

LA PAROLE
Newsletter of the Acadian Museum
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- You are on the museum's email list to receive *La Parole*. If you know of anyone who would like to receive it, please forward their name and email address to my secretary Darylin at: darylinb@plddo.com. If you no longer want to receive future issues, please advise at the email noted above.
- Below is a link to a story, "A Small Town Louisiana Lawsuit Could Pose A Major Threat To Opioid Manufacturers," by Ben Mintz published by the *Huffington Post* which discusses a law suit that I helped to prepare for an opioid baby, the first such claim filed in the country. But what makes the petition unusual, and the subject of the article, is that in the introduction I wrote a brief history of the French Napoleonic Code which was adopted by Louisiana in 1808—and therefore makes our present day civil law system very unique in America. Article XII, § 4 of Louisiana's current (1974) constitution provides: “The right of the people to preserve, foster, and promote their respective historic linguistic and cultural origins is recognized.” My contribution to the petition was set forth in 15 paragraphs, with seven being written in French. The article also mentions my petition against Queen Elizabeth II seeking an apology for the Acadian Deportation which resulted in the Royal Proclamation of 2003.
https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/opioids-lawsuit-louisiana_us_5a96ee65e4b0e6a5230438d2
- My wife, Mary sent this email: “My partner Dr. Mary Ann Armbruster and I are writing a book about Healing Traditions of Acadiana (working title). I am writing about traiteurs, Créole secret doctors, native Louisiana medicinal plants and the medicines that can be made from them, and now I'm focusing on the old-time home remedies of South Louisiana. Examples of these are the famous hot toddy of my mother-in-law-- made with or without

a shot of whiskey, but with was far more efficacious; scaring someone to help them get rid of hiccups; curing a wart the white milk that leaks out when you break off a fig tree leaf, and putting elderberry leaves under your hat to prevent sunstroke. If your mother, grandmother, or other relative or friend used home remedies on you or anyone else for any reason, and whether or not they were effective, would you mind emailing me and telling me about it? If I use it in the book, I will keep a list, and your prize will be a free copy of the book! I am still also collecting stories about traiteurs, secret doctors and medicinal plant remedies.”

- *Acadie Then and Now* was named the 2015 winner of the prestigious *Prix France-Acadie*. In Canada, the books in French or English editions may be ordered from Jacques Ouellet of *La Grande Marée* at email: jouellet@nbnet.nb.ca, or on the web at www.amazon.ca. In the U. S., call (337) 233-5832, or email perrin@plddo.com



- **Upcoming Presentations**

Warren and Mary Perrin

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March 10, Louisiana Folklore Society at 8:00 a.m., Duhe Center, Nicholls State University, Houma, Louisiana

March 21, LSU officials at 10:30 a.m. at the Acadian Museum in Erath, Louisiana

March 23, UL administration and staff at 10:00 a.m. at the Acadian Museum in Erath, Louisiana

April 7, Loyola University at 9:00 a.m., New Orleans, Louisiana

April 13, book talk for the Lafayette Library Association at 11:00 at the Lafayette City Club

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- We got this from Amanda LaFleur: “We are very excited about the series of short video lessons, *50 mots pour les 50 ans du CODOFIL* that are being produced by makemade with the help of Louisiana French speakers. The first one, featuring Mavis Frugé introducing the word *anniversaire*, appeared last week. The concept with these shorts is to help out our francophile friends who love French but don’t yet speak it to add some words and short, useful sentences to their language repertoire. If you’d like to see a few of the clips that are ready for prime time, click below. Important: the password you’ll need to see each clip is “codofil50”. Anniversary - <https://vimeo.com/250388147>; Barbe - <https://vimeo.com/250388138>; Froid - <https://vimeo.com/250388131>.
- Cinema on the Bayou presented a 50th anniversary presentation of Leonard Forest’s Documentary: *Les Acadiens de la Dispersion* at Vermilion Performance Center on February 24th. Both the translator Erin Segura and the film editor, Drake Leblanc are products of the local French Immersion program. The film was shot in 1966 and 1967, released in 1968. This screening is intended to honor the beautiful B/W film that has such historical value, some blatant some subtle, and the film creator, Leonard Forest, a Canadian, (but USA born Acadian), who is credited as being the first Acadian to use the “documentary tool” to tell the story.
- Descendants of the Pierre and Marceline Broussard family will be holding its family gathering from August 31 to September 2, 2018 in New Iberia. For more information contact Rena Mockabee at invite@eventbrite.com.
- Per email from Dr. William Arceneaux, president of CODOFIL: “Bonjour. As you all may know, for almost two years now, CODOFIL has negotiated and facilitated, in cooperation

