



# The *FLAGS* Pole

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Fox 40's morning show covered the event live during their 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. broadcasts on Feb. 18 and interviewed two of the student hosts. You can view segments of the webcast at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/discover-languages-discover-the-world>.

Naditz is planning to do the event again, so if you have ideas for guests (local or otherwise), please contact her at [naditz@sanjuan.edu](mailto:naditz@sanjuan.edu).

**High school students conduct coast-to-coast interviews during 24-hour live webcast for Discover Languages Month**  
Nicole Naditz

High school students in Fair Oaks and their teacher, Nicole Naditz put together a 24-hour marathon LIVE webcast about the benefits of language study in honor of Discover Languages Month. The entire webcast streamed live out of Naditz's classroom at Bella Vista High School from 9:00 a.m. Feb. 17 through 9:00 Feb. 18.

During the webcast, students conducted live interviews Naditz had arranged with prestigious authors, professors, politicians, business owners, the 2009 and 2010 National Language Teachers of the Year, community leaders and parents. Some interviews were live and others were conducted via Skype, an internet calling application. When they weren't conducting interviews, students hosted segments to share information about the benefits of language study—many of which included material submitted by students of fellow FLAGS members Christine Lanphere (Natomas High School); Vanessa Sosa, Evelyn Bejarano and Sarah Kapinski (Bella Vista High School); and Kristina Jenkins (Oak Ridge High School). Just some of the more notable interviews conducted by students included:

- Author and international education consultant Dr. Heidi Hayes Jacobs (New York);
- California State Assemblyman Roger Niello;
- Members representing the Global Competencies Task Force at University of Wisconsin-Madison;
- Gregg Roberts, World Language Specialist from the Utah State Office of Education
- Michael Faust, the President and CEO of the Northern California World Trade Center;
- Patricia Koning, journalist with the Livermore Independent and freelance writer for *Language Educator*. (California, but for national magazine)
- Dr. Bill Bushaw, the Executive Director of Phi Delta Kappa, based in Indiana (a professional organization for educators—we'll be talking about the results of the 2007 Gallup Poll they did nationwide regarding the public's perception of the need of and importance for world language education). Dr. Bushaw is in Indiana.
- Toni Theisen, the 2009 National Language Teacher of the Year (Colorado)
- Lisa Lilley, the 2010 National Language Teacher of the Year (Missouri)

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## The Presiden't Perch Ruth Ward



Hello, Colleagues.

I hope that despite these trying economic times, you have had a productive, rewarding, and enjoyable school year. The months have whizzed by, and we can now look toward summer relaxation, recreation, and the recharging of our mental batteries. There are some exciting World Language events we can anticipate in the near future.

First, there is the Ninth Sacramento French Film Festival at the Crest Theatre, from June 18<sup>th</sup> to June 27<sup>th</sup>. This event has been voted the Best Film Festival in Sacramento by the readers of the Sacramento News and Review in September of 2007 and 2008. The 2010 program will feature several films never seen before in Sacramento: a wonderful selection of classic French masterpieces by some of cinema's best directors of all time. It will also include a diverse collection of French and local Sacramento short films, as well as two midnight movies followed by coffee and pastries. The cost of single ticket admission to the festival is \$10; it is \$9 for students, seniors, members of the Sacramento Jewish Film Festival, Alliance Française, Club Français and Crocker Museum with ID or membership card. The cost is \$14 or \$13 on closing night, which includes the film and closing party. In addition to single tickets, various passes are available. For more information on this unique program, go to <http://www.sacramentofrenchfilmfestival.org/program.htm>.

After the Sacramento French Film Festival at the Crest Theatre, we can look forward to our third annual all-day FLAGS International Interactive Games Exhibit at the State Fair, created by our webmaster and advocacy chair, Nicole Naditz. The event will take place in the Youth Education building at Cal Expo from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 18th. As they did last year, families as well as students and teachers will visit our booth to play children's games from around the world, talk about the importance of multilingualism and language study in our society, take the "Are you smarter than a language teacher?" quiz, and spin the wheel for Discover Languages merchandise. Last year was a lot of fun, and both the adult and student volunteers, who introduced the games and gave participants "free stuff," were a big hit with the fairgoers. It was a joyful occasion for all those involved!

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ONE FRIDAY EACH MONTH

**FLAGS Board meeting**

All members are welcome

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**Sacramento French Film Festival**

June 18-27, Crest Theater

**California State Fair, Language Booth**

July 18, Cal Expo

**CLTA Conference**

March 17-20, 2011

Hyatt Regency, Santa Clara

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!**



(Perch, continued from p.2)

We've had two very successful years at the State Fair and we are looking forward to doing it again, but only if we can get enough help from fellow teachers and students. The dates of the State Fair have changed from September to July: coordinators wanted to be sure that the entire state fair was during summer vacation, as their attendance has been going down with all of the school districts starting in August. General admission to the fair is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children ages 5 to 12 years old; parking is \$10. However, the first to sign up to help with this incredible International Interactive Games Exhibit may have these fees waived. In addition to adults, we will need student volunteers whom we can schedule before they go home for summer vacation. So if you and/or other adults and students you know would be interested in doing a fun-filled four-hour shift, please notify Nicole at [madamenaditz@yahoo.com](mailto:madamenaditz@yahoo.com). I hope you enjoy the rest of the school year and the unhurried weeks of summer that lie ahead.

Sincerely,

*Ruth*

**FLAGS dues will increase from \$17 to \$20  
January 1, 2011.**

**You can save money by paying two years of dues through  
December 31, 2010!**

**So renew your membership early, stay informed, and save  
money!**

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER



It's amazing that the 2009-2010 school year is nearly over. We're all no doubt looking to some well-deserved time off to renew our resources. Speaking of resources, FLAGS counts on you to renew your membership each year so that we can continue to provide you with professional development opportunities, chances to recognize your peers and students, and updated information about advocacy and topics of interest to the profession.

The new membership years started on January 1, 2010, but as of today, only about 60 members have renewed for this year. If you are not sure whether your membership is up to date, you can contact me and I'll let you know: [membership@flagsteacher.com](mailto:membership@flagsteacher.com). The FLAGS Board is planning to increase membership dues to \$20.00 per year beginning January 1, 2011. We want to offer our current members (and anyone who joins FLAGS in 2010) the opportunity to save a bit by paying 2 years of dues (for 2010 and 2011) at the current rate of \$17.00 per year. Please see the membership form in this issue or online for rates for CLTA and FLAGS.

The FLAGS Board really counts on your membership to meet our plans for professional development programs, maintaining communication, and offering services for students and teachers in the area. Please help us to achieve our goals by renewing your membership.

Also, as advocates for the language teaching profession, as school starts up again in August, please take a moment to encourage your colleagues who are new to the profession (or new to your school) to become involved with professional organizations such as FLAGS & CLTA. Tell them to check out our website, [flagsteacher.ning.com](http://flagsteacher.ning.com) (be sure you have joined the "ning" yourself, or you'll miss important FLAGS messages), and let them know how important it is to network with other professionals and receive the support that membership brings. FLAGS and CLTA deserve to be at the top of your "To Do" list. Please take a moment to complete the form on the next page and send your check in today. We certainly appreciate your support. Wishing you a relaxing and enjoyable summer,

Christine

## Student Awards Breakfast

Inga Templeton

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, it was that time of year again to honor our wonderful students. Many of you came on this sunny morning to enjoy a Grand Slam breakfast at Denny's. The air was filled with cheerful chatting and silverware clinking until it was time to award the students for their accomplishments. Nicole Naditz awarded her Bella Vista student Mary Storll for her Outstanding Commitment to Language Studies and Susan Gibbs' student Alexis Carrington received Most Dedicated French Student at Granite Bay High. Natomas High was represented by two teachers this year. Ruth Ward gave her award to Faiqa Ejaz for being the Most Enthusiastic Spanish Student and Christine Lanphere gave the award to her Outstanding French One Student Jennifer Dollar. David Coon of Horizon Charter School was the recipient of the Certificado de Excelencia from his teacher Rosa Beach. The last award of the morning went to Mira Loma's student Michael Manov, who received an award for being the Outstanding German Student of the Year from his teacher Inga Templeton. It was so nice to hear about these wonderful students all around Sacramento. Too often we just focus on our classes and forget the amazing things that are going on at other schools. The Student Award Breakfast is a great way for teachers to show off their students and see what is going on at other places. FLAGS congratulates the 2010 award recipients and is looking forward to another Student Awards Breakfast next year.

## CLTA CORNER

### CLTA Conference 2011

South Bay Language Cabaret

March 17-20, 2011

Hyatt Regency, Santa Clara



**Where are the new 2009 California World Language Standards?**

<http://www.clta.net/standards>

**Did you know CLTA just celebrated 40 years of service?** Check out the CLTA website for details of all they have done. <http://www.clta.net>

# FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF GREATER SACRAMENTO

(A regional affiliate of the California Language Teachers Association)

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January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010

Circle One

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New Renewal

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School..... Language(s).....

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(New members) I was encouraged to join by .....

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**FLAGS dues** (\$17 Regular; \$10 Student; \$5 Retiree) \$\_\_\_\_\_ (A)  
(2 years = \$34.00 regular)

**CLTA dues** (\$50 Regular; \$40 Student or Retiree) \$\_\_\_\_\_ (B)  
(2 years = \$100.00 regular)

**TOTAL (A + B) \$\_\_\_\_\_**

If paying FLAGS & CLTA dues, please make check payable to **CLTA** and send it with this form to:

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website!**

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**What's your  
membership status?**

Have you been wondering if you'd renewed your FLAGS & CLTA membership? If you're not sure, email Christine at [membership@flagsteacher.com](mailto:membership@flagsteacher.com) to find out.

**Please renew today!**

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no longer email until you sign  
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