

AATG NORTHERN ILLINOIS AATG

NEWSLETTER

March 2009

Liebe Kollegen und Kolleginnen!

This school year has been my busiest yet, and I know that many others in the chapter have been feeling overwhelmed with all of their responsibilities. As I write this, the sun is shining brightly in a near sixty degree „heat“, which reminds me that the difficulties will not last forever. I hope you are also encouraged by this beautiful weather and that it helps you make the final push to the end of the school year!

For several years, we have talked about bringing Uwe Kind to our area, and Anne Schreiber finally made that happen! A new teacher at Glenbrook South, Adrienne Dost, spent many hours ironing out details on hosting the event. These two ladies deserve a huge thanks. My students are still telling each other „Ich bin cool. Bist du cool? Ja, logo, ja!“ and singing various lines from his songs when something I say reminds them of it. It's a very random, yet fun, addition to the curriculum. We have heard so many positive comments over the past few months that we are going to try to do something similar in the next two years.

Another thank you goes out to Ingrid Zeller for suggesting Mohammed Esa for our immersion weekend in February. Ingrid, along with John Paluch, John Stark, and Charles James worked hard to bring him to Wisconsin to share with us his ideas and materials for bringing multicultural literature and music into the classroom. As usual, the weekend was a huge success!

This spring promises to be an exciting one, as well. Kathy Betterman, John Stark, and John Paluch are putting together a program on the anniversary of the fall of the Berlin wall. Can you believe it has been twenty years already? Our presenters will share ways to teach the topic in our classes to an audience that doesn't even remember a separated Germany.

With May comes our annual Testing and Awards ceremony. I would like to thank Adrienne Dost,

Ingrid Ippach, Christa Garcia, Cherie Lodl, and Daniela Rossmann for helping with the interviews in February. We were all quite impressed with the speaking skills of the applicants. They seem to be getting better each year! We are still working on a venue for this year's ceremony, but we should have the details worked out in the next few weeks, and then qualifying students and their teachers will be notified.

We will have a few open positions in our chapter that we would like to fill at our April meeting. Maries Huening has graciously agreed to run for a second term as treasurer, but we are also looking for a new program chair and vice president. The executive council has already started planning a technology workshop for the fall, so the new program chair will not have as much of a burden right away. For vice president, the main responsibility is to write the newsletter twice a year and help with the food at our meetings. After two years, the position moves into the presidency, which basically involves overseeing everything to ensure it runs smoothly. The immediate past president mentors the incoming vice president and president, so there is always a point person to turn to when a question arises. If you are considering taking a leadership role in our chapter, please ask me about it. I am very happy that I have been a part of it, and am looking forward to serving in other ways in the future.

I wish you a successful close to another school year!

Sarah Moreno

Summer German Language Courses

Deutsch für alle: The German Summer School of New Mexico in Taos Ski Valley June 23 – July 24, 2009

- Total immersion program with broad academic curriculum
- Earn up to 7 credits towards the B.A. or M.A. in German Studies
- Offering Teacher Workshops, Goethe Institute Language Proficiency Exams, and M.A. degree in German Studies from the University of New Mexico
- Prerequisite: a minimum of 3 semesters of college German or the equivalent
- We also accept High School students.
- Scholarships are available.

Contact: schule@unm.edu, 505-277-7367; Website: www.unm.edu/~fll/german/summerschool.html

Deutsche Sommerschule am Atlantik: University of Rhode Island June 21 - July 31, 2009

- Six week immersion program, consisting of two 3 week sessions
- Fully-accredited courses at all levels
- Extensive extra-curricular program of cultural presentations, recent films & excursions
- Graduate Courses and Mini-Seminars in Teaching German
- Participants can take up to 4 graduate credits in each three-week session
- Workstudy financial aid / partial scholarships available
- Early-Bird Discount for applications postmarked by March 15

Contact: Norbert Hedderich, hedderich@uri.edu or (401) 874-4710; website: www.uri.edu/iep/dssa

Davidson College Summer Institute July 26-August 1, 2009

Sponsored by the [Goethe Institute](http://www.goetheinstitute.com), the Davidson College Summer Institute for German Teachers offers a convenient, affordable, and intellectually stimulating summer format for German teachers to increase their mastery of German and knowledge of Germanic literatures and cultures while earning teaching certificate renewal credits (one Davidson credit, equivalent to four semester hours).