with Louisiana Public Broadcasting (LPB) and with the financial support of *La Fondation Louisiane*, the broadcasting of children's educational programming in French every week day afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. on LPB#2. Think *Sesame Street* in French. These award-winning educational programs are produced by Television Francais Ontario (TVO). LPB#2 can be viewed throughout the state except in the New Orleans area. Public television in the New Orleans area is served by WYES.”

- Co-author of two books on Grand-Pré, A. J. B. (John) Johnston has just published a new book entitled *The Hat*. He describes it as a fresh, 21st-century take on the Acadian Deportation. It is a moving story aimed at young adult readers, but many adults are enjoying it too. At the moment, *The Hat* is available exclusively on Amazon. It's free for readers with Kindle Unlimited, \$4.99 as an ebook and \$9.99 as a printed book.



https://www.amazon.com/dp/1775228916?ref =pe_870760_150889320).

- Congratulations to The Lost Bayou Ramblers for winning a Grammy. The Ramblers will be too busy celebrating their *Kalenda* album, which won the Best Regional Roots Album honor Sunday at the 60th Grammy Awards in New York City. Guitarist Sonny Landreth and his *Recorded Live in Lafayette* CD was nominated for Best Contemporary Blues Album. Led by brothers Louis and Andre Michot, the Ramblers become the first Cajun act to win a Grammy since Jo-El Sonnier claimed the Regional Roots award three years ago. Their win restores Louisiana's dominance in the seven-year-old category, which has been won by an artist within the state's border six times. With an acceptance speech spiced with Cajun French, Louis Michot thanked a long list of family, band members and supporters.
- We received this from Georges Arsenault: “Bonjour! On the occasion of the 2019 *Congrès mondial acadien*, there will be an international gathering of the Arsenaults-Arseneaus-Arseneaults-Arceneaux. It will be held in Prince Edward Island's Evangeline Region on August 17th and 18th. Here is the preliminary program. A more detailed program will be announced in early 2019.”
- Invited by Nelwyn Hebert, I did a presentation in New Iberia to a women's sorority group on February 27th and spoke on CODOFIL's 50th anniversary.

- Efforts to rescue victims of Hurricane Harvey last year landed two Louisiana residents presidential invitations from Donald Trump to his first State of the Union address. A representative of Louisiana's volunteer "Cajun Navy" Jon Bridgers and a New Orleans-based member of the U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Ashlee Leppert were both praised by the White House for their roles in responding to the deadly August.
- We received this from Mi'Kmaq Elder Daniel Paul: "Great News! For those of you who haven't heard Halifax Regional Council voted 12 to 4 to remove the statue of British Colonial Governor Edward Cornwallis from the park in south end Halifax and put it into storage until they can decide what to do with it. And thanks to Nova Scotia's Mi'kmaq chiefs who gave the issue a big nudge in the right direction last week by issuing a demand that the statue be removed! Details on the thirty years of Cornwallis controversy can be found at this URL: <http://www.danielnpaul.com/GovernorEdwardCornwallis.html>."
- Congratulations to Rickey Broussard of Vermilion Parish (attended Meaux High School), who played baseball from 1967-70 at USL and coached basketball at Nicholls State University, where the court at the newly-renovated Stopher Gymnasium was re-named "Broussard Court" in ceremonies that were held on January 27th.
- The Dewey Balfa Cajun and Creole Heritage Week, a cultural camp that teaches Cajun and Creole culture to adults, is returning to its roots. After four years at Vermilionville, the Balfa Camp celebrates its 19th year April 20-26 at the place where it started, Chicot State Park, located north of Ville Platte. Locals and visitors from across the globe gather at the camp for full- and part-time classes in accordion, fiddle, guitar, rubboard, vocals, dancing and more. Master musicians in Cajun music and zydeco, such as Blake Miller, Sam Broussard and Preston Frank, serve as instructors.
- On January 26, 2018, I was a speaker at a symposium entitled "French South of the Border: Colloquium on Franco-American Identity and Francophone Culture in the United States," at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. On that same day, I did a PowerPoint presentation on their book *Acadie Then and Now* and the New Acadia Project. The invitation was made possible by Yale historian Dean Ryan André Brasseaux, a native of Lafayette and son of Dr. Carl and Glenda Brasseaux, who was the moderator of the colloquium. With the help of Dean Brasseaux, we cooked a four-meat jambalaya for the attendees.



Shown, left to right, Warren A. Perrin, Mary B. Perrin and Jacob Broussard, a native of Lafayette studying for his Master of Fine Arts at Yale University.



Shown, left to right, Warren A. Perrin; Leslie Choquette, Professor of History, Côté Professor of French Studies and Director of French Institute at Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts; Anne Juneau Craver of St. Louis, Missouri, has held positions as a U.S. Dept. of Defense translator, professor of French and Comparative Literature, and an attorney; and Dr. Jay Gitlin, Director of the Howard R. Lamar Center for the study of Frontiers and Borders at Yale University.



Shown are Ryan André Brasseaux, Dean of Davenport College, Yale University (L) and Warren A. Perrin (R) preparing a jambalaya for the event.

- The *Congrès mondial acadien 2019* has prepared a guide for anyone interested in organizing a family reunion. The Guide to planning your family reunion offers advice to help families shape their thinking and plan their reunion, which will be held during the event, from August 10th to 24th, 2019, on Prince Edward Island and in Southeast New Brunswick. If you have any questions about registering or organizing your family reunion, you can contact our Family Reunion Coordinator, Yvette Bourque, by email at familles@cma2019.ca or by phone at (506) 859-2019. To download the Guide, visit <https://cma2019.ca/en/program/families>.
- We received this from Marie Rundquist “Thank you for your endorsement and support of our project. Dreams did come true for our team last night when the Acadians Were Here organization, comprised of Dr. R. Martin (Marty) Guidry, PhD, Greg Wood, and Marie Rundquist, received the Maryland Historical Trust 2018 Excellence in Media and Publications Award at a formal presentation at the State of Maryland Senate Office

Building in Annapolis. We received excellent recognition from the Maryland Historical Trust and Senators throughout the State of Maryland, who were all very happy about what our project was doing for Maryland districts.” Watch the video: https://youtu.be/XWVgt_L_zv0. Marie is in Lafayette Saturday to make a talk on DNA testing at the library.

- In an article by Michael Dot Scott, “Comedian Tom Segura responds to Cajun joke backlash:” As soon as Tom Segura's latest comedy special hit Netflix, folks in South Louisiana got whipped into a fury over some disparaging remarks he made about Cajuns. Segura suggests "we build a wall" around Louisiana to shut out the "inbred" Cajun people who live there, among other things. Recently Segura gave his thoughts about the Louisiana backlash on "Your Mom's House Podcast" and clears up some misunderstandings.


- I received this from Jan Swift: “Hi Warren. Thank you again for taking the time to interview with me on *Discover Lafayette!* You have such a wonderful and inspirational story. It may be listened to here:



<http://discoverlafayette.net/podcast/warren-perrin-historian-preservationist-acadian-culture>. Perrin, renowned historian of Acadian culture and a man who has dedicated his life to promoting the accurate history of the Acadians, is our guest on this episode of *Discover Lafayette*. Author of *Acadian Redemption*, a biography of Beausoleil Broussard, Perrin has worked tirelessly to reinvigorate the Cajun pride movement through his Petition for an Apology from the Queen Elizabeth II for the Acadian deportation from Nova Scotia, the establishment of the Acadian Museum in Erath, LA, and his many ongoing activities on behalf of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, known as CODOFIL.”

- Breau family reunion. If you are an immediate or distant descendant of Breau, come meet your Breau cousins Wednesday August 14, 2019, Dieppe, New Brunswick, Canada during *Congrès mondial acadien 2019*. For information, <https://www.cma2019.ca/en/>.
- Dr. Bill Arceneaux sent this to us: “Sadly, Baton Rougeon Jacqui Labat, long-time ardent supporter of CODOFIL, has died.”
- The Broussard family reunion, *La Famille Broussard*, is now booked at Solomon Gardens in New Brunswick, Canada on the 14th of August, 2019, for the upcoming *Congrès*

mondial acadien. The beautiful gardens are located on the scenic Petitecodiac River and near the ancestral homes of both Joseph and Alexandre Broussard at Boundary Creek. Mary and I have had the pleasure to visit the site which also has an old *aboiteau* on site. We are all much appreciative to the owners Henry and Jane Phillips for making this possible. They will be made Living Legends. For any other Acadian family looking for a great place to host a reunion, I suggest that you consider Solomon Gardens.

- Louisianans have a special place in their collective heart for boudin, but for tourists or newcomers, it can be a little intimidating. News 15's Megan Woods relocated here just three months ago from Michigan and shares her experience on the Cajun Boudin Trail. The Cajun Boudin Trail, created by Dr. Robert Carriker—also known as “Dr. Boudin” or “The Godfather of Boudin”—is all about sharing not just the taste of the Cajun delicacy but the experience. Dr. Robert Carriker, creator of The Cajun Boudin Trail said, “It’s not just good food I mean there’s a reason people bring it to weddings and at birthday parties and at graduations, have it at the offices it’s more than just being good it’s because it’s meaningful to people.” Since he moved to the area from Washington state in 1997, Dr. Carriker has developed a boudin website, local cook-off, book and most recently the trail.
- We received this email from Philippe Halbert: “Dear all, Just because it's of local interest, I went to Guilford, CT, over the weekend and took these pictures of the Acadian House. This saltbox house is believed to have been begun in the late 17th century, and remodeled a little later in the 18th century. Local lore recounts that its owner, Samuel Chittenden, allowed members of the Hébert family to live there after the Acadian Deportation; they came to Guilford around 1756.”
- Cajun musician, accordionist and Living Legend Jo-EL Sonnier brought some sunshine to one Louisiana woman for Valentine's Day. Sonnier writes in a Facebook post that he rode along with a friend and owner of Precious Memories Flower shop in Sulphur to deliver flowers to lucky ladies in the city. Sonnier brought along his accordion in hopes of playing a song to a sweet little lady. That sweet little lady turned out to be Mrs. Evalise of Sulphur who is 104 years old.

- Anthony Bourdain kept busy in Louisiana while filming a new episode of his globetrotting show, *Parts Unknown*. The TV personality visited several towns known for their Cajun cuisine and culture and was hosted by a few local restaurants, some of which are likely to appear in the future episode. He also participated in another Louisiana activity that one can only hope will make it into the show: drunken chicken chasing. A photo shows Bourdain in Mamou donning an extravagant costume with the caption The Quest for Chicken. According to local ABC affiliate KATC, the chef was taking part in Mamou's *Courir de Mardi Gras*.



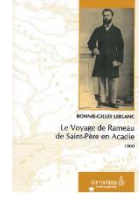
- Recently, approximately 100 people went to *La Louisiane Banquet Hall* to celebrate Cajun French. The Cajun French Music Association schedules monthly meetings at *La Louisiane*, where the group engages in official business for the New Iberia chapter, which is followed by a meal and music from a live band. Chapter vice president Carl Chauvin said more than 70 families have membership in the New Iberia chapter. Chapters also exist in New Iberia, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Houston, Chicago, Baton Rouge, San Antonio and Port Arthur.

- Tabasco is celebrating its 150th birthday this year. The hot pepper sauce invented on Avery Island now is sold in more than 185 countries. Historian Shane Bernard has worked for the company for 25 years and spoke with *Gambit* about Tabasco. What was the earliest reference to Tabasco? Bernard: “We use 1868 as the founding date of the company because that's when Edmund McIlhenny incurred his startup costs and also when he grew his first full crop of peppers. He kept meticulous records by nature, and that's how we know what his start-up costs were.”



- After years of touring with BeauSoleil, the two-time, Grammy-winning Cajun band, has brought Mitch Reed from the Andouille Festival in LaPlace to the Galway Arts Festival in Ireland. But, in recent years, Reed’s mind has been on his new daughter. Dorothy, 4, has a severe nut allergy. Those family concerns prompted Reed to officially retire from BeauSoleil. His last gig was in December at the St. Louis Cathedral on Jackson Square in New Orleans.

