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Newsletter of the French-American Chamber of Commerce Dallas / Fort Worth

ENTRE NOUS

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Dear Fellow FACC Members:

I hope you had the chance to relax during the past holidays, and celebrated the New Year with friends and family. The first half of 2005 was filled with a variety of events at the Chamber, the high point being our annual Gala combined with our first "Person of the Year" Award, honoring

and recognizing the achievements of the inspiring Dr. Jacques Banchereau, Ph.D., Director, Baylor Institute for Immunology Research.

On the Franco-French note, the tenure of Arlette Douffiagues-Galland as Honorary Consul of France ended in June. Arlette leaves a legacy of "inépuisable gentillesse and dévouement" to the French community and we hope she can now spend more time with us! We are delighted by the nomination of Robert Lavie as Honorary Consul of France, who is already very active in the French community and the Chamber. We also said farewell to Philippe Lecat one of our most dynamic Board members who returned to France in July, on a positive note we have a new friend in Paris!

The dramatic events in New Orleans touched us with particular force because of the roots that we share with the city, several members distinguished themselves by making generous donations to the rescue missions in New Orleans.

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Isabelle and Judy organized numerous events and functions to finish the year, and of course the Beaujolais Wine Festival was once again the high point for them at the World Trade Center.

2006 looks very exciting, with a program already full of interesting events. In order to keep our non-profit organization in a decent financial shape, the FACC luncheon's price has increased (\$45 for members, \$35 for students, \$50 for non-members) but will certainly keep its legendary appeal!

Thank you for your support and for your friendship, both bolster the pride I have in being President of one of the best bi-national organizations in the country!

Bertrand Pelletier
President

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Thursday, January 19, 2006

Euro Cocktail
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Friday, January 27, 2006

Luncheon

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Richland College, one of seven institutions in the Dallas County Community College District, is one of six national recipients of the 2005 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The winners of the nation's highest presidential honor for quality and organizational excellence were announced on November 22, 2005, by President George W. Bush and U.S. Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez.

Richland College is the first community college in the United States to receive this award, which was established by Congress in 1987 to enhance the competitiveness and performance of U.S. businesses; categories were expanded in 1998 to include education and health care. In 2006, Dr. Steve Mittelstet, president of RLC, and other college representatives will travel to Washington, D.C., to participate in an awards ceremony.

Two of the six national recipients are from Dallas: RLC (education) and Park Place Lexus in Plano, which won in the small business category. Other winners include Sunny Fresh Foods Inc. of Monticello, Minn. (manufacturing); DynMcDermott Petroleum Operations of New Orleans, La. (service); Jenks Public Schools of Jenks, Okla. (education); and Bronson Methodist Hospital of Kalamazoo, Mich. (health care).

"President Bush and I proudly announce these organizations as recipients of the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award," said Gutierrez during a press conference. "By pursuing excellence in every aspect of their operations, the men and women of these innovative, high-performing organizations have proven ready to meet the competitive challenges of the future. The recipients of the Baldrige Award provide inspiration for all U.S. organizations in their quest for excellence."

Dr. Mittelstet said, "This award is a tribute to each member of the Richland College family, our community partners and the long legacy of encouraging support from both the DCCCD board of trustees and members of the DCCCD Foundation's board of directors, as well as the work of many former Richlanders whose work preceded our efforts. I want to thank and congratulate member of the Richland College family for their commitment to performance excellence in teaching, learning and community building; each does a world-class job in a world class organization. I am honored every day to work with and learn from them."

"We are extremely proud of Richland College and its continuing effort to achieve performance excellence," said Dr. Jesus "Jess" Carreon, DCCCD's chancellor. "Richland administrators, faculty and staff have worked for a dozen years to earn this national honor, and we are excited that Richland is the first community college in this country to receive the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award."

RLC has cultivated a history of pursuing organizational excellence. The college previously received the 2005 Texas Award for Performance Excellence from the governor's office and the Quality Texas Foundation; was named a Best Practices Vanguard College by the League for Innovation in the Community College in 2000; was one of seven mentoring colleges for the American Association of Community Colleges' national Service Learning Project from 1998 to 2003; served as one of eight pilot institutions for the Southern Association

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MEMBER TO MEMBER

RICHLAND COLLEGE

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of Colleges and Schools' new accreditation standards; and received the American Library Association's 2001 Library of the Future Award and the 2004 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award.

Sixty-four applicants competed for the Baldrige Award. All six recipients were evaluated vigorously by an independent board of examiners in seven areas: leadership; strategic planning; customer and market focus; measurement, analysis and knowledge management; human resource focus; and process management. The evaluation process included approximately 1,000 hours of review and an on-site visit by teams of examiners to clarify questions and verify information submitted on the applications.

The 50-page applications were reviewed in three stages. The first stage involved an independent review of each application by members of the board of examiners, which was chaired by Roy Bauer, president and chief operating officer of Pemstar Inc. Based on the first-stage review, a panel of judges determined which applications would continue to the second-stage consensus review. A team of examiners then developed a consensus evaluation from which 16 organizations were chosen by the panel of judges to move to the third stage, a site visit review, which occurred at Richland College in October 2005.

"Richland College has used the Malcolm Baldrige criteria for performance excellence during the past eight years as a framework that guided us through continuous performance improvement," added Mittelstet. "We will continue to maintain those standards of excellence both now and in the future."

In Other News...

RICHLAND COLLEGE TO OPEN CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL IN FALL 2006

The State Board of Education approved today a charter for Richland College to operate a high school. It is the first such charter high school in the state.

Richland Collegiate High School (RCHS) will open in Fall 2006. Up to 400 high school juniors and seniors (200 in each class) will be able to complete their last two years of high school as well as earn college credits. RCHS' curriculum will focus on mathematics, science and engineering. The school will be tuition-free, and students will be issued a laptop computer.

Students at RCHS won't miss out on many of the classic high school activities. They can participate in the Richland College choir, bands and orchestras, theater productions, The Richland Chronicle student newspaper, intramurals, athletics, and student government.

RCHS will start by seeking applications for admission for students who will be in the 11th grade in Fall 2006. These applications will be accepted between January 3, 2006, and March 31, 2006. Application forms will be available at the RCHS offices and through the RCHS website beginning on December 1, 2005. For more information about RCHS or the admissions process, visit www.richlandcollege.edu/rchs/admissions.htm or call David Canine at 972-238-6919.

THE HONORABLE ROBERT LAVIE Honorary Consul of France



On June 8, 2005, Mr. Robert Lavie was nominated to serve as Honorary Consul of France. Currently Mr. Lavie serves on the Board of Directors at the Dallas International School and the French-American Chamber of Commerce.

The Honorable Robert Lavie succeeds The Honorable Arlette Douffiagues-Galland, who dedicated the past five years to this position in Dallas.

Mr. Lavie is assisted by Mireille Spamer, Attachee Consulaire at the Consular Office in Dallas. The office is located at: Two Hillcrest Green - 12720 Hillcrest Road, Suite 730 - Dallas, TX 75230 - Telephone: 972-789-9305 - Fax: 972-789-9286.

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THE 2005 FRENCH BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM

Over 12 years ago an enterprising teacher of French from Skyline High School had the idea to involve the French community of Dallas/Fort Worth in raising the interest of students in learning this language of rich culture. She enrolled a corps of French executives under the auspices of the French-American Chamber of Commerce (FACC) for this task to inform the students and teachers of the vitality, diversity and influence of the French business in the area. This event turned out to be the strongest demonstration by the French community of support to the **AATF** organization and to the teaching of French in general.

I believe that such an event should be a lot of fun for the participants as well as educational, a "Fête"! Therefore the format of such an event must expose the participants to as many aspects of the French culture as possible but also make it attractive and entertaining as a "Fête". To this effect, the venue provided graciously by **Dr. McNulty at UTD** was particularly appropriate and we have endeavored this past November to provide, in addition to the traditional trivia quiz and "exam", a nice and varied buffet catered by some of the best French restaurant and fine food suppliers in the Metroplex, highly appreciated musical entertainment by the **French Jazz Project** and its director **Pascal Valcasara**, and interesting videos about French technology, business, and tourism. We also increased the number and variety of the "Tables Rondes" discussions. This year we also had many additional sponsors, giveaway presents and available scholarships.

An important aspect for the success of such event is to keep a brisk pace and timing through the segments of the "fête" to avoid boredom and lassitude. With the marvelous and efficient help and hard work of volunteers we could achieve a tremendous and highly recognized success. I wish to particularly thank **Patrick Esquerré** for the masterful and efficient organization of the "French Buffet". The personal commitment and presence of **Pascal Cayet**, CEO of **Lavendou Bistro Provençal**, was particularly appreciated. The food he so generously provided was delicious. **La Madeleine** helped with the logistics of baking croissants. We cannot thank enough **Gourmet Foods International** and its CEO **André de Baghy** for its generous supply of fine foods, much appreciated by all.

The success of such an event is due also to the participation and commitment of the top executives of virtually all the major French companies in the Metroplex. We cannot thank enough **Essilor**, **Texas Instruments**, **Accor**, **Sandia Imaging**, **Air Liquide**, **Eurocopter**, **Etrav** and more... since it resulted in the unprecedented attendance of almost 400 participants, students, teachers, volunteers, mentors, and executives and above all the capability to distribute over \$6,000 in scholarships, airfare to Paris, and other valuable giveaways promoting the French language and culture.

Such a success could not have been achieved without the help of **Julie Hughes**, president of the North Texas chapter of the AATF and **Catherine Berryman** the AATF secretary in the

general organization of the event and the brilliant management of the "Exam" with the slew of AATF volunteers. Finally thanks to the diligence of **Marilyn Bechtol**, assistant of Dr. McNulty for the preparation and availability of the conference center of UTD.

We hope to see you again next year and we are always adamant to get your comments, suggestions and requests for the continuous improvement of the **French Business Symposium of 2006**.

Michel Jaeger, Chairman FBS 2005

UPDATE ON LOUISIANA CHAPTER

Isabelle De Wulf recently spoke with **Damien Regnard**, **President of the Louisiana Chapter of the FACC**, to inquire about him, his family, and the chapter itself in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Isabelle would like to share the details of her telephone conversation with you, and let you know what we can do right now to help the Louisiana Chapter.

At the end of November Damien returned to the FACC office in the New Orleans World Trade center for the first time since the disaster. Although he found that the office itself was not damaged by Katrina, the FACC chapter faced other problems such as the recent departure of their director and the loss of operating revenues generated by the Beaujolais Wine Festival. The first Board meeting was held on Friday, December 16th and Damien was encouraged by the strong attendance. Many board members traveled several hours to be able to attend the meeting coming from as far away as Lafayette and Baton Rouge.

In this newsletter we are featuring articles about the significant level of assistance France provided to Louisiana. Despite the outpour of help from all over the world, the city is far from having recovered. Damien outlined several factors that are slowing down the recovery process and negatively affecting the local economy: 200,000 houses have been damaged; 60,000 people currently live in New Orleans as compared to 500,000 on August 28th; most schools are closed; 40% of small and medium size businesses are no longer operating and may not return; the airport reports that it is seeing only 60% of its normal levels of air traffic; and there is a critical shortage of labor. Dealing with these challenges will require time and patience. In the short term Damien indicated that one of the top priority for the residents of New Orleans is the construction of reliable levees and the reopening of schools in January. He feels that these are two major factors that will encourage the population to begin coming back.

Damien also detailed the effects of the hurricane on his own family. His house was under 4 feet of water for 10 days. On the first floor only the pillars supporting the house are left! A temporary trailer is now in his driveway. Although they do have electricity and gas, the Regnards have no heat or air conditioning. They expect to have phone service restored within two months. Some homes located just two blocks away do not even have electricity or gas service restored yet. New Orleans has endured

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UPDATE ON LOUISIANA CHAPTER

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a tremendous tragedy, the details of which serve as a reminder to us here in Dallas of how fortunate we are to be in a position to help.

So how can we help?

Damien is inviting you to join the Louisiana Chapter of the FACC. Joining the Louisiana chapter is not only a show of support, but also a way to actively participate in the recovery process. You would also benefit from exposure in the region as new members will be recognized in their newsletter and a press release.

Damien invites you to be a sponsor at their Annual Dinner. This event will take place on Friday, February 17th and Damien would be delighted to welcome you to New Orleans. A sponsorship level will be available for FACC members who can't travel to New Orleans.

Please contact Isabelle or Judy if you wish to help.

A WHALE OF A RESCUE

Toulouse-based aeronautics company EADS sent assistance to the victims of Hurricane Katrina and offered hope from above in the form of a plane - a very large plane. On September 8, an Airbus A300-600 Super Transporter, also known as a Beluga because of its whale-like shape, departed from Toulouse and landed in Mobile, Alabama. The aircraft carried over 12.7 tons of emergency equipment donated by France and Britain. Another beluga departed on September 11 with a TransHospital mobile medical care system, on loan from EADS's German affiliate. While some aircraft are capable of bearing heavier loads than the Beluga, none match its internal volume; the Beluga boasts a freight compartment that is 7.4 meters in diameter and 37.7 meters long - larger and deeper than a standard community swimming pool. Only five have been constructed, and all are in regular service, carrying massive Airbus parts from suppliers to the main assembly center. For more information, visit www.airbus.com.

Source: News from France - October 19, 2005

FRANCE RUSHED HELP TO HURRICANE KATRINA VICTIMS

In the devastating wake of Hurricane Katrina, the French government quickly extended a helping hand to Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. On August 30, 80 percent of New Orleans was flooded when the city's levees broke, and some parts of the city found themselves under more than 20 feet of water. On September 4, international assistance (which had been promptly offered once the scale of the disaster became known) was formally requested by the United States government.

France's disaster relief supplies, located in Martinique (French Caribbean), were rushed to the scene of the hurricane onboard two military Casa 235 aircraft. Seventeen French military divers were also dispatched to help clear waterways. To date, the French government has sent close to 20 tons of emergency supplies, including tents, tarps, food rations, water purification systems, and hygiene and cooking kits. Twelve French logistical experts offered their assistance to the U.S. Red Cross, and the Association of Mayors of Major Metropolitan Areas of France opened a special account to donate funds to the Red Cross.

Government authorities are not the only ones contributing to the relief efforts. To date, French private companies have donated a total of \$17 million to rescue and reconstruction operations. Aeronautics company EADS has donated \$2 million, provided a mobile hospital, and offered the use of an Airbus Beluga and two other air cargo planes to carry humanitarian goods. Lafarge has offered \$1 million to support its affected employees, and has provided materials to the Army Corps of Engineers for rebuilding levees.

Pharmaceutical company Sanofi-Aventis has donated \$3.8 million in emergency medicine and vaccines. Schneider Electric has given \$1 million to non-profit organizations, including Habitat for Humanity and the Salvation Army. Food and facilities

management firm Sodexho donated water purification systems and services.

Zodiac has donated \$250,000 and provided five technicians and 20 boats to the U.S. Navy and the Coast Guard. The donated boats are backed by Zodiac Academy, which has employees on-site to train recovery personnel on the use of the boats, and to help put them into service.

Many French companies, including Air Liquide, Alcatel, AXA, BNP Paribas, Dassault, L'Oreal, Michelin, Suez, Thales, Total, Veolia and more have each contributed \$100,000 or more to the American Red Cross, and many are also matching their employees' donations.

Indeed, private citizens in France have responded very generously to calls for contributions, and several French organizations and artists continue to organize events to help fund the rescue and reconstruction efforts in Louisiana. Ambassador Jean-David Levitte and his wife will host a benefit cocktail reception, "Weatherin the Storms Together: France Lends a Helping Hand," on the evening of November 1 at their official residence. New York's "French Tuesdays" and Club Cain, a trendy hotspot in Manhattan, held a special event backed by Francois Delattre, the consul general of France in New York, on September 7, and raised over \$100,000 for the Red Cross. Meanwhile, in France, singers Francis Cabrel and Zachary Richard will host a "Concert de Solidarite Louisiane" at the Palais des Congres in Paris on November 7, which will feature appearances by popular artists such as de Palmas and Garou.

Finally, French universities have accepted students from Loyola University, whose campus was severely damaged, so as to give them a chance to pursue their studies.

Source: News from France - October 19, 2005

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2005

The 2005 Membership Drive concluded on Thursday, December 8th and the winners were announced that evening at the "Dîner de Réveillon".

The 2005 winners are: **Astrid Harris**, president of Polyglot-Network; **Bertrand Pelletier**, president of Sandia Imaging; and **Mark Dendle**, Chief Financial Officer & Vice President of Finance and Administration at Rexel, Inc.

We'd like to say "thank you" to the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Lavendou Bistro Provençal and Sebastien Salon for so generously donating the prizes awarded to the winners.

A "grand merci" to **Scott Brown, Eric Corticchiato, Astrid Harris, Laurence Julliard and Marc Mialon**, members of the FACC Membership Committee, for their involvement in the Chamber. And to all of the members who raised awareness of the FACC by recruiting new members.

MICROSOFT OPENS FRENCH RESEARCH LAB

Microsoft Research, the R&D arm of Microsoft Corporation, will be teaming up with the French National Institute for Research in computer Science and Control (INRIA) to build and operate a new laboratory in the Paris region of France (see NFF 05.07). The lab, scheduled to open in January, "will investigate two key research areas: software and systems security, and the development of new computing tools for scientists," said Jean-Pierre Verjus, spokesperson for INRIA. The new laboratory is part of Microsoft CEO Bill Gates's EuroScience Initiative, a plan to expand Microsoft's research collaborations in Europe.

"By working with internationally leading organizations such as INRIA, Microsoft is able to drive momentum in new kinds of science and computing, building on strong foundations," said Andrew Herbert, managing director of Microsoft Research's branch in Cambridge. Bernard Ourghanlian, Microsoft France's technical and security director, agreed, saying "We have maintained a strong relationship with INRIA for a long time. ... For us, establishing a joint laboratory with the Institute seemed perfectly natural."

INRIA employs 2,700 computer scientists in seven regions of France and works with French business to conduct state-of-the-art research in computer programming. Microsoft Research employs 750 people and operates six labs on three continents. Details regarding intellectual property rights and the degree to which Microsoft will be allowed to profit from the laboratory's research are still being negotiated, although INRIA officials emphasized that Microsoft will not hold sole property rights to the laboratory's software. For more information, please visit www.inria.fr.

Source: News from France - December 21, 2005

FRANCOIS CHANDOU ON "GOOD MORNING TEXAS"



On Thursday, November 17, 2005 **François Chandou**, owner of La Cave Warehouse, joined the Good Morning Texas personalities on Channel 8 to talk about food and wine pairing for the holidays. François chose 6 different Beaujolais wines to compliment a variety of foods, all of which were very generously provided by **PoPoLos Cafe**. The segment aired the day before the Beaujolais Wine Festival and was an excellent opportunity to promote the wines produced in the Beaujolais region of France.

DIS GALA & AUCTION

On **April 1, 2006**, the **Dallas International School** celebrates its annual gala with an *Evening in Old Mexico* at the **Lincoln Center Hilton Hotel**. This grand event highlights DIS yearlong educational and cultural journey saluting Mexico and its rich, elegant and colorful heritage! This event is held to support the continued growth and progress of DIS.

On this evening, DIS will honor Gilles Delfassy, Senior Vice President of Texas Instruments and prominent DIS board member for his many years of dedication and support. The night's entertainment will include, romantic strolling minstrels, mariachis and traditional regional dances presented by the world renowned Ollimpaxqui Ballet Company. CBS anchorwoman, Maria Arita, will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

Under the direction of Headmaster Pierre Vittoz, the Dallas International School is the only local private school that offers a dual language curriculum in French and English. Enrollment has grown to 430 students from 25 different nationalities. Children educated at DIS receive preparation for tomorrow's world exposing them to the wonderful multilingual and multicultural uniqueness of the international community.

The French-American Chamber of Commerce has reserved a table for FACC members and their guests. We encourage our members to make their reservations through the Chamber by Friday, March 24, 2006. Tickets are \$125 per person and may be purchased by calling 972-241-0111.

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CHANGES IN VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR TOURISM & BUSINESS TRAVELERS

- ▶ All countries participating in the **Visa Waiver Program**, such as France, are required by U.S. law to ensure their passports are as secure as possible in order to continue to participate in visa-free travel. U.S. law requires participating countries to begin issuing passports with **biometric information on an electronic chip, and/or digital photos as of October 26, 2005**.
- ▶ France will begin to produce such a passport in the near future, but not in time to meet the October 26, 2005 dead line. Therefore, people traveling to the United States for business or tourism with a French passport issued on or after October 26, 2005 that does not have an electronic chip **will need to apply for a U.S. visa**.
- ▶ Please note that business and tourism travelers with passports issued before October 26, 2005 are not affected by the new law. Conditions for them remain the same: **bearers of machine-readable passports, issued before October 26, 2005, may travel visa-free to the United States; bearers of older, non-machine readable passports will need to apply for a U.S. visa.**

For additional information: <http://www.amb-usa.fr/texts/092605.htm>

Source: Embassy of the United States of America

LE FRANÇAIS "EN FETE"

L'AATF (American Association of Teachers of French)
a besoin de vous !

On Saturday, **February 19, 2005**, from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** the Fête Française will take place at **Flower Mound High School**. The Fête Française is a regional contest during which high school students learning French participate in numerous activities such as poetry or prose readings, music, theater, dance, costume creations, vocabulary, grammar, culture, spelling bee, etc...and the AATF needs volunteers to judge these events.

No special talent is required, knowledge of French is not necessary for all the Arts categories (photos, paintings, masks, costumes). If you have any preference, please let us know and, if possible, we will accommodate your selection.

Breakfast and lunch will be served. If you are willing to help these teachers and hereby encourage the learning of the French language in Texas, please contact **Catherine Berryman** at **972-394-3361** or **catherineberryman@com-cast.net**.

Merci Beaucoup!

FAREWELL TO PHILIPPE LECAT



In July 2005, we said goodbye to Philippe Lecat and his wife Rita who returned to France. While President and CEO of EADS Telecom North America (now Aastra Intecom), Philippe was a very supportive member of the chamber. He served as Vice President of the FACC and was an active member on the Board of Directors. His presence and leadership will be greatly missed. For those wishing to keep in touch with Philippe his new email address is plecat@easynet.fr.

UPS SIGNS FIRM CONTRACT FOR A380

Following a commitment announced in January 2005, Atlanta, Georgia-based UPS has formally signed the contract for 10 Airbus A380 freighter aircraft.

Deliveries to UPS are scheduled between 2009 and 2012. The company has not yet made its engine selection.

"The A380's strength as a freighter in the global market is reinforced by this order from UPS," said Gustav Humbert, President and Chief Executive Officer of Airbus. "We will be proud to have the A380 play such a major role in international shipping, and therefore global commerce, as it joins the UPS fleet."

UPS took delivery of its first Airbus aircraft in 2000. The airline currently flies a fleet of 47 A300 Freighters.

UPS is the third U.S.-based customer for the A380. Including the UPS deal, there are 159 firm orders for A380s from 16 customers - including 27 freighter orders. The first A380 freighter is slated for delivery in 2008. The UPS A380F will carry a freight load of 330,000 pounds on three decks, with a cargo volume capacity of 40,000 cubic feet, a distance of some 5,600 nautical miles.

Each new Airbus order means new business for American companies. In 2004 alone, Airbus spent nearly \$7 billion with suppliers in more than 40 U.S. states. Using a U.S. Department of Commerce model, that dollar amount translates into Airbus support of more than 140,000 American jobs. A full 50 percent of A380 procurement is spent with American aviation/aerospace companies.

Airbus is a joint EADS company with BAE Systems.

Source: Airbus-Newsroom - December 13, 2005

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DID YOU KNOW...

SENATOR DOLE RECEIVES LEGION OF HONOR

Former U.S. Senator and presidential candidate Bob Dole received the French Legion of Honor in recognition of his service in the liberation of Europe during World War II. On November 17, French Ambassador to the United States Jean-David Levitte presented Dole with the prestigious award that dates back to Napoleon's era.

The Senator served in Italy, but Levitte said that his liberation efforts were felt throughout Europe and that Dole is "known all over France" for his service. During the presentation, Levitte also stressed the ongoing strength of the relationship between the U.S. and France, which, despite occasional disagreements, is held together by the common values of liberty, equality, and democracy. France and the U.S. continue to work closely together on resolving international issues, such as those involving Iran's nuclear activities and the Middle East peace process. Indeed, Levitte praised Dole for his efforts in one such cooperation - the Dayton Accords of 10 years ago, which negotiated peace in Bosnia.

Article from *News From France* -- November 30, 2005

FIRST HYBRID CARS IN FRANCE

Ford Motor Company said it will sell hybrid ethanol/gasoline versions of its Focus cars in France to fleet buyers by the end of 2005, and it hopes to make the entire line hybrid by the end of 2006. At a recent news conference, Ford France Chairman Eric Saint-Frison discussed the first step. "We plan to apply this technology, which costs 350 euros extra per car, to 300 Focus saloon cars and Focus C-Max, carriers intended for local authority or corporate fleets," he said. Cars using biofuel emit 70 percent less carbon dioxide than equivalent gasoline-powered vehicles, although they use 25-30 percent more fuel than conventional ones.

Article from *News From France* -- November 30, 2005

FRANCE'S BERROU WINS U.S. TECH PRIZE

Claude Berrou is the 2005 recipient of the Marconi Prize, an award for inventing a technology that revolutionizes IT or telecommunications. This is the 31st year of the prize, and Berrou is the first Frenchman to win. In 1993, working with Alain Glavieux, who died last year, Berrou invented the idea of "turbo codes." Turbo codes are error-correcting codes that allow information, in the form of bits, to be transferred at efficiencies near the maximum theoretical limits. They are used for deep-space and other satellite communications as well as in modern cellular phones and other personal communication devices. Berrou is a professor at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Telecommunications in Brest. He will receive \$100,000 as part of the prize. The Marconi Prize is named after Italian scientist Gulielmo Marconi, who is credited with inventing the radio in 1895.

Article from *News From France* -- November 30, 2005

GAUGUIN & IMPRESSIONISM IN TEXAS

The Kimball Art Museum in Fort Worth, Texas, will be hosting the first U.S. exhibition that highlights Gauguin (1848-1903) as an Impressionist painter, before he became one of the leading luminaries of French postimpressionism. The exhibit takes the audience on a tour of Gauguin's extensive Impressionist work, from 1875 to 1887.

Though Gauguin was introduced to Impressionist art by his first and only teacher, Camille Pissarro (known for his depictions of rural scenes), he was mostly inspired by Jean-Baptiste-Camille Corot (whose Italian landscapes are world-renowned). It was in 1879 that Gauguin began to develop a truly Impressionist technique, using brushstrokes applied with visible speed and spontaneity to record scenes from modern life and passing effects of light and weather. Though Gauguin is better known for his avant-garde work in the South Seas, his earlier works were also formidable and greatly impacted Impressionist art.

Over 50 paintings and 15 sculptures and ceramics, on loan from museums and private collections from all around the world, form the seminal exhibit. They include a significant group of works from the Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek in Copenhagen, among them the most impressive and fascinating of Gauguin's early works, the *Nude Study (Woman Sewing)* of 1880. The Kimbell Museum will also be displaying Gauguin's *Nave Nave Mahana (Delightful Day)* of 1896, the most important Gauguin in a French public collection (that of the Musée des Beaux Arts in Lyon).

The exhibit will run through March 26, and the Kimball Art Museum will be its only American venue. For more information, please visit: www.kimbellart.org

Source: *News from France* - December 21, 2005

WELCOME TO NEW FACC CHAPTER

In April 2005 the French-American Chamber of Commerce network, made up of eighteen (18) chapters across the U.S., officially recognized the Denver French American Business Association as a member of the FACC network.

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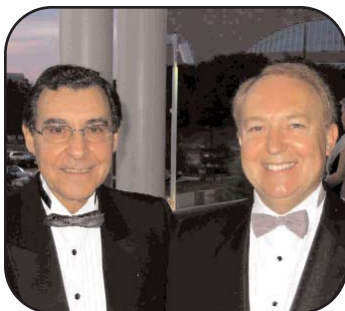
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The "Person of the Year" Award Gala



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Alain Bellet & Patrick Esquerré

The Pavilion Ballroom at the Belo Mansion was the setting for the "Person of the Year" Award Gala, held on May 6, 2005. Dr. Jacques Banchereau, Ph.D., was the 2005 recipient of the "Person of the Year" Award. Dr. Banchereau is the Director, Baylor Institute for Immunology Research. Clarice Tinsley, Fox 4 New Anchor, was Master of Ceremonies

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EVENTS UPDATE



Gayle Cotton & Emmanuel Delepierre



Geraldine & Scott Brown

On Thursday, January 20th, the first Euro Cocktail of 2005 was hosted at Trinity Hall, an Irish Pub & Restaurant. This networking event was Co-Sponsored By: British American Business Council, Flanders Foreign Investment, Finnish American Chamber of Commerce, German American Chamber of Commerce and Swedish American Chamber of Commerce.

The FACC Annual General Meeting and Luncheon was held on Thursday, February 25th at The Westin City Center Dallas. Guest Speaker Tim Krause, Senior Vice President of Strategic Solutions Development for Alcatel North America presented an informative overview of Alcatel. FACC members in attendance also voted on the new Slate of Officers for 2005.

FACC members and guests enjoyed the Chinese New Year Celebration hosted at the Dallas International School on Thursday, February 10th. The World Affairs Council of Greater Dallas and the Asian American Chamber of Commerce Co-Sponsored this event.



Guillaume Le Mener



Tim Krause & Mireille Spamer



Author, Mireille Guiliano

The March 17th, WRR "Authors at the Adolphus" luncheon series featured French author Mireille Guiliano best known for her book "French Woman Don't Get Fat". Ms. Guiliano is also President and CEO of Clicquot, Inc. FACC members and their guests had the opportunity to be part of this sold-out event, which was held in The French Room.



Laurence Julliard & Jean Michel Roy

The Seventh Annual European Business Forum and Luncheon was held at the Hilton Dallas Lincoln Center on Thursday, March 31st. Keynote Speaker, Her Excellency Arlette Conzemius, Ambassador of Luxembourg to the United States spoke on "The Political & Economic Outlook for the EU- the View from Luxembourg During its EU Presidency". The luncheon was Co-Sponsored By: British American Business Council, Consulate General of France, Dallas International School, Flanders Foreign Investment Office, Finnish American Business Guild, German American Chamber of Commerce, Greater Dallas Chamber-International Department, Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce-Irving Sister Cities, Honorary Consulate of Spain/Trade Commission of Spain, International Trade Center-SBDC, Richland College-International Business Degree Program, Swedish American Chamber of Commerce, and World Affairs Council of Greater Dallas.

On Wednesday, March 30th we celebrated "La Semaine de la Francophonie" with a Wine Tasting Dinner at Le Rendezvous. Francois Chandou, owner of La Cave Warehouse presided over the comparison of French, Swiss and Canadian wines which were paired with a fabulous 3-course dinner. Denis Simonneau, Consul General of France came from Houston to join in this year's celebration.

EVENTS UPDATE suite ...



Pierre Vittoz, Jean-Marc Chemla & Arlette Douffiaques-Galland

Le Rendezvous Restaurant hosted the Euro Cocktail held on Thursday, April 21st. Guests enjoyed the outdoor patio and the opportunity to network. The event was Co-Sponsored By: British American Business Council, Flanders Foreign Investment Office, Finnish American Business Guild, German-American Chamber of Commerce, & Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce.



Eugene Flynn & Michelle Schulz

The FACC participated in the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce Eighth Annual Trade Finance & Global Services Seminar & Luncheon on Thursday, May 12th at the Westin Galleria Hotel. Guest Speaker was Ambassador John Bruton, Head of the EU Delegation to the U.S. & Former Prime Minister of Ireland.



Geoffroy Seive & Jean-Paul Peretz



Kristina & Urve Kiik

The 2005 Bastille Day Celebration was held at Lavendou Bistro Provençal. FACC members came to bid "Au Revoir" to Denis Simonneau, Consul General of France who was returning to France at the end of July. Mr. Simonneau also announced that Robert Lavie had been appointed Honorary Consul of France. Executive Chef Jean-Marie Cadot prepared a fabulous dinner and Yves Delorme, from The Shops at Willow Bend donated three exquisite gifts to the raffle.



Denis Simonneau & Robert Lavie

Borders Books Music & Café, in the West Village hosted the FACC Cocktail du Commerce and Book Signing on Thursday, May 26th. Guest Speaker: Kyle Jarrard joined FACC members and their guests to talk about his newly published book, "Cognac: The Seductive Saga of the World's Most Coveted Spirit". Mr. Jarrard is also the Senior Editor International Herald Tribune in Paris.



Denis Simonneau, Isabelle De Wulf & Andrew Kippen



Jean-Marie Cadot, Pascal Cayet & Bertrand Pelletier

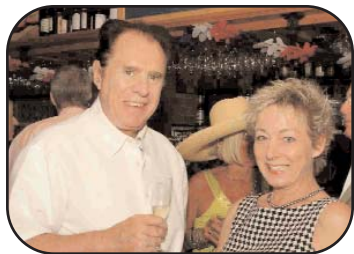


Scott Brown & Martin Johnsen



Alexandra & Robert Lavie, Maurice & Sylvia Elton and Henry Stuart

EVENTS UPDATE suite ...



Leo Crowley & Guest



Sarah Publicover & Guest

On Thursday, August 25th, Spike at Mockingbird Station hosted the Euro Cocktail. This networking event was Co-Sponsored By: British American Business Council, Flanders Foreign Investment, Finnish American Chamber of Commerce, German American Chamber of Commerce and Swedish American Chamber of Commerce.

The FACC co-sponsored the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce 10th Annual International Business Achievement Award Luncheon on Wednesday, September 14th at the Adam's Mark Hotel. The Business Achievement Awards were presented to winners in three categories: large corporation, small to mid-size companies and nine individual "Ambassadors". All were recognized for their positive impact on the Dallas/Fort Worth region.



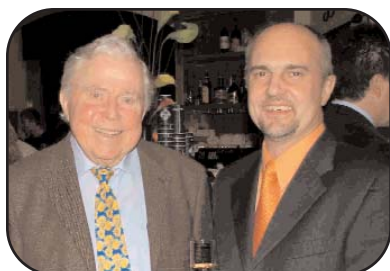
Astrid Harris, Mrs. Dendle & Dr. Kenneth Altshuler

Theatre Three hosted our September 16th "Cocktail du Commerce" with the performance of *The Imaginary Invalid* and a champagne reception at intermission for FACC members and their guests. The play was an adaptation of *Le Malade Imaginaire* by 17th century French playwright Moliere, which had been translated and directed by Jac Alder, Theatre Three's Executive Producer-Director.



Marcia Stuart & Valerie Corcchiato

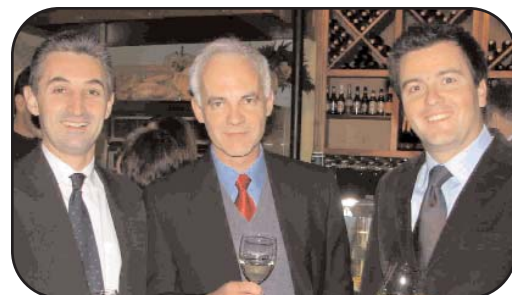
On Thursday, October 6th Sambuca in Uptown hosted our final Euro Cocktail of 2005. Even though the weather didn't cooperate for a patio networking event, the large group in attendance didn't seem to notice. Our Co-Sponsors for this event were the British American Business Council, Flanders Foreign Investment, Finnish American Chamber of Commerce, German American Chamber of Commerce and Swedish American Chamber of Commerce.



Henry Stuart & Eric Corcchiato

Jeff Fegan, CEO of DFW International Airport was the guest speaker at the FACC Luncheon on Wednesday, October 19th at the Hotel InterContinental.

This luncheon was Co-Sponsored By: British American Business Council, Flanders Foreign Investment Office, German American Chamber of Commerce and Swedish American Chamber of Commerce. With the recent opening of the International Terminal D at the airport, Mr. Fegan spoke about the record growth of international traffic at the Airport and some measures DFW Airport is taking to attract new international services, especially in the European market. He also discussed the importance of these flights on the local economy.




Francois Mellon, Paul Seve & Laurent Dosseville

Executive Chef, Fabien Goury and Yasmine Bohsali-Goury owners of Main Street Bakery and Bistro in Plano hosted a very successful "Dîner de Réveillon". A special "thank you" to Henry Stuart and Fongrenier Wines for generously donating the wines for the evening. And last but not least the winners of the 2005 Membership Drive were announced after dinner. Congratulations to Astrid Harris, Bertrand Pelletier and Mark Dendle!

Beaujolais Wine Festival Kick-off Dinner

On Monday, October 24th we kicked-off the Beaujolais Wine Festival 2005 by hosting a dinner at the Adolphus Hotel, in the renowned French Room. The highlight of the evening was the induction ceremony by Les Compagnons du Beaujolais. Executive Chef Jason Weaver prepared a delicious dinner which was accompanied by a fine selection of wines. The wines were provided by Glazer's Distributors, Republic Beverage Company and Boisset America.

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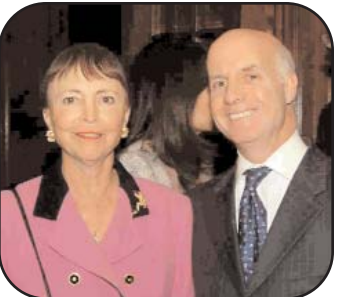
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