All participants are enrolled in three mini-seminars, each meeting one and one-half hours daily for one week. Lunches are treated as German Tables, with the Institute faculty joining the participants for meals and conversation in German. Evenings will feature German films related to the seminar themes. Since all participants are expected to commit to speaking German only, the Institute is a weeklong *Sprachbad*.

For more information, see www3.davidson.edu/cms/x17348.xml or contact Burkhard Henke (buhenke@davidson.edu).

2009 Internationale Tagung der Deutschlehrerinnen und Deutschlehrer

Jena/Weimar, August 2-6, 2009

Extended Deadline for proposals: 30.04.2009

Beitragsbeschreibungen bitte unter <http://idt2009.abstract-management.de/index.php> einreichen - weisen Sie auch Interessenten, die sich persönlich an Sie wenden darauf hin. Die Anmeldung für einen Beitrag ersetzt NICHT die Anmeldung zur Teilnahme. Beitragsbeschreibungen dürfen maximal 1200 Zeichen (inkl. Leerzeichen) haben. Im Abstractsystem besteht allerdings die Möglichkeit, zusätzliche Anhänge hochzuladen.

Bitte weisen Sie etwaige Interessenten und Kollegen/innen darauf hin, dass die Aussicht auf ein Stipendium für diese IDT sehr gut sind: zusätzliche Mittel aus der PASCH-Initiative und erwartete zusätzliche Mittel vom DAAD ermöglichen uns, eine hohe Zahl an Stipendien vergeben zu können, vor allem für Bewerber/innen aus den so genannten ODA-Ländern. Machen Sie also Werbung bei Kollegen/innen, gerne und vor allem aus afrikanischen Ländern oder Südamerika. Unseren Stipendienantrag finden Sie unter www.idt-2009.de. Gerne schicken wir den Antrag auch per E-Mail.

E-Mail: idt.2009@uni-jena.de Web: www.idt-2009.de

Spring Chapter Meeting

We remember November 9, 1989, but for our students it is just another date in history class. How can we open their minds to East Germany, the fall of the Wall and the changes after 1989? In this workshop participants will become familiar with activities, songs and films that make the historical moment come alive for our students. Kathleen Betterman, John Paluch and John Stark are Trainers in the Goethe-Institut's Midwest Network.

This Spring's workshop will be slightly longer than the past few, allowing more time for exchange of ideas and information. It promises to be a very interesting and helpful workshop! The meeting will take place on Saturday, April 25, 2009, at the Goethe-Institut Chicago.

To register for this meeting and workshop, please complete and mail the form at the end of this newsletter to Anne Schreiber, along with your registration fee.

We also encourage you to bring a teaching colleague who has never attended; just include his/her name on the registration form to get two for one registration. We hope to draw new members into our organization and encourage participation. University program directors may also invite their new teaching assistants to attend free.

Notes from colleagues

Sonja Fritzsche is pleased to share that a student of hers won a Fulbright grant. Illinois Wesleyan University graduate Jessica Olsen (08) is currently on a teaching Fulbright in an elementary school just outside of Hamburg. She completed an English and Education major with a German minor.

Angela Jostlein reports that the German Language School of Naperville at the Cultural Center had a successful year. "Some of our students took, for the first time, the AATG test. The results were great. One student finished in the top 5%. Several others were in the above 92 percentile. Way to go! The school finishes its school year in the beginning of May and will start a new year in September. We have several classes for different abilities and ages, from 1 year olds up. As in the past few years we will offer a German Immersion Summer Camp. The date is from August 3-5, from 9 am to noon. Children from age 4 - 13 may participate. The cost for the camp will be \$ 180.00." For more information, contact Angela at aj60540@yahoo.com or 630-355-8279.