- This new book being released in a story of the first French historian on Acadian history and culture and recognizing that Acadians are different and unique from Quebec. It is written by historian Ronnie-Gilles LeBlanc. The book *Rameau* is available at the *Institut d'études acadiennes* at the following address: <http://www.umoncton.ca/iea/> It is also available at *Septentrion*, the co-editor of the book: <https://www.septentrion.qc.ca>. Various Chapters book stores also carry the book. Here is their address in Moncton: <https://www.chapters.indigo.ca/en-ca/home/storelocator/storeDetails/913/>
- The Breaux-Guidry-Hebert gathering will be held on March 10, 2018 at the Lafourche Parish Public Library. For more information, contact: Marty Guidry – 225-571-9726, guidrymartin@gmail.com; John Hebert – 225-715-2081, kathyh@eatel.net or John02@eatel.net; or Gayle Breaux Smith – 225-772-6173 – smith.john.gayle@cox.net.
- Sadly, "Tee Mick" Abed, who was a Cajun DJ for 20 years in Baton Rouge, notably on WYNK radio, died on February 4, 2018. He was a great promoter of Cajun music and the Cajun French language and his recordings are used in Cajun and linguistics classes at LSU and Tulane.
- We received this from CODOFIL Directrice Peggy Feehan: “On Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 7 p.m., in the Acadiana Center for the Arts Theater, 101 West Vermilion Street, in Lafayette, *La Fondation Louisiane*, will sponsor and present a viewing of *Zachary Richard: Cajun Heart; A History of the Cajun People*. This is a benefit. All funds raised will go toward supporting the numerous scholarship programs of CODOFIL. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students. Just as important, please spread the word, recruit, and encourage friends and family to attend. Our friends from Bayou Rum will offer all adults in attendance a CODOFIL Cocktail at the end of the performance. We will also have the great pleasure of welcoming *Les Étoiles de Louisiane*, a French language children’s choir under the direction of Jimmy Louis-Marie, a CODOFIL teacher from Martinique, and Zachary will sing a few songs with them. Tickets can be obtained by clicking on the link below. To purchase students with I.D. tickets for \$5, once you have added to your cart, select the drop down menu. Merci.



https://aca-internet.choicecrm.net/templates/ACA/?cts_legacy_app.”

- In 1978, there was a “twinning” of Loudun (France) and Thibodaux (Louisiana). Happily, 16 cousins from Thibodaux will be in Loudun from the 7 to 14 of April, 2018 to celebrate the 40 years of this relationship. Under the direction of Marlène Toups (president of the committee of Thibodaux) and Karine Auger (president of Loudun) they will be welcome with warm hospitality.
- University of Maine at Fort Kent employees in traditional Acadian dress will serve up ploys and maple syrup during the 2017 *Sucrierie* on campus. This year's *Sucrierie* is slated for March 22. The “maple sugar recreation” event features a traditional maple taffy pull on the snow, an Acadian meal, and live entertainment. All employees will be served by staff, faculty, and student volunteers, who will be dressed in Acadian attire provided by the Acadian Festival Committee. UMFK continues to preserve and foster an appreciation of the Acadian and Franco-American heritage and culture by hosting annual events.
- If you want to learn Cajun French, there's an app for that. An Acadiana native created the LearnCajun app, trying to bridge a generation gap. Through the app, you can translate common phrases you'll hear around Acadiana - with one tap on your phone. Luke Romero found inspiration to create the app while sitting around listening to his grandparents talk. "I heard my family speaking Cajun French to each other and didn't know what they were saying," Luke said. "I decided to start recording them over Sunday dinner and did that a few times until they got tired of me recording them, and put that into an app.”
- On March 5th, 2018, representatives of the Nova Scotia LeBlanc Association met with Stephen McNeil, Premier of Nova Scotia. / Le 5 mars 2018, *des représentants de l'Association NS LeBlanc ont rencontré Stephen McNeil, premier ministre de la Nouvelle-Écosse.*
- Join John Loudun for a discussion of his book *The Amazing Crawfish Boat* at Bayou State Book Talks on Tuesday, March 13th, beginning at 6:30 pm at the Downtown branch of the Lafayette Public Library.
- The Terrebonne Folklife Culture Center is offering Beginners Cajun Dance Lessons from 6 to 8 p.m. on April 6, 13, and 20. Registration for new members is \$5, and each class costs



\$3. Classes will be at the Folklife Culture Center, 317 Goode Street, Houma. For more information, contact Anne Picou at 985-873-6408 or by email at apicou@tpcg.org.

