



Philadelphia Vicinity & Delaware Chapter 47

Fall 2008 Newsletter

A Message from our President:

Von dem Schreibtisch der Frau Wilson...

Welcome back to another school year! Congratulations to all of you who have started the year in new positions or schools and welcome to all new to the profession. I hope all of you will consider joining AATG, as we have many worthwhile activities planned. Middle school teachers will be working to strengthen and broaden their network, the fall meeting will focus on technology, and we will hold the first ever Delaware Valley Deutschfest for high school students in March (see specific information attached). And, as always, we encourage all programs to take part in the AATG National German Tests and the subsequent awards ceremony.

If you do not currently belong to the Chapter 47 Listserv*, please send me an email, and I will add you to our list. If your email address has changed, let me know so that I can fix that, too. And, as always, Chapter 47 is always interested in members who would like to take on more active roles, such as becoming an officer, organizing the Deutschfest, or presenting at meetings. Let us know your level of interest!

Do not hesitate to get in touch with us with any questions, concerns, or suggestions for the chapter. Danke, und viel Erfolg im neuen Schuljahr!

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Middle School Meeting report:

Area Middle School German teachers gathered on August 20th to brainstorm ways to increase enrollments in the AATG Chapter 47 area, share best practices, and discuss upcoming events in the Philadelphia area in which beginner Middle School German students could participate. All attendees took turns demonstrating a successful grammar lesson, song, or web based project. The fresh ideas that were generated from the meeting inspired all who were present. The feedback from the Forum was very positive because of the quality time spent collaborating with colleagues. Everyone expressed interest in the next Middle School Forum on Wednesday, January 14th at Holland Middle School in Council Rock School District.

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Chapter 47 Listserv Site for news and notes from the AATG in your area.
<http://groups.google.com/group/aatg-chapter-47?hl=en>

* Calendar of Upcoming Events and Deadlines *

Sept 27-Oct 6	German-American Day celebration, Philadelphia http://www.germanamericanday.org/schedule.html
Oct 11	Central PA AATG Fall meeting, Lancaster http://www.millersville.edu/~cpa-aatg/pages/meetings.htm
October 17-18	PSMLA Conference, Pittsburgh http://www.psmla.net/psmla_178.htm
Oct 23	MCATFL Fall Conference, Wissahickon HS http://mcatfl.org/events.htm
Oct 25	In-Service Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Millersville http://www.millersville.edu/~forlang/inservice.php
Oct 31	Due Date for request for AATG Testing Materials http://www.aatg.org/content/view/322/45/ (Download order form here)
Nov 8	Chapter 47 AATG Fall meeting*, Strath Haven HS (Wallingford, PA)
Nov 10	Due Date of pre-registration forms for DV Deutschfest
Nov 22-23	ACTFL, Orlando http://www.actfl.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1
Dec 10-Jan 21	AATG Testing Period
Jan 14	Chapter 47 Middle School Meeting, Holland Middle School (<i>Council Rock</i>)
Feb. 2009	MCATFL Oral Proficiency Contest
March 7	Testing Interview Date
March 13-14	Delaware Valley Deutschfest (see packet)
April	MLAPV Spring Conference
April 25	AATG Preisverleihung

*The theme of the AATG's Chapter 47 Fall Meeting will be technology in the classroom. Cost for members: Free. Advanced Registration is \$10 (at the door- \$15). Fees will be deducted from AATG dues if one becomes a member on that day. ENCOURAGE YOUR COLLEAGUES TO ATTEND!

Governor's Institute for World Language Educators

July 19-24, 2009 at Villanova University

<http://www3.villanova.edu/conferences/govinstitutewl/>

It's never too early to save that date! * More information on the way!

Kultur Tip (Kino):



Auf der Anderen Seite (2007) *The Edge of Heaven*

Winner of many international film awards

Director: Fatih Akin

Summary: Sechs Menschen, deren Wege sich auf schicksalhafte Weise kreuzen, ohne sich zu berühren. Erst der Tod führt sie zusammen, auf einer emotionalen Reise zur Vergebung.

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0880502/>

Check local listings for show times: Ritz at the Bourse in Philadelphia

Kultur Tip (Jugendliteratur):



Cornelia Funke at the Philadelphia free library!

Time: Saturday Oct 18th 2:00PM

Time has called German author Cornelia Funke one of the 100 most influential people of 2005, dubbing her the "German J.K. Rowling." Her books include: *Dragon Rider* (78 Weeks on the New York Times Best Sellers list), *The Thief Lord*, and two BookSense Book of the Year Award winners: *Inkheart* and *Inkspell*. *Inkdeath* is the much-anticipated conclusion of the Inkworld trilogy. *Inkheart*, a new film starring Helen Mirren and Brendan Fraser, will premiere in 2009.

<http://foxbookshop.booksense.com/NASApp/store/IndexJsp?s=storeevents>

Newsletter submissions:

- ♦ Found an awesome web-site?
- ♦ Got a great teaching idea?
- ♦ Had a successful field trip?

Tell us about it! We want to hear from you! Share your great ideas with the other teachers in Chapter 47. Contact Sonya Mulvihill at fraumulvihill@yahoo.com for more information.

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