Vicki Maiben is keeping busy: "Since my retirement in 2005 from Barrington High School, I have been a member of Polyglots, a German-speaking Toastmasters group; I am serving as president this year and I would like to invite all teachers of German to participate. We meet the first and third Saturdays of each month at the Des Plaines Public Library from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. It is a wonderful group, a nice mixture of native speakers and non-native speakers. For two hours we use only German and it is a great immersion experience." For more information, contact Vicki at vmaiben@yahoo.com.

The German Program at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn is proud to announce that Sara Nack and Jason LeGear were accepted to participate in the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) for the

upcoming academic year. They were among only 75 students who are selected from the U.S. They will study at a German university or college, and participate in an internship within their career field. The students will either have a home-stay or stay in a residential dormitory. In addition, Sara Boehm was accepted to the Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM: Work Immersion Study Program (WISP) 2009. This scholarship program consists of a one month German language course and a two month internship with a German host company. Only 10 students within the U.S. are selected for this program. —Submitted by **Bärbel Thoens-Masghati**



Moline High School is proud to report that it had three national certificate winners on the German 2 test this year. They were Robert Knisely, 99; Elisabeth McClanahan, 94; and Nicholas Alfrey, 91. All were in the top 10 of German 2 students in the southern Illinois chapter. On March 26 we will induct a record 20 students into Delta Epsilon Phi.

—Submitted by **Nick Pitz**

Dr. Gregory H. Wolf, Associate Professor of German at North Central College, took 20 of his students to Berlin, Germany from Dec 3-20, for an intense seminar on German history, concentrating on the founding of Germany in 1871 to the present day. The course consisted of excursions, official visits to museums and cultural or political institutions, and discussions with eyewitnesses about aspects of German history. For the D-Term in December 2009, Dr. Wolf will offer the seminar "Holocaust, History, and the Future: Berlin and Jerusalem" which will take place in both of those cities. Dr. Wolf was also elected to the national Executive Board of the AATG representing the Midwest and will serve a three-year term.

Craig Kohl from Wilton High School in Wilton, Iowa will be taking 12 juniors and seniors to Germany in March. They are traveling with Intercultural Student Experiences. The students will have a family stay in the Schwäbischen Alb, visit Neuschwannstein and spend two days in München.

Ingrid Zeller, Senior Lecturer at Northwestern University, was invited to lead a workshop on *German Culture through Film* at the Wisconsin Association for Foreign Language Teachers on November 8, 2008. The emphasis was on the integration of contemporary culture through film in language acquisition, in particular the film *Am Ende kommen Touristen* by Robert Thalheim and

the development of listening, speaking, and writing skills as well as grammatical proficiency.

The annual Language Symposium, sponsored by the Council on Language Instruction at Northwestern University, the University of Chicago, and the University of Illinois at Chicago, is being held this year on April 24 and April 25, 2009 at Northwestern University. The topic is *From the Quill to the Wiki: Writing towards Proficiency*. Denise Meuser, Ingrid Zeller, Cathy Baumann, and Susanne Rott are all on the committee and Susanne Rott will also be presenting on the use of wikis in the classroom. For more information, visit <http://www.cli.northwestern.edu>. --Submitted by **Ingrid Zeller**

Job Openings

Lyons Township High School is looking for a German teacher beginning next year. A second language is great but not necessary. If interested, please contact Division Chair Leslie Stickel at 708-579-6488 or lstickels@lths.net and post your credentials to www.lths.net. We will be looking to interview in the very near future.



The Wochenendschule der Donauschwaben is a Saturday school located in Des Plaines. We offer a variety of cultural activities for our students, in addition to the banquets sponsored by the Klub. A teaching certificate is encouraged, but not required. If you are interested in joining our enthusiastic and supportive staff, please contact Carla Lussem at clussem@yahoo.com.

Niles West will be hiring a part time German teacher with possibility for full time if the teacher is also certified in either French, Spanish, Chinese, or ESL for the 2009-2010 school year. Application is on-line: www.niles-hs.k12.il.us/hr/. Contact Sara Schuster for additional information: Sarshu@niles-hs.k12.il.us.

High School Day at University of Illinois at Chicago

Each spring the Department of Germanic Studies hosts High School Day at UIC. German teachers and their students throughout the Chicagoland area come to UIC to participate in various German language competitions, to visit undergraduate German classes, and to take part in language games. Below are the winners of the 2009 competitions. Congratulations to all!

Source: www.uic.edu/depts/germ/HSDay/HSDay.htm

Culture Essay

First Place: Prairie Ridge - Bianca Bracht

Second Place: Oak Park / River Forest -
Evangelie Zachos

Third Place: Lycee Francais de Chicago -
Michael Corbett

Poetry

First Place: Oak Park / River Forest - Paul
Deziel

Second Place: Oak Park / River Forest - Katie
Wilkes

Third Place: Prairie Ridge - Jake Stefan

Skits

First Place: Niles West - Nancy Blumenfeld,
Molly Gstalter, and Katarina Sostaric, David
Chervony, Chris Olivares, and Daniel
Friedman

Second Place: Oak Park / River Forest - Tom
Kasand, Dan Scherer-Emunds, Evangelie
Zachos, Peter Hanneman, Helen Beilinson, and
Kurt Granhnke

Third Place: Maine South- Joyce Hanch,
Rebecca Hoffman, Katie Kinell, Daniel
Petrokas, Garrett Pluhar-Schaeffer, and Brian
Siwek

Spelling Bee

First Place: Glenbrook Academy - Lisa Tang
Second Place: Oak Park / River Forest - Abby
Lyons

Third Place: Oak Park / River Forest - Joshua
Novatsky

Werbespot Video

First Place: Maine South- Natasha Grosskoph,
Kate Hurley, Jennifer Roeslmeier, and Garrett
Pluhar-Schaeffer

Second Place: Prairie Ridge - Courtney Yuen
and Jenny Meodor

Third Place: Lockport Township - Mary
Johnson, Tim Moran, Connor Shattuck, Alana
Halper, Max Teichman, Ryan Slattery, and Max
Pohlmann

City Guide

First Place: Niles North - Tina Tillmann and
Annemarie Reid

Second Place: Niles West - Angelika
Przewonznik

Third Place: Maine East- Ariana Serna and
Erica Sieghart

Eindrücke

First Place: Oak Park / River Forest - Moritz
Ullmann

Second Place: Crystal Lake Central - Carmen
Rommelfanger

Third Place: Crystal Lake Central - Thorben
Blanke



Das Goethe-Institut lädt ein!

"Summer in Wyoming" - Goethe Summer Course in Casper, WY
July 11 - 18, 2009
Keine Angst vor Technik im Deutschunterricht!

If you have ever thought that technology and the Wild West don't match, think again! The Goethe-Institut invites German teachers from all over the United States to its July 2009 Summer Course in Wyoming. Our topic is "Keine Angst vor Technik im Deutschunterricht!"

Much more information is available online (<http://www.goethe.de/INS/us/chi/lhr/som/enindex.htm>), or contact Sabine Heklau (heklauschicago@goethe.org; 312 263-0474).

Faust in the box: Goethes Faust für die Popmusik-Generation

Freitag, den 20. März 2009, um 19.30 Uhr
Thursday, March 19 at 6 p.m. in English

Die Performance- und Verwandlungskünstlerin bridge markland präsentiert **Faust** als Ein-Frau-Playback-Kasper-Theater. Mit hohem Körpereinsatz spielt sie in rasantem Wechsel Mephisto, Faust, Gretchen, sowie die Kasperpuppen als Gegenspieler. Sie agiert zu einer Soundcollage der Stücktexte mit Popmusik aus verschiedenen Jahrzehnten. Diese „Faust“ Interpretation ist keine Persiflage, sondern ein zeitgemäßer Umgang mit Klassik, der Parallelen zwischen verschiedenen Populärkulturen aufzeigt. Diese Veranstaltung ist öffentlich und kostenlos. Um Reservierung wird gebeten.

Anmeldung bitte über Lisa Lux: 312 263 0472 oder lux@chicago.goethe.org
<http://www.goethe.de/ins/us/chi/lhr/sem/de4165833v.htm>

2009 Central States Conference German Immersion Workshop

19. März 2009, 8.30 - 16.30 Uhr
Goethe-Institut Chicago

Ein deutscher Spaziergang durch Chicago. Wer kennt nicht den Namen Ludwig Mies van der Rohe? Aber wissen Sie auch, was er gebaut hat, oder kennen Sie Gebäude anderer deutscher Architekten in Chicago? Bei einem Spaziergang durch Chicago wandeln wir auf den Pfaden deutscher Einwanderer und entdecken, wie deutsche Architekten das Stadtbild von Chicago beeinflusst haben. Im Anschluss daran beschäftigen wir uns damit, wie man solche landeskundlichen Informationen in interaktiver Weise in den Unterricht integrieren kann. Dabei können Sie deutsche Spuren in Ihrer eigenen Stadt erforschen oder einen virtuellen Spaziergang durch eine deutsche Stadt entwerfen. Dieser Spaziergang wird von Ingrid Zeller, Sabine Heklau, und Kathleen Betterman geleitet.

Bei Rückfragen wenden Sie sich bitte an Sabine Heklau, Goethe-Institut Chicago
heklauschicago@goethe.org.

Partner der Zukunft: die Schulinitiative

Außenminister Frank-Walter Steinmeier hat es angeregt " Schulen: Partner der Zukunft als internationale Lerngemeinschaften."

Die PASCH Initiative wird vom Auswärtigen Amt koordiniert und gemeinsam mit der Zentralstelle für das Auslandsschulwesen (ZfA), dem Goethe Institut (GI), dem Pädagogischen Austauschdienst der Kultuskonferenz (PAD) und dem Deutschen Akademischen Austausch-dienst (DAAD) umgesetzt. Es gibt drei Typen von Partnerschulen:

- **DAS:** Deutsche Auslandsschulen (von der Zentralstelle für das Auslandsschulwesen betreut)
- **DSD-Schulen:** Schulen in nationalen Bildungssystemen, die das Deutsche Sprachdiplom anbieten (von der Zentralstelle für das Auslandsschulwesen betreut)
- **GI-Schulen:** Schulen in nationalen Bildungssystemen, an denen Deutschunterricht auf- bzw. ausgebaut wird (vom Goethe-Institut betreut)

Weitere Informationen sind auf <http://www.pasch-net.de/par/deindex.htm> erhältlich.

Deutsches Sprachdiplom = DSD

Was heißt eigentlich LV, HV, SK und MK? Das sind die vier Prüfungsteile, die allen DSD Prüfungen gemein sind: Lese- und Hörverstehen, schriftliche und mündliche Kommunikation. Alle vier Prüfungsteile werden gleich bewertet - 25% mit je 20 Punkten nach vorgeschriebenen Bewertungskategorien mit Gesamtpunktzahl von 80, die mit je 60% bestanden werden müssen.

Es gibt drei Stufen von diesem Sprachdiplom:

DSD A2 geprüft wird elementare Sprachverwendung in den oben genannten Kategorien, jedesmal an zwei Sonntagen im April.

DSD B1 geprüft wird selbstständige Sprachverwendung, und

DSD C1, die weltweit im März kompetente Sprachverwendung eingehend prüft.

