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This Newsbox is FULL of all sorts of information. Please be sure to read through it carefully. You don't want to miss out on valuable information!

Two of our very own FCTE officers are running for NCTE offices.

Susan Houser-Murphy is running for NCTE Middle Level Section Nominating Committee Member
Clarissa West-White is running for NCTE Secondary Section Steering Committee

If you're a member of NCTE, please refer to the NCTE's website for additional information. If you're not a member of NCTE, please consider joining. Visit www.ncte.org for more information.

FCTE is now offering a special rate for first-year teachers. First-year teachers can join FCTE for \$15. Simply have your principal or department head validate the membership form and send it in with your check. A membership form is attached to this email.

FCTE member and former president, Jean Lamar, has been named Nassau County's District Teacher of the Year. Go Jean!

Does your county have an affiliate? FCTE is working on building our county affiliates. If your county has an affiliate, please let Paula Clements, paula.clements@polk-fl.net know and provide the name and email address of the president. If you would like information on how to build an affiliate, please contact our first-vice president, Jane Feber, janeheber@hotmail.com .

FCTE is currently seeking a new journal editor. Please see the attachment for credentials and the application process.

Nominations are now being accepted for FCTE's first Intellectual Freedom Award. Deadline for submissions is April 1, 2008. See the upcoming FCTE Newsletter for detailed information and nomination forms or visit our website at www.fcte.org

SAVE THE DATE: This year's FCTE Institute for Professional Development will take place on October 16-18 at the Orlando Renaissance hotel near the airport. Please make plans to attend. This year's theme is "Professional Conversation."

A note from your SLATE Representative:

Greetings!

I want to encourage each of you to participate in NCTE's upcoming Advocacy Day in Washington D.C. on April 17, 2008. During this time, NCTE members and the E-board go to DC to meet with their respective senators and representatives and/or their aides to promote NCTE's Legislative platform which includes:

- **NCLB recommendations**
- **Higher Ed Act Recommendations**
- **Definition of Scientifically Based Research**
- **Adolescent Literacy**

Also, if you have not done so, please point your browser to <http://groups.google.com/group/fcte-slate> and join the FCTE SLATE Google Group where members can start/join discussions regarding NCTE's position statements, especially regarding censorship, weigh in on a number of topics that have already been posted, email the group if there are questions or concerns regarding NCTE or FCTE positions on a particular topic, or contact the organization should members need the organization's assistance or professional opinion. The email address for the group is fcte-slate@googlegroups.com.

Finally, in case you are unaware or simply need reminding, SLATE - Support for the Learning and Teaching of English - is NCTE's grassroots network that:

- **seeks to influence public attitudes and policy decisions affecting the teaching of English language arts at local, state, and national levels;**
- **seeks to implement and publicize the policies adopted by the National Council of Teachers of English; and**
- **serves as NCTE's intellectual freedom network, providing support for those facing censorship challenges.**

A separate membership fee is not required to join SLATE. Every NCTE member will receive SLATE updates on a regular basis, will have an opportunity to participate in SLATE campaigns, and will occasionally be invited to support SLATE through voluntary contributions. You can view past SLATE Newsletters at http://www.ncte.org/library/files/About_NCTE/Issues/March_2007.html.

FCTE CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP IN COMMISSIONS

At its fall 2007 Board Meeting in Orlando, the Florida Council of Teachers of English (FCTE) Executive Board authorized the reestablishment of the following FCTE Commissions. The purpose of these commissions is twofold: to confront and help solve some of the major problems facing English and language arts educators in the State of Florida, and to involve more members of FCTE in that undertaking.

FCTE members interested in serving on one of these commissions should contact the commission chairs by May 1, 2008. People wishing to serve must be current FCTE members and be willing to serve for three years and attend three consecutive State Fall FCTE Professional Development Institutes (PDI). The next PDI is October 16-18, 2008, at the Renaissance Orlando North.

1. Commission on Development of Diversity in Educational Leaders

The charge of this commission is to develop mechanisms for sharing effective models and strategies which might be used by school systems to provide educators of color and those of underrepresented groups with incentives for entry and advancement in the English language arts teaching profession and the FCTE Board.

Chair(s): Dr. Bernadette Kelley (bernadette.kelley@famu.edu) & Dr. Patricia B. Wachholz (pwachhol@fgcu.edu)

FCTE Liaison(s): Susan Houser (susan_15ym@yahoo.com) Members: Debbie Keith, Anete Vasquez

2. **Commission on Intellectual Freedom**

The charge of this commission is to offer assistance to Florida's English language arts teachers with any censorship-related matter.

Chair(s): ReLeah Lent (rlent@phonl.com) & Gloria Pipkin (gpipkin@knology.net)

FCTE Liaison: Dr. Joan F. Kaywell (kaywell@tempest.coedu.usf.edu) & Kym Sheehan

(kshewho@comcast.net)

Members: Holly Atkins, Tameka King, Dr. John Simmons

3. **Commission on the Continuation of Professional Development**

With recent initiatives to empower local schools to govern themselves, common professional development days are becoming a challenge for individual district school boards. The possibility exists that FCTE's Professional Development Institute may be negatively impacted when too many teachers have to take personal days in order to attend.

The charge of this commission is to proactively influence state and district agencies to seek common professional development days and explore additional opportunities for teachers to participate in professional activities.

Chair(s): Anita Plummer (anita.plummer@browardschools.com) & Gayle Cowley

(GCowley@escambia.k12.fl.us)

FCTE Liaison(s): Dr. Pam Craig (pamelasue5@tampabay.rr.com), Kelly Metzler (Kelly_Metzler@scps.k12.fl.us) & Linda

Tuschinski (ltusch@aol.com)

Members: Christi Edge

4. **Commission on Standards & State Requirements Affecting Classroom Instruction**

The charge of this commission is threefold: to monitor "standards" activities and seek the channels necessary to influence and affect current and future curriculum mandates as they affect English language arts teachers in the State of Florida; to monitor NCTE's Literacy Statements and communicate these efforts to the members of FCTE; and to serve as a vehicle for information exchange between state and legislative bodies and professional organizations dealing with literacy and assessment issues.

Chair(s): Dr. Susan Wood Z(wood@coe.fsu.edu)

FCTE Liaison(s): Tamara Doehring (tamaradoe@aol.com) & Jennifer Campbell

(jennifer@jennifercampbell.net)

Members: Judy Castillo, Janene Fitzpatrick, Angela Hester, Kim Jennings, Judy L.N. Johnson,

Dana Moreau

5. **Commission on Community and Education Partnerships**

There are two aspects to this commission: 1) there is a growing need to utilize community resources more effectively in our schools, and 2) the community needs to be educated about the new trends in education in order to gain community support (especially in regards to voting issues).

The charge of this commission is to actively seek ways to acquire community support for resolutions, policies, and current pedagogical practices reflective of NCTE and FCTE.

Chair(s): Dr. Gail Gregg (greggg@fiu.edu) & Dr. Sissi Carroll (pcarroll@garnet.acns.fsu.edu)

FCTE Liaison(s): Donna Garcia (dkgarcia@mail.ucf.edu)

Members: Amy Hardee, Melissa Binninger

6. **Commission on Mediacy and 21st Century Literacy**

English teachers teach the language arts which constitute reading, writing, speaking, listening, and viewing development. Culture has typically been transmitted via these means. It has been suggested that, for the first time in history, culture may be

transmitted via the media and English language arts teachers are not doing much to prepare students on how to interpret this information effectively and responsibly.

The charge of this commission is to redefine the language arts to include reading, writing, speaking, listening, and mediacy, and to develop strategies to infuse, in existing language arts programs, the skills necessary for students to be able to critically view what they see in film and what they read on the Internet.

<http://mediateacher.squarespace.com>

Chair(s): Dr. Barbara Pace (bgpace@coe.ufl.edu)

FCTE Liaison(s): Dr. Clarissa West-White (clarissa.westwhite@famuedu) & Kevin Smith (Kevin.Smith@fldoe.org)

Members: Frank Baker, Charla Bauer, Susan Glynn, Dr. Jeff Kaplan, Abby Kennedy, Marty Maher, Beth McCoy, Dr. Sarah Nielsen, Nancy Teger, Susan Watt

PROGRAM to RECOGNIZE EXCELLENCE

IN STUDENT LITERARY MAGAZINES

FLORIDA

Highest Award

Coral Reef Senior High School, 10101 SW 152nd St., Miami, 33157

Elysium

Cecile McLorin-Salvant, Student Editor

Amy Scott, Faculty Advisor

Superior–Nominated for Highest Award

Academy of the Holy Names, 3319 Bayshore Boulevard, Tampa, 33629

Excursions

Kathleen Hill, Rachel Talley, Sarah Talley, Jackie Emmanuel, Jennifer Griffin, Emily Chomuik, Katerina Zabetakis, Sydney Allen, Student Editors

Mrs. Loesekann, Faculty Advisor (\$5.00)

