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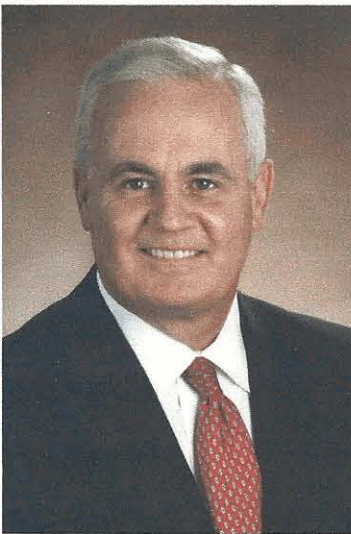


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AFGS ANNOUNCES CLASS OF 2012 FRENCH CANADIAN HALL OF FAME



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The 10th annual AFGS French Canadian Hall of Fame reception and induction ceremony will take place on Friday October 19th at our Franco-American Heritage Center in Woonsocket, R.I.

This year's inductees are: **Roger N. Begin**, former Rhode Island Lieutenant Governor, General Treasurer and state representative. He is the Honorary Consul of France in Rhode Island; **Romeo G. Berthiaume**, retired Woonsocket High School teacher, volunteer at the Museum of Work and Culture, and local radio personality; **Claire H. Quintal, Ph.D**, retired professor of French and French Civilization and former Dean of the Graduate School at Assumption College in Worcester, Mass., a founding director of French Institute at Assumption College, and the author of

numerous books and articles on French and French Canadian history; and **Stephen A. White**, genealogist at the University of Moncton in New Brunswick, Canada. He devoted 24 years of research and verification before publishing the *dictionnaire généalogique des familles acadiennes* in 1999. His research covers the years 1636 to 1714.

The AFGS French Canadian Hall of Fame was established in 2003 to recognize the many accomplishments of individuals of French Canadian ancestry. The achievements can be through dedicated service to nation, state or community or through distinguished career accomplishments.

For more information and reservations contact Sylvia Bartholomy at (401) 769-1623.



From the Librarian's Desk

by
Janice Burkhart

I know I have written about this before, but it is worth repeating - know what you want to happen to your genealogy related books and papers and make definite plans for your wants to be accomplished when it is time for your estate to be settled.

You may have worked for years gathering information, recording data, labeling pictures, buying books, writing letters, and preserving primary source records. These treasures are dear to you. Now you wonder what will become of these treasures when you pass away.

It might not be as easy as you think to find a safe home for your work. Perhaps members of your family are not as interested in the family history as you are. Perhaps you are the last of your line. Perhaps you have to move into a smaller home and do not have room for all these papers.

My advice to you is to start making plans now. Ask members of your family if anyone is interested in your work. Hopefully there will be someone. If not, think about your local library or historical society. See if they would be willing to accept your work. Also consider a genealogical society. Ask what they will accept.

Then, and this is very important, make sure you leave written instructions for the person settling your estate. Leave a letter for your Executor or give a letter to your lawyer with a name and address to be contacted or give specific instructions to a member of your family. Make sure you have a contact person and address.

You would be very shocked and surprised to learn how much painstaking research ends up in the trash because heirs do not know what to do with it. Please make arrangements so this does not happen to your hard work.



Dancing the night away. AFGS members and friends enjoyed a traditional French Canadian sugar shack experience at the Woonsocket Elks Lodge recently. Entertainment was provided by Le Vent des Cantons from Drummondville. The fundraiser benefited the AFGS Building Fund.

AFGS ANNUAL HOLIDAY RAFFLE

It's that time of year again. The annual AFGS Holiday Raffle is being held to benefit the Society's building fund. 1st prize is \$1,000. 2nd prize \$500, third prize \$250. and fourth prize is an Afghan blanket and two pillows. Tickets were included in the newsletter mailing. Drawing will be held on Saturday, November 17th.

FREE PROGRAM DETERMINES SPECIAL DATES

Have you ever found an obituary and were unable to determine the exact date the person died or was buried? For example, Marie died at her home Saturday and was buried on Tuesday. The date of the obituary was printed on December 18, 1966.

There's a free program available online to help you determine the day of the week she died and was buried. It's called Calendar Donkey. Visit www.calendardonkey.com. Scroll to the bottom of the page and pick the century you want. Scroll to the bottom of the second page and click the range of years, then scroll to the bottom of the third page and click on the exact year. This will bring up the calendar for that year and you will be able to determine the day(s) you are looking for.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The AFGS family continues to grow. Since April the Society has added 80 new members from across the United states and Canada. Welcome aboard.

Armand and Susan	Auclair	Vermont	Lynn A.	Johnson	Vermont
Richard and Diane	Audette	Nevada	Aline	Knapiak	Massachusetts
Gregory and Lois	Bank	Wisconsin	Alain	Lachapelle	Quebec
Raymond	Beaudoin	Pennsylvania	Norman P.	Laflamme	Rhode Island
Rolande	Beausoleil	Quebec	Robert E.	Laflamme	Rhode Island
Gordon and Suzanne	Benoit	Massachusetts	Allen	Laliberte	Rhode Island
Brian L.	Benoit	Rhode Island	Lucille	Landry	Rhode Island
Madeleine	Betz	Washington	Keith and Kathleen	Lang	Rhode Island
Barbara	Bodoy	Rhode Island	Andre	Laperle	Quebec
Marjorie	Boivin	Pennsylvania	Rudy	Larrow	Connecticut
Carol E.	Boucher	Massachusetts	John	Lavoie	Rhode Island
Thomas and Phyllis	Bouthillier	Massachusetts	Angel	Leblanc	Rhode Island
Bob	Brisson	Massachusetts	Francois	L'Ecuyer	Quebec
Robert N.	Bruneau	Massachusetts	Jean	Marchand	Quebec
Gilles	Canuel	Massachusetts	Suzanne M.	Marrah	Rhode Island
Jack	Caouette	California	Claire	Martin	Massachusetts
Ronald C.	Cormier	Florida	Richard	Matthew	Massachusetts
Frances	De Marco	Washington	Patricia	McGrath	Massachusetts
John	deDoming	Massachusetts	James	Morrison	Rhode Island
Edwin C.	Deschamps	Massachusetts	Eileen and Erika	Namaka	Rhode Island
David A. (Al)	Doherty	Ontario	Sylvia	Nordborg	Massachusetts
Denis	Dubois	Quebec	Daniel A.	O'Connell	Rhode Island
Carl V.	Dupre	Rhode Island	Judith	Onorato	Rhode Island
Mike	Ebersole	Wisconsin	Denise	Panichas	Rhode Island
Gerald	Farland	Massachusetts	Richard	Picard	Arkansas
Donald and Barbara	Foster	Massachusetts	Michael Romeo	Poulin	Rhode Island
Joan R.	Gagne	Massachusetts	Ann (Tetreault)	Raynor	New Jersey
Diane M.	Gilbert	Massachusetts	Jacqueline	Richardson	Rhode Island
Mark	Girard	New York	Sylvia	Rossignol	Massachusetts
Steven and Tina	Goulet	Rhode Island	Kay	Sheldon	Massachusetts
Lydia	Goyette	Massachusetts	Allen F.	Swift	Maine
Melanie	Harnois	Rhode Island	Rebecca A.	Thomas	Rhode Island
Gail T.	Harris	Rhode Island	Sandra	Thornby	Minnesota
Betty (Paradis) and Larry	Havrylik	Massachusetts	Lynne	Toupin	Massachusetts
Paula	Hendry	California	Christina	Vallone-	
Margaret	Hogan	Rhode Island	Carol	Ramos	Rhode Island
Lise	Holst	Rhode Island	Raymond and Maureen	Vautrin	Delaware
Dan	Hughes	Rhode Island	Patricia	Vien	Florida
Denise	Inman	Rhode Island	Jeanne L.	Viveiros	Rhode Island
Gerard	Jodoin	Connecticut	Estelle	Wagner	Rhode Island
			Jacqueline (Montmagny) Zahn	White	Rhode Island

WE NEED YOUR STORIES

The JMS editor is always looking for stories from our members and friends. If you have an interesting story to tell about an ancestor or your research findings, let us know. Send an e-mail with your story idea to nderagon@afgs.org.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

As AFGS continues to plan for more activities in our Franco-American Heritage Center, it is important that we seek out volunteers among our members and friends for anticipated responsibilities. If you have some of the skills mentioned below, we'd like to hear from you.

Program Manager: Develop Society-produced activities at the Franco-American Heritage Center. Includes recruiting a team to help with setting up the auditorium for lectures, ceremonies and other programs by AFGS or organizations/individuals who rent the facility for such events

Publications Editor: Responsible for the production of the Society's bi-annual *Je Me Souviens* journal and the bi-monthly newsletter *AFGnews*. Individual will manage the content and coordinate the editing of the publications' content. Editor will coordinate the printing of JMS and the newsletter.

Public Relations/Marketing: Responsible for media relations to generate publicity about AFGS and its programs and activities. Individual will develop collateral printed material for the various operations within the Society.

If you are interested in discussing any of these positions, please contact Norm Deragon via e-mail at nderagon@afgs.org or call (401) 524-7315.

SPLIT THE POT WINNERS

Congratulations to Jocelyn O'Brien, our April winner, Robert Gravel who was the lucky May winner, and Joe Musial, is the June winner. Split the Pot will resume in early 2013.

THE 1940 CENSUS IS NOW SEARCHABLE

Searching the census is FREE. Find the link at FamilySearch.org:
https://familysearch.org/1940census/?cid=fsHomeT1940Text_v2

NEW HEAD OF POST NAMED TO BOSTON QUEBEC DELEGATION

The Quebec government has a new Head of Post at the Quebec Delegation Office in Boston. The former delegate, Jean-Stephane Bernard, has been reassigned as assistant deputy minister of bilateral relations in the Department of International Relations. He was replaced by Marie-Claude Francoeur, who holds the same post in the International Relations department. The change was effective in August.

CONFUSED ABOUT HIS FAMILY TREE

From George Buteau

A psychiatrist visited a California mental institution and asked a patient, "How did you get here? What was the nature of your illness?" He got the following reply.

"Well, it all started when I got married and I guess I should never have done it. I married a widow with a grown daughter who then became my stepdaughter.

My dad came to visit us, fell in love with my lovely stepdaughter, then married her. And so my stepdaughter was now my stepmother. Soon, my wife had a son who was, of course, my daddy's brother-in-law since he is the half-brother of my stepdaughter, who is now, of course, my daddy's wife.

So, as I told you, when my stepdaughter married my daddy, she was at once my stepmother! Now, since my new son is brother to my stepmother, he also became my uncle. As you know, my wife is my step-grandmother since she is my stepmother's mother. Don't forget that my stepmother is my stepdaughter.

Remember, too, that I am my wife's grandson. But hold on just a few minutes more. You see, since I'm married to my step-grandmother, I am not only the wife's grandson and her hubby, but I am also my own grandfather. Now can you understand how I got put in this place?"