Die Kultusministerkonferenz (KMK) schreibt die Aufgaben vor und die Korrekturen der schriftlichen Prüfungsteile werden zentral, die der mündlichen vor Ort von den einzelnen SprachlehrerInnen nach genauen Richtlinien vorgenommen. Es gibt jetzt keine isolierten Grammatik-Teile mehr, was die immer mehr werdenden Prüflinge mit Freude begrüßen. Dieses Deutsche Sprachdiplom basiert auf dem gemeinsamen Europäischen Referenzrahmen - ERR - für Sprachen und ist ein offizielles Diplom einer deutschen Behörde. Die DSDs werden weltweit anerkannt. Die begehrten Sprachdiplome werden den erfolgreichen Prüflingen aus Deutschland zugeschickt.

Die DANK German Language Schools in Chicago, Arlington Heights, Fox Valley und Columbus, OH haben die DSD B1 und werden die DSD A2 mit über 25 Prüflingen im April absolvieren. Wir wünschen allen Kandidaten großen Erfolg!

Hier eine Webseite von dem neun Arbeitskreis Deutsch-Forum USA: <http://www.deutsch-forumusa.org/> mit weiteren Informationen.

—Submitted by **Christa Garcia**

Registration Form for Northern Illinois AATG Spring 2009 Meeting and Workshop

Program: 20 Years After the Fall of the Wall

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Saturday, April 25, 2009 at the Goethe Institute, 150 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL

Schedule:	8:30-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
	9:00-10:15 a.m.	Business Meeting
	10:30-12:00 p.m.	Workshop, Part I
	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch
	1:00-2:30 p.m.	Workshop, Part II

Registration fee is \$12 if paid by March 29, 2009, or \$15 at the door. Registration includes the workshop, breakfast, and lunch. All members must pay the registration fee.

Mail registration form and check payable to AATG Northern Illinois to:

Anne Schreiber
Foreign Language Department
Wygarden 208
Wheaton College
Wheaton, IL 60187

Please let us know in advance if you would like a letter certifying that you participated in the workshop. The AATG is a State of Illinois Preferred Provider and hours earned at this workshop can be used for the re-certification process.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

School: _____

Certificate of Participation yes no

Name of Guest: _____ School: _____

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This newsletter is distributed to AATG members and others interested in the teaching of German.

Help us stay in touch with you by sending updated contact information to membership chair Craig Kohl.

Our chapter website (www.northernillinois.aatg.org/) is a great source of information on chapter events, local and national conferences, grant application deadlines, and German events.. Many thanks to John Paluch for maintaining this useful site!



Minutes from the Fall 2008 Northern Illinois chapter meeting

October 25th, 2008
Goethe Institute Chicago
Program: Workshop with Uwe Kind

EXCO members present: Julie Orgler, Sarah Moreno, Daniela Rossmann, Lisa Seidlitz, Anne Schreiber

1. Sarah Moreno calls meeting to order

- Sarah welcomes group

2. Secretary's Report (Julie Orgler)

- Minutes from the 2008 Spring Chapter meeting were distributed, reviewed and approved.

3. Testing and Awards Report: (Daniela Rossmann)

4. Treasury Report: (Sarah Moreno for Maries Huening)

- There was no report.

5. Membership Chair Report

- The membership is reminded to encourage colleagues to join.
- Craig would like to know who the guests are so he can talk to them about AATG.

6. Program Chair Report: (Anne Schreiber)

7. Vice President's Report: (Lisa Seidlitz)

- Lisa reported that she will continue to send the newsletter electronically.

8. Immediate Past President's Report: (Sabine not present, no report)

9. President's Report: (Sarah Moreno)

- The next Immersion Weekend will be February 20th -22nd, 2009.
- The upcoming conferences will be ACTFL in Orlando, Nov. 21-23, Central States in Chicago, March 19-21, 2009.

10. Additional comments

- Sabine Heklau announced the upcoming DYKO Konzert on November 7th. Sabine also spoke about the Wyoming summer class taking place July 12-19, with a 3 day Yellow stone extension.

11. The meeting was adjourned and followed by a workshop with Uwe Kind.