- Congratulations to Barry Jean Ancelet for being named the Second French Poet Laureate for the State of Louisiana, succeeding Zachary Richard.
- Once again, Mary and I are donating a crawfish boil to a family of Dr. Silar who bid upon it to support the Fr. Glenn Meaux's Catholic mission in Haiti – see his website below. Ross Hebert is to provide the choice crawfish and supplies to be provided by Champagnes of Erath. The event will take place at our farm in Henry La. 6805 Highway 330 Erath, La. 70533 on Saturday, April 21 at 4:00 PM. Fr. Meaux has told me he will be attending—and say grace. We will invite Dale Broussard to tell his "true" stories and Pat, Nat, and Bo - Trio Cadien- to provide their fabulous music. <http://solthaitimission.org/>
- Seventy-five years after his death, Creole accordionist Amédé Ardoin is still inspiring. Ardoin couldn't read and write and spoke no English. But in the 1920s and '30s, Ardoin performed French waltzes and two steps that made women cry in the dancehalls. Ardoin's songs of a lost love named Joline and life as an orphan helped to lay the foundation for modern Cajun music and zydeco. A life-sized, forged steel sculpture of Ardoin will be unveiled at 4 p.m. Sunday March 11 at the St. Landry Parish Visitor Center in Opelousas. The ceremony includes a candlelight vigil, jam session and other presentations. Source: *The Daily Advertiser*, story by Herman Fuselier. With the help of former district attorney Charles Waggoner of Alexandria, I was able to obtain Ardoin's records from the state mental institution in Pineville which confirmed his date of death and where he was buried—on the grounds in a common grave.
- The Broussard and Trahan family organizations are teaming up to hold organizational meetings and a reunion. Bring the family bring the cousins! Date: Saturday, April 14th, Time: 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM with lunch served at noon. Where: A Venue by Dupuy's, 9511 Maurice Ave, Maurice, LA (East side Hwy 167 just South of Maurice, formally "Mr Keet's Crawfish restaurant"). Call you have any questions: Alan Broussard at 337 349 9455.

- This was sent to the Letter-to-Editor:

March 7, 2018

RE: March 8 – Mi-Carême

Dear Sir:

Many elders in Louisiana will recall a celebration in the middle of Lent called Mi-Carême. Acadian history teaches us the important lesson: the ability to recover and prosper from even the most difficult things—including ethnic cleansing—by never giving up. It is summed up by the French expression: *Lâche pas la patate!*

The origin of Mi-Carême is unknown. It has been celebrated in many European communities since the Middle Ages. The essence of the carnival-like Mi-Carême is a spirit of joy, laughter and mockery that contrasts with the Lenten period of austerity, severity and penance leading up to Easter. Lent begins the day after Ash Wednesday and ends the day before Easter. Mi-Carême literally means the middle of Lent.

Although once popular in all Acadian communities, it is now celebrated in the Acadian communities of northern Nova Scotia where the merry-making festivity lasts one week.

- We hosted Neil Guilbeau, the Reference Archivist at UL in Lafayette and his wife Timmee, for a tour at the Acadian Museum. He is planning an event at Dupré Library for this fall (September or October) that would be centered around south Louisiana's French heritage in honor of CODOFIL's 50th anniversary. UL Special Collections houses my collection as well as CODOFIL, so he wanted to promote both of these in the process and further encourage others to research these collections and contribute additional scholarly work on Louisiana's French heritage. We loaned several artifacts from the museum for the exhibit.
- LPB will premiere a documentary by Tika Laudun, "A Louisiana French Renaissance – Celebrating 50 Years of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana" on March 15th at 7:00 pm. during their membership campaign which will be hosted by Beth Courtney. The Acadian Museum loaned several pictures and objects for the making of the film. During the program, we will offer as a premium gift for membership a framed copy of the Royal Proclamation by Queen Elizabeth II that was signed on December 9, 2003, acknowledging the wrongs committed against the Acadians by the British Crown in 1755. The document was donated by Warren A. Perrin, Lafayette attorney, founder of the Acadian Museum and president of CODOFIL from 1994 to 2010."

- Long-time promoter of French in Louisiana, Philippe Gustin has retired as director of International Trade for Lafayette. He will be replaced by Robert A. Melancon. We wish both of them success in their new adventures.