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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer at last! Whether you stay here on Long Island to enjoy our beautiful beaches and many outdoor activities with family and friends or travel the globe, this is the opportunity for relaxation, self-renewal, catching up on sleep and reviving your energy. In case you have not heard, I have been elected President of LILT. I look forward to serving our invaluable organization in this capacity again.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing officers who worked loyally to further LILT's goals and responsibly carry out their duties during these past two years. As membership continued to grow, the many personal hours voluntarily given selflessly in order to accomplish these tasks should be appreciated by all LILT members. We were so fortunate to have the reins of the presidency rest in the experienced hands of Adrienne Greenbaum. I look forward to consulting with Adrienne as she serves as our Immediate Past President for the next two years. Thanks also to Alba Masullo Gallegos, as she leaves the Executive Board after her two-year term as First Vice President. Somehow she managed to juggle her position with a wedding, new home and her newly acquired department chair position. If you attended any of the last two Spring Membership Meetings you can attest to the adeptness with which she conducted these as well as her efforts in constructing the Winter Workshop series. Happily, Michele Ortiz has moved up to the First Vice President position from Second Vice President, and Anahí Walton-Schafer from Secretary to Second Vice President. Michele had handled both the plaque orders (there was an increase in the number purchased this year) and the Fall Membership Meeting conscientiously, and continued the practice of teacher basket raffles these past two years. Michele also did many other little things too numerous to mention that made for smooth sailing for all of us. Anahí handled the mailings to department leaders across LI for our annual conference, and kept meticulous minutes of our Board meetings. Thank you ladies for your first two years as officers of LILT. We are confident the next two years in these new positions will be as rewarding to you and our membership as these first two

have been. Ron Taub faithfully continues as our adept Treasurer. The entire Executive Board is very grateful Ron still enjoys the many challenges and the hours he selflessly gives to the job. Thankfully, this year Ron also took on the position of Judge Coordinator, handled the procurement of the gifts for judges and the packaging of medals and certificates for the Student Language Competition. We all welcome to the fold, Mirtalita Matos as our new Secretary. Mirtalita has already conveyed to me she is very much looking forward to giving her time in this position. Congratulations to all of you! In the September issue of our *LILT Newsletter* you will learn more about your new LILT *team* in a special column devoted to your officers.

My work has already begun. This includes helping locate presenters for our next Regional Conference on November 15th at Division Avenue High School in Levittown (Mark your calendars!), and finding replacements for two positions. I am happy to announce long time LILT member Dan Saitta has agreed to take over the position of Presenter and Program Coordinator for the 2008 LILT-NYSAFLT Regional Conference from Lori Austen-Golden who had to step down because of family reasons. Joan Militcher has graciously accepted replacing Annette Gentile as Interim Chairperson of the Awards Committee. Annette Gentile, who had previously held this position for many years, had kindly replaced Lucille Lambert after Lucille had fallen ill. Annette's loyalty is appreciated, her vast experience was ideal, but after many long years working in this capacity it is certainly understandable why she requested a replacement at this time. My personal thanks to Annette, Joan and Dan. I feel my worries are over; these jobs are in very good hands indeed. Getting the mundane details of transition such as new stationery and getting our website updated have taken substantial time but are necessary for our LILT ship to run smoothly, which is paramount to me.

In this electronic issue you will see, in the pages that follow, the winners of the 2008 LILT Student Language Competition and the annual AAT-LILT Poster Contest. My congratulations to all the teachers and their students whose names are listed here in recognition of their

outstanding work! The numbers of participants in both contests have increased once again. Kudos go to all the many committee members and judges (too many to mention here) who made these competitions possible, especially chairpersons Jane Mooney (Poster Contest) and Bob Tenaglia (Student Language Competition).

May July and August be for you all you hope they may be.

Have a great summer!

Cordially,

Nancy L. Russo-Rumore

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
AT THE TILLES CENTER 2008-2009**

The Arts in Education Department of Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, located on the campus of C. W. Post, Long Island University in Brookville, New York, will be

hosting two high caliber, professional performances during the 2008-2009 school year which may be of interest to foreign language teachers and their students.

The *Sol y Sombra Spanish Dance Company* journeys through the world of Flamenco music, song and dance. Audience participation is encouraged during this dynamic performance, which is enhanced by live music and culminates with students in step. Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM - \$7.00 per person.

¡Retumba! is a multi-ethnic ensemble based on the music and dance of Africa and Europe, and its expressions in the Americas and the Caribbean - Puerto Rico, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Brazil. Monday, February 2, 2009, 10 AM and 12 PM - \$7.00 per person.

For more information or to order tickets visit www.tillescenter.org click on EDUCATION



LILT STUDENT FOREIGN LANGUAGE COMPETITION WINNERS 2008

French IIB Essay

First Place	Salimat Ayinde	Mrs. Siegelaub	Mephram HS
Second Place	Sarah Fichtelberg	Mrs. Jette	Kings Park HS
Third Place	Elizabeth Garcia	Mrs. Jette	Kings Park HS
Honorable Mention	Alexander Giorgos	Mrs. Siegelaub	Mephram HS

French IIIC and IVC Essay

First Place	Jessica Cordova	Mrs. Jette	Kings Park HS
Second Place	Gabrielle Facquet	Mrs. De Filippo	Sachem East HS
Third Place	Seth Fichtelberg	Mrs. Jette	Kings Park HS
Honorable Mention	Emily Fox	Mrs. Siegelaub	Mephram HS

French IIIC International Vocal Music

Meritorious Achievement	Yigit Gol	Mrs. Latham	Miller Place HS
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French VC Language Production Video

First Place	Alex Dennis-Browne Kyra Fierro	Mrs. Portente	Locust Valley HS
Second Place	Grace Ecton Audrey Hayes Catherine Hoar Tanya Long	Mrs. Portente	Locust Valley HS
Third Place	Viktoria Afonina Brittany Dembowski Cloe San Antonio-Bialecki Lizzie Trinder	Mrs. Portente	Locust Valley HS

French IIC and IVC Poetry

First Place	Susan Zemcik	Mrs. Jette	Kings Park HS
Second Place	Evan Goldaper	Mrs. Jette	Kings Park HS
Third Place	Marta Troicka	Mrs. Jette	Kings Park HS
Honorable Mention	Richard Rosen	Mrs. Jette	Kings Park HS
Honorable Mention	Briana Smoak-Garvey	Mrs. Jette	Kings Park HS
Honorable Mention	James Clayton	Miss Kouris	Division Ave HS

French IIC and Italian IIC Poetry Recitation Video

First Place	No Placement
Second Place	No Placement
Third Place	No Placement

French IVC, French VC and Spanish IVC Poetry Recitation Video

First Place	Leah Tallman	Mrs. Latham	Miller Place HS
Second Place	Michael Lawoo	Mrs. Gregory	Mephram HS
Third Place	Heather Masterson	Mrs. Latham	Miller Place HS

Italian IIB Essay

First Place	Stephanie Piacentino	Mrs. Cisternino	Kings Park HS
Second Place	Andrew Hasel	Mrs. Cisternino	Kings Park HS
Third Place	Kasey Motley	Mrs. Siegelaub	Mephram HS
Honorable Mention	Ashley Gavilanes	Mrs. Siegelaub	Mephram HS
Honorable Mention	Alisa Batcher	Mrs. Siegelaub	Mephram HS
Honorable Mention	Jeffrey Caso	Mrs. Sycoff	Calhoun HS

Italian IIC Essay

First Place	Cele De La Riva	Miss Manzo	Mephram HS
Second Place	Marissa Scialo	Miss Polvere	John F. Kennedy HS
Third Place	Michelle Dimino	Miss Manzo	Mephram HS
Honorable Mention	Ayelet Gamliel	Miss Manzo	John F. Kennedy HS
Honorable Mention	Paige Lieberman	Miss Manzo	John F. Kennedy HS
Honorable Mention	Salaia DaCruz	Miss Manzo	Mephram HS

Italian IVC Essay

First Place	Catherine Mistretta	Miss Polvere	John F. Kennedy HS
Second Place	Salvatore Elvezio	Miss Polvere	John F. Kennedy HS
Third Place	Emily Grazia	Mrs. Siegelaub	Mephram HS
Honorable Mention	Christina Stramera	Mrs. Siegelaub	Mephram HS
Honorable Mention	Sean Hladky	Miss Polvere	John F. Kennedy HS

Italian VC Essay

First Place	No Placement		
Second Place	No Placement		
Third Place	No Placement		
Honorable Mention	Regina Hill	Mrs. Sycoff	Calhoun HS
Honorable Mention	Jaime Tolvo	Mrs. Sycoff	Calhoun HS

Italian VC International Dance Video

Meritorious Achievement	Angela Calia Brittany Ciavarella Alexandra Cuttitta Josephine LaPietra	Miss Polvere	John F. Kennedy HS
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Meritorious Achievement	Alise Lingenau Marcelle Louros Jaclyn Menna Mary O'Brien Jennifer Quigley	Miss Polvere	John F. Kennedy HS
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Italian IVC Language Production Video

First Place	Alexandra Claus Walter Gurzynski Danielle Heintz Steven Liberto Veronica Palumbo	Mrs. Aiello	Locust Valley HS
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Second Place	Francesca Bonadonna Marissa Rupp Alexandra Piscitello	Mrs. Aiello	Locust Valley HS
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Third Place	Nicole Heney Grace Marinaro Allison Winckler	Mrs. Aiello	Locust Valley HS
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Italian IIC Multimedia Computer

Meritorious Achievement	Marissa Liebman	Miss Polvere	John F. Kennedy HS
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Italian IIB Poetry

First Place	Jeffrey Caso	Mrs. Sycoff	Calhoun HS
Second Place	Julia Bressler	Miss Polvere	John F. Kennedy HS
Third Place	Kayleigh Grieser	Miss Polvere	John F. Kennedy HS
Honorable Mention	Kelly Rogan	Miss Polvere	John F. Kennedy HS

Italian IIC Poetry

First Place	Kyle Schmitt	Miss Manzo	John F. Kennedy HS
Second Place	Jessica Valentino	Miss Polvere	John F. Kennedy HS
Third Place	Gina Sciarrino	Miss Polvere	John F. Kennedy HS
Honorable Mention	Marissa Scialo	Miss Polvere	John F. Kennedy HS

Italian IVC Poetry

First Place	Brian Manusama	Mrs. Sycoff	Calhoun HS
Second Place	Andrea DiCocco	Mrs. Sycoff	Calhoun HS
Third Place	Catherine Mistretta	Miss Polvere	John F. Kennedy HS
Honorable Mention	Erica Shuder	Mrs. Scafidi-Iannone	Kings Park HS

Italian VC Poetry

First Place	Geena McGuinness	Mrs. Sycoff	Calhoun HS
Second Place	Stefanie Cristina	Miss Manzo	Mephram HS
Third Place	Jaime Tolvo	Mrs. Sycoff	Calhoun HS
Honorable Mention	Robert Caridi	Miss Polvere	John F. Kennedy HS
Honorable Mention	Laura Capasso	Miss Manzo	Mephram HS
Honorable Mention	Erik DeMonte	Mrs. Sycoff	Calhoun HS

Italian IIB Poetry Recitation Video

Meritorious Achievement	Angela Paoli	Miss Polvere	John F. Kennedy HS
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Italian VC Poetry Recitation Video

Meritorious Achievement	Mariel Plutno	Miss Polvere	John F. Kennedy HS
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Italian IIB and Spanish IIB International Dance Video

First Place	Rachel Gates Danielle Lucchesi Laura Morrissey Juliana Puleo Lisa Robinson	Mr. Macedo	Seaford MS
Second Place	Kayla Epstein Bari Fuchs Brittany Jones	Miss Polvere	John F. Kennedy HS
Third Place	No Placement		

Spanish IB and IIB Essay

First Place	Leanne Zick	Mrs. Wecksler	Baldwin HS
Second Place	Ryan McKenna	Miss LoMonaco	Mepham HS
Third Place	Laura Rooney	Mrs. McNeil	Mepham HS
Honorable Mention	Daniel Santos	Mrs. McNeil	Mepham HS
Honorable Mention	Nicole Prodan	Mr. Macedo	Seaford MS
Honorable Mention	Emma Zampino	Dr. Wilcox	LI School for the Gifted

Spanish IIB and IIIB Native Essay

First Place	Francisco Ramirez	Mrs. Wecksler	Baldