance of information under the three themes of the Museum—THE UNIVERSAL ASPECTS OF LANGUAGE, LANGUAGE IN SOCIETY, AND LANGUAGES OF THE WORLD. There was also information on the Concordia Language Village in Minnesota. Concordia offers teenagers an authentic environment in which to learn and speak a variety of world languages during the summer months.

Popular items on display were older modes of communication such as a circa-1927 Royal Typewriter (which caught everyone’s eye) and a 1936 battery-operated Farm Radio with am and short-wave capability. CDs from the “Talkin’ about Talk” radio series were playing so that attendees could hear some of the topics. In addition, there were a number of books from the Allen Walker Reed collection acquired by the Museum.

The leaders of the Museum were pleased with the attendance, questions, and interest in the Museum, and especially the fact that many attendees joined NML as new members.

Pat Barr-Harrison

OCCUPATIONAL AT THE ACTFL CONVENTION

For the NML, one important aspect of attending the ACTFL Convention, especially for the first time, was the opportunity to meet friends from across the nation. Happily, the NML booth was next to that of the Maryland Foreign Language Association (MFLA). This made it possible to meet many attendees from the metropolitan Washington area, among them Leslie Grahn, former Secretary of the MFLA and former head of the MFLA. Others from the area, learning about the NML for the first time, were welcomed as possible new volunteers in the work of the Museum.

Among longtime friends stopping by were former NML Director William Rivers, now with the Center for the Advanced Study of Languages (CASL), and Alexander Dunkel, Executive Director of the National Association of Self-Instructional Language Programs (NASILP). It was mutually rewarding for the representatives of the Museum and SCOLA to finally meet in person, enabling them to discuss plans for further cooperation. Representatives of NASILP visited the exhibit of the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL), an institutional member of the Museum, and NML President Amelia Murdoch and Director Pat Barr-Harrison talked at length with leaders of several National Resource Centers. NML Vice-President Whitney Reed gathered informational materials for future use by the Museum, and held preliminary discussions on the possible acquisition of language-related equipment.

In retrospect, one of the most rewarding impressions from the Convention was that there was an overwhelming acceptance and welcome of the Museum by the language community. Secondly, there was a realization that long-standing friends recognized the progress the Museum had made, that they had contributed to it, and were convinced of its continued success. We are most grateful.

Amelia Murdoch

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with a sense of real accomplishment that we look back at the work of the National Museum of Language during the Year of Languages 2005. We note early in the year the Proclamation by the City of College Park declaring 2005 the Year of Languages in College Park, followed by the Spring Symposium in which panelists discussed the important question of “Language and the Access to Justice.” The summer saw the engagement of a new webmaster followed by the launching of the NML website in October. In the fall we also celebrated the completion of the tremendously popular radio series conceived and executed by NML member Dr. Earl Rickerson and co-sponsored by the NML and the College of Charleston.

NML participation in the Annual Convention of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) in Baltimore proved to be most rewarding for the Museum. The International Fall Festival sponsored annually by the City of College Park and the University of Maryland served as a preview for the exhibit in Baltimore and provided an opportunity to meet local members and friends. The Holiday Reception in December, hosted by the Board of Directors, was the setting for a very special announcement: the NML had just signed a lease on an additional office suite, thus doubling the Museum’s space.

We are grateful to all those who have put forth so much effort over the years to forge the Museum into an institution that will truly make a difference in the world of language. Many of them are familiar to our readers. Some newer names and faces appear in this issue. Pat Barr-Harrison, newly elected to the Board of Directors, is already making her mark, bringing her broad experience and dynamic vision to enrich the activities of the Museum. Max Pugh, Jr., and Donald Domogauer, new Associates, have contributed their computer expertise and brought to the Museum much-needed technical capability. Another new Associate, R. David Zoric, renowned for his work in Philippine languages as well as numerous other endangered languages, will assist in the effort to create an ever greater public awareness and understanding of the world’s endangered languages. We will greatly miss the presence on the Board of Herman F. Bostick. His early participation and efforts in the establishment the NML did much to gain wide recognition of the Museum and its mission, and we will continue to rely on his wisdom and judgment.

Looking forward to the activities of the NML in 2006, we see the possibilities for another banner year. Planning is in place for properly equipping the new Museum Room, for the creation of exhibits, and the presentation of lectures. Arrangements for the Spring Symposium and the highly anticipated Annual Dinner are firmly in place. The stage is set for the expansion of the NML website. A possible NML exhibit at the ACTFL Convention in Nashville is under review. Clearly we are making progress. One last reminder: to answer the ever-increasing demands on our time, energy, and creativity we must have greater funding and participation. Again we ask that you renew your membership, increase your donation, and make a commitment of your time and ideas. We cannot succeed without you!

Amelia C. Murdoch
March 10, 2006
News about the Website

On the recommendation of NML Webmaster Max Pugh, the NML has purchased the software Dreamweaver, which facilitates the entry of data on the Web. On Saturday, 11 February, several members who had volunteered to learn to use Dreamweaver met in the NML office for the first training session. Pugh, a member of the Programs Committee, conducted the well-organized, informative three-hour session. Also present were Donald Domogauer, a computer expert who is a member of the Programs Committee, Frances Reed and Whitney Reed, both members of the Administration Committee, and Amelia Murdoch, who is on both committees.

The training session provided the opportunity to update, expand, and improve the site (www.languagemuseum.org). Three additional pages were added, completing the Museum's basic, ten-page site. These pages deal with the three major themes of the Museum—the Universal Aspects of Language, Language in Society, and Languages of the World. The site was enlivened by the addition of pictures and audio, specifically selections from the popular radio series co-sponsored by the NML “Talkin' About Talk.” Two new pages have been discussed and will be added as materials are developed. Comments on the improved site have been very favorable.

Domogauer will draft guidelines to ensure security of the site, and to provide appropriate scheduling for updating and developing the site. Volunteers interested in learning Dreamweaver and assisting in the task of entering data should contact Amelia Murdoch by email, aemurdoch@languagemuseum.org, or by telephone, 301-864-7071.

Needless to say we are interested not only in your comments, but also in recruiting volunteers to assist in developing materials for the website. And while those interested in becoming a “Dreamweaver” should be able to come to the office to work, those interested in providing ideas and developing materials may do so from anywhere. Proposals should be presented by mail addressed to Amelia Murdoch., National Museum of Language, 7100 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, Maryland 20740, or by email (see above). They will be submitted to the Programs Committee for review before acceptance.

Dr. Pat Barr-Harrison Elected to Board of Directors

With the retirement of Dr. Herman F. Bostick from the NML Board of Directors in November, in accordance with the by-laws of the Museum the members of the Board were required to elect a replacement. Fortunately, there was an outstanding candidate available—NML Associate Dr. Pat Barr-Harrison—who was currently serving on the Museum's Programs Committee. Elected by unanimous vote, Dr. Barr-Harrison served most recently as the Supervisor of Foreign Languages K-12 in Maryland (1991-2002). She is currently a World Language consultant K-16 working with the College Board, public and charter schools, and various organizations. She has been President of the National Association of District Supervisors of Foreign Languages in the U.S. and President of the Greater Washington Association of Teachers of Foreign Languages (GWATFL). She is on several regional and national advisory and executive boards and has received numerous awards and honors. Among these are: “Les Palmes Academiques”—the highest award from the Embassy of France for a non-citizen; the “Robert J. Ludwig National Distinguished Leadership Award 2002” from the New York Association of Teachers of Foreign Languages; “Educator of the Year Award” from the Japan-American Society; and “Outstanding Educator in Prince George's County Public Schools.” In 2004 the GWATFL organization named a new award in her honor titled “The Pat Barr-Harrison New Teacher Award for Professional Development.” Those of us who have seen Dr. Barr-Harrison in action know that she is a dynamo, and we expect great things from her on the Board.

As we welcome Dr. Barr-Harrison as a new Board member, we take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the dedicated service and many contributions by the outgoing member of the Board, Dr. Herman F. Bostick. We wish him a happy retirement. [See the Summer 2005 issue of the NML Newsletter for an article entitled “Spotlight on Herman F. Bostick.”]

NML Expansion

If one sure sign that our Museum is growing in size and stature is our ability to attract noted speakers, another must be the fact that our physical presence has almost doubled in the last two months. If you have attended the Museum's annual holiday receptions you are familiar with Suite 201, down the hall from the Museum's offices. This space was rented to accommodate the displays and to provide space for the many guests attending the receptions. Every year we rushed to prepare the room and then rushed to tear it all down so that the leaseholder could use it later that day. Those days are now behind us as the Board of Directors has approved a lease for this space.

Volunteers have patched, painted, and prepared the room, and donors have furnished it with bookcases, display cases, and tables. There is a new vigor and enthusiasm among our Associates and volunteers now that the Museum has a permanent display area as well as room for lectures, panel discussions and other activities.

Of course, this room comes at a price and your membership contributions and donations are now more important than ever to ensure that we continue to grow and to permit the Museum to offer programs of interest and relevance to its members and the public. Please consider assisting the Museum by making a donation earmarked for maintaining this space.
Symposium on “Language and the Mass Media”

Here’s another date to mark on your calendars: on Sunday, April 30, the NML will sponsor a Symposium on “Language and the Mass Media.” The event will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the College Park City Hall, 4500 Knox Road, College Park, Maryland. As in previous NML symposiums, a four-member panel will present various aspects of the subject, after which there will be a question-and-answer session. A social period to conclude the afternoon will allow attendees to meet panelists and NML leaders. There will be no charge, but reservations are recommended. Members will receive advance invitations, which will include full information. Further details will be found on the NML website (www.languagemuseum.org) as they become available.

International Fall Festival

The second International Fall Festival sponsored by the City of College Park, Maryland, and the University of Maryland was held at the University’s Ritchie Coliseum on November 5, 2005. The Festival, featuring a variety of vendors and many fun activities for children, was very “attendee friendly,” thanks in part to an attractive setting which was praised by vendors and the public alike.

The display of the National Museum of Language (NML) proved to be most useful for the Museum, since it served as a dry run for its presentation later in November at the Annual Convention in Baltimore of the American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages. The NML booth was set up with an “island” layout which permitted visitors to walk through the display area with freedom to view closely all objects, including books and significant publications from the NML Library, a vintage radio, a 1927 Royal typewriter, and other objects of interest. Also available to the visitors were membership applications, a history of the Museum, and attractive world language displays. A large banner featuring the NML logo, name, and website drew visitors to the display.

As at previous festivals, NML raffled off an International Food Basket that was won by a vendor who had purchased a single raffle ticket. For the children, a special edition Barbic doll and special toy cars were also raffled off.

—Jane Page

Rotarians Distribute Dictionaries

In keeping with the motto of Rotary International, which is “Service above Self,” the Rotary Club of College Park, Maryland, again distributed free dictionaries to more than eight hundred third-grade elementary school students during December 2005. This program was originally initiated during 2004. The dictionaries are actually gazetteers, entitled A Student’s Dictionary, published by The Dictionary Project, Inc., Sullivan’s Island, South Carolina. In addition to a comprehensive word section they contain sections on weights and measures, the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, maps of the seven continents, information on the fifty states, biographies of the forty-three United States presidents, and facts about the nine planets of our solar system.

Rotary club members distributed the books to schools in the Maryland communities of College Park, Hyattsville, and Riverdale Park. Recipients expressed great appreciation for the dictionaries and a number of their teachers reported that the books would be used in conjunction with their overall teaching program. David Satterfield, a former College Park Rotary Club president, led the dictionary program.

NML Officials Brief NSA Crypto-Linguistic Association Linguists (CLA)

In response to an invitation from the Crypto-Linguistic Association (CLA) at the National Security Agency (NSA), Fort Meade, Maryland, President Amelia C. Murdoch and Vice-President Whitney E. Reed visited NSA on November 22, 2005, to speak to NSA linguists about the existence and activities of the NML. After a greeting and introduction from Ms. Rence Meyer, NSA Senior Language Authority, Dr. Murdoch presented a brief review of the Museum’s history and talked about the goals pursued by the Museum. Mr. Reed outlined recent activities of the Museum in its attempts to reach out to the general public. After a lively question and answer session, attendees were provided with NML brochures and membership application forms and asked to pass on information about the NML to their colleagues.

In conclusion, citing the common interest in language shared by all linguists, both NML officials urged those in attendance to support the efforts of the Museum by becoming members.

—Whitney Reed
Holiday Reception

The Holiday Reception, now considered an NML tradition, was held on December 4, 2005, for local members, friends, and guests in the space adjacent to the NML Office suite in College Park, Maryland. The room in which the reception was held was attractively decorated with seasonal decorations. In addition, the room featured a display of the language exhibits which the NML had presented at the November ACTFL Conference held in Baltimore, Maryland. Everyone had an opportunity to see these exhibits and attendees were unanimous in their praise. Also featured was Intern Jeffrey Marman’s project on the languages of Switzerland.

Attending the reception were many of our local members and friends, including Steven Brayman, Mayor of College Park, and several members of the College Park City Council. Members of the NML Board of Directors were on hand to mingle with members and guests.

On the occasion of his retirement from the Board of Directors, Dr. Herman F. Bostick was presented an attractive plaque by President Amelia C. Murdoch commemorating his long service to the Board. Dr. Bostick received great applause in recognition of his many contributions to the NML. President Murdoch also presented a complimentary membership to Mr. Rafael Flores in recognition of his invaluable assistance to NML at the ACTFL Conference. Then President Murdoch made an exciting announcement—the room in which all were standing had now been acquired by the NML and would henceforth be known as the Museum Room. She pointed out that this new space would enable the Museum to display more exhibits and host sponsor lectures.

The variety of tempting refreshments for everyone to enjoy was made possible by the contributions of the many Board members, Associates, and members of the Administrative Committee. Special thanks to all of them and to those who aided in this celebration of the holiday season. The event ended with the award of the door prize (a beautiful set of crystal candlesticks) to Mr. Burton S. Scheiner, a member of the Board.

NML Annual Dinner 2006

A sure sign that the National Museum of Language is growing in size and stature is its ability to attract noted guest speakers for its annual dinner. This year’s speaker is Dr. Roger W. Shuy, Distinguished Research Professor of Linguistics, Emeritus, at Georgetown University. Dr. Shuy created and headed the sociolinguistics program there for thirty years, interrupted only by a period as chair of the linguistics department. One of the founders of the American Association of Applied Linguistics, he also served as its president. He has conducted research and written 30 books and 200 articles about regional and social dialects, literacy, medical discourse, classroom language and, for the past 25 years on the intersection of language and law. He has consulted on some 500 civil and criminal law cases and has testified at trial as an expert witness in 28 states, four times before the U.S. Congress, and once before the International Criminal Tribunal on Rwanda. He retired in 1996 and moved to the beautiful mountains of Montana, where he continues his consulting on law cases and writing books on forensic linguistics topics. Dr. Shuy’s topic at the dinner will be “The Language Detective.”

This year’s dinner will be on Saturday, June 10, 2006, at the University of Maryland University College Inn and Conference Center in College Park, Maryland. Members will soon be receiving their reservation forms for what is expected to be a sold-out event. We anticipate high interest in this event from the local law enforcement and legal communities, so please respond as promptly as possible to ensure that you do not miss this unique opportunity.
“Talkin’ About Talk” – CDs and a Book

In the Newsletters we have been following the progress of “Talkin’ about Talk” (TAT)—the brainchild of NML member Dr. Rickerson of the College of Charleston. The 52 programs were ultimately converted into a four-CD set and made available to the public. Well, we have great news! These outstanding scripts will now appear in book form!

Dr. Rickerson has been approached by a British publishing company, Equinox, and asked to agree to publication of a book containing the scripts recorded on the CDs. Dr. Rickerson's colleague Barry Hilton in Maine has finished editing over half of the original scripts, and Dr. Rickerson has drafted in hand for 12 new essays to expand the book by about 20% beyond the length of the radio series. With index and front matter, the book should contain about 190-200 pages. It looks as though the manuscript will be completed in late April, and the book could be in print this summer. We will let our members know how they can order copies.

We also want to take this opportunity to give recognition to two of our own NML Associates who served on the Editorial Board that reviewed all the scripts that were submitted—Dr. Frank L. Borchart and Dr. Sherri Spaine Long. We thank them for their work on this worthwhile project.

You can still obtain a set of the four TAT CDs, for $11 (includes shipping and handling). For those of you who have e-mail, go to www.cofc.edu/linguist/request/Talkin.pdf to download the order form. For those who do not, send your name, address, and phone number, along with a check made out to “College of Charleston,” to: College of Charleston, c/o Georgina Schlau, 66 George St ECTR 204, Charleston, SC 29424.

THE SCOLA CONNECTION

It was due to prompting by NML Director Glenn Nordin that Father Lee Lubbers, S.J., founder of SCOLA, Satellite Communications for Learning, contacted NML President Amelia Murdoch early in 1999, beginning that organization's long friendship with the Museum. NML Vice-President Whitney Reed had been an early supporter of SCOLA, the world's largest provider of foreign language programming. In 2002, the NML was honored to have Father Lubbers as keynote speaker at its Annual Dinner, at which time he traced the formation and growth of SCOLA from its genesis in 1984 on an antenna farm in McClelland, Iowa [see NML Newsletter, vol. 4. issue 2, Summer-Fall 2002].

Today SCOLA provides authentic language programming from more than 80 countries and more than 70 languages. Currently the leading programming provider of Less Commonly Taught Languages (LCTL), SCOLA serves many educational institutions and government sectors. It is the “freedom to archive, embed, record, and re-play all of the programming and the other specialized SCOLA services [that] has set SCOLA apart from later conceived foreign language networks.”

As a result of our representatives meeting at the ACTFL Convention, our mutual support has moved to a closer partnership. The SCOLA website [www.scola.org] now displays the NML logo and cites our website, while an audio clip announces the NML mission statement. Later, in April, the NML will be recognized as a SCOLA partner and Museum materials will be displayed at the SCOLA Annual Conference in Omaha, Nebraska. In return, SCOLA will be included among the Resources listed on the NML website. As Museum exhibit capabilities increase, SCOLA's services will be explained in greater detail. We are deeply grateful to Leslie Parker Bryant, SCOLA Channel Market Manager, for the warmth and enthusiasm she has displayed for the Museum and how much she has done to ensure our continued cooperation.


NML Associates are appointed on a yearly basis to assist in activities of the Museum, and may be re-appointed. The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of three new Associates, Donald Domogauer, Max M. Pugh, Jr., and R. David Zorc, Ph.D., and the re-appointment of the following:

Martha G. Abbott
Kathleen E. Miller
Donna Christian, Ph.D.
Margaret W. Reynolds
Dona F. Kennedy, Ph.D.

Lee Lubbers, S.J.
Frank L. Borchart, Ph.D.
Olga J. Page
Marion E. Hines, Ph.D.
Natalie Schilling-Estes, Ph.D.

Brian C. Belanger
Yuki Onoe
P. Manuel Guzmara
Earl M. Rickerson, Ph.D.
M. J. “Mike” Levin

Our Associates are involved in all aspects of our work and play an essential role in the success of the NML mission. We are honored by their support of the Museum.
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Friends at ACTFL Convention and at NML Holiday Reception

Colleen Gallagher, Susan Gilson, David MacGregor

Amelia Murdoch, Martha Abbott, Sandra Bender, Jane Page
## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NML MEETINGS

**Board of Directors**
- April 13
- June 10

**Museum Programs Committee**
- February 28
- March 28

**Symposium**
- April 30

### Executive Committee
- March 9
- May 11

### Administration Committee
- March 16
- April 20

### Annual Dinner
- June 10

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*Herman Bostick & Amelia Murdoch*

*Whitney Reed, Glenn Nordin, David Zore*

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