Cypress Bay High School, 18600 Vista Park Blvd., Weston, 33332

Electric Ink - Volume 5: Unmasking the Facade

Liatte Tsarfati, Daniela Rendon, Cortney Cates, Michelle Jacobs, Angelica Lopez,

Adeline Ramos, Amanda Sualdez, Tori Warenick, Brooke Flanders, Ali Soven, Rachel Weiss, Student Editors

Leslie Rheingold, Joyce Seigel, Faculty Advisors

Hollywood Hills High School, 5400 Stirling Rd., Hollywood, 33020

The Knot

Serge Bodnarchuk, Janique Santos, Alex Boruff, Gareth Chapman, Student Editors

Deborah Clark, Faculty Advisor (\$5.00)

Lake Mary High School, 655 Longwood-Lake Mary Road, Lake Mary, 32746

Essence

Brittany Darragh, Amy Marty, Shakirra Meghjee, Student Editors

Dr. Harry Goldman, Faculty Advisor (\$5.00)

Superior

Fernandina Beach Middle School, 315 Citrona Dr., Fernandina Beach, 32034

Smorgasbord, All You Can Read

Allison Li Causi, Student Editor

Heather Stefanski, Cathy Dozier, Faculty Advisors (\$3.00)

Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy, 5625 Holy Trinity Dr., Melbourne, 32940

Lit Mag – Journeys – Volume 4

Stephanie Jarek, Chanel Mosby, Student Editors

Carrie Philpot, Faculty Advisor (\$1.00)

Naples High School, 1100 Golden Eagle Cir., Naples, 34102

The Phoenix: Literary and Arts Magazine

Zach Bowe, Rachel Cox, Matthew McCartney, Michael Robinson, Kyle Rambosk, Alex Casement, Jessie Savage, Student Editors

Sharon Morrison, Mary Blackmon, Martha McKee, Adam Janowski, Faculty Advisors

Spruce Creek High School, 801 Taylor Rd., Port Orange, 32127

The Accipiter

Alex Mills, Jen Ko, Student Editors

Brent Rohol, Faculty Advisor (\$3.00)

Excellent

Lake Highland Preparatory School, 901 N. Highland Ave., Orlando, 32803

By Any Other Name

Bailey Hurlburt, Lindsey Romaszewski, Student Editors

Ginger Bryant, Faculty Advisor

Mainland High School, 1255 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach, 32114

Torchlights

Kat McGrane, Morgan Streatfeild, Student Editors

Laura Brown, Faculty Advisor (\$5.00)

Merritt Island High School, 100 E. Mustang Way, Merritt Island, 3295

Omnibus

Meghan Conard, Lisa LoPresto, Student Editors

Marjorie Weiffenbach, Faculty Advisor (\$10.00)

Seminole Ridge High School, 4601 Seminole-Pratt Whitney Rd., Loxahatchee, 33470

Mirage: Rural Superbia

Shelby Alexander, Marlon Alfonso, Arnold Castillo, Ashley DeLaCruz, Jessica Garrity, Stephanie MacInnes, Jaimie Marin, Kathy McCarthy, Shannon Onus, Linh Pham, Jelani Picart, Michael Puckett, Annie-Elvira Reynoso, Natanya Robinson, Matthew Stevens, Jen Thiemann, Nicola Sands Chelsea Perez
Marie Pelfrey, Carly Gates, Faculty Advisors (\$10.00)

St. Augustine High School, 3205 Varella Ave., St. Augustine, 32084

Serendipity

Tara Studivant, Student Editor

Scott Benyacko, Faculty Advisor (\$9.99)

T. Dewitt Taylor Middle High School, 100 E. Washington Ave., Pierson, 32180

PAWS

Ratree Phinnya, Christina Caneda, Student Editors

Barbara Beasley, Faculty Advisor

West Shore Junior/Senior High School, 250 Wildcat Alley, Melbourne, 32935

Alter Ego

Chris Jenkins, Charlotte Porter, Kristen Coyer, Student Editors

Patti Gates, Faculty Advisor (\$5.00)

Above Average

Bishop Kenny High School, 1055 Kingman Ave., Jacksonville, 32207

Organized Chaos

Keely Edgar, Robert Abare, Kelly Worthington, Katie Rizzo, Andrew Simak, Kelsey Hession, Student Editors

Katie Hammond, Faculty Advisor (\$3.00)

Lake Brantley High School, 991 Sand Lake Rd., Altamonte Springs, 32714

Perspectives

Nicole Saavedra, Carolina Moreno, Melissa Mercado, Brooke Williams, Student Editors

Grace Yohannan, Faculty Advisor (\$5.00)

Melbourne High School, 74 Bulldog Blvd., Melbourne, 32901

The Graffiti

Melanie Richards, Student Editor

Tamara Doehring, Faculty Advisor (\$5.00)

Pasco High School, 36850 SR 52, Dade City, 33525

Crimson Blade

Brittany Rathbone, Brandon Rathbone, Megan Hotchkiss, Tiffany Denney, Jessi Carnley, Student Editors

Abigail Kennedy, Faculty Advisor (\$7.00)

State Coordinator: Deborah Keith, Spruce Creek High School, Port Orange

If you do not wish to receive the FCTE Newsbox, please let me know and I'll remove your name from the list. If your name is removed, you will not receive any FCTE email correspondence, including the FCTE Newsletter.

FCTE Journal Editor Application

Dear applicant,

Please read the job description below before applying. Feel free to contact current editor, Tamara Doehring, at tamaradoe@aol.com if you would like any clarification about the requirements and work involved.

Submit the following via email to Jan Graham at GrahamJ@mail.leon.k12.fl.us or contact for mailing address.

Letter of intent

- Letter of recommendation from a supervisor
- Portfolio of publishing and/or editing material
- Resume

Deadline: April 1st

Job Description

The Florida English Journal Editor(s):

1. Attending all FCTE Executive Board meetings and annual conferences.

Absentee Policy for Executive Board Meetings: Any member who misses one board meeting without contacting the president within a reasonable amount of time or two consecutive meetings with contact will be asked to relinquish his or her position on the board. If the member wishes to petition the Nominating Committee for reconsideration of status, he or she may do so by letter. Personal emergencies are, of course, the exception. If the board member makes a room reservation that is not kept, the board member will be financially liable for the room.

2. Soliciting, refereeing, editing, contracting, printing, and distributing two issues of the *Florida English Journal* per year: fall (September) and spring (March).

A. When FCTE finances permit, an additional issue may be published.

B. The fall issue, also known as the "Welcome Back" issue, will preview the professional development institute (PDI) registration and other information. It should also include the names of judges, teachers, and winners who participated in the NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing and NCTE Promising Young Authors Contests.

C. The spring issue will carry the FCTE Teacher of the Year Award winners' essays, and the names of judges, teachers, and winners who participated in the NCTE Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines and the FCTE Writing Awards. The spring issue will carry NCTE, SLATE, and ALAN Membership Forms.

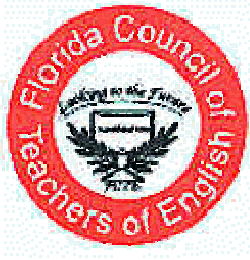
3. Working with the *FCTE Newsletter* Editor to coordinate the solicitation of ads and support to defray publication expenses. The journal is published at least twice a year with FCTE funds not to exceed \$6000 per issue. This amount may be adjusted by the Board to accommodate increased production costs after a sincere attempt has been made to acquire outside support.

Past Journal Editors: Gloria Pipkin (Pensacola); Jean Stallings, Sue Allen, & Pat Higginbotham (Tampa); Mary Bevilacqua (Fort Lauderdale), Elfie Israel (Davie), & Dr. Rosemary Timoney (Coral Springs); Deborah Kay Shepard & Lisa Meyer (Tallahassee); Marjorie Weiffenbach (Brevard); Tamara Doehring (Brevard)

JOURNAL EDITOR(S)' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE FALL CONVENTION

Make contacts for future issues

Prepare report for pre-convention meeting



Membership Application

The Membership Year is from October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008.

Dr. Mr. Ms. Mrs.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Other Phone _____

Email _____

** Email is required in order to receive FCTE correspondences such as the newsletter and Newsbox.

Alternate Email _____

In some cases, servers block mass emails. In this instance, FCTE will use the alternative email address.

School Name _____

Public Private Other _____

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

- New Member\$20.00
- Renewal\$20.00
- 2 Year Renewal\$35.00
- Retired\$10.00
- 2 Year Retired Renewal\$17.50
- First Year Teacher\$15.00
- Student (One Year)\$10.00

AFFILIATION

- Administrator
- Elementary
- Middle/Junior High
- High School
- Community College
- Four Year College/University

Are you....

- a member of NCTE?
- willing to become involved in FCTE?
- a member of a local council?

Council Name: _____

- a local council officer?

Title: _____

**Signature of sponsoring professor, principal, or department head for student or first year teacher membership.

Return this form with your check or money order (made payable to FCTE) to:

Paula Clements
4912 Toni Avenue
Lakeland, FL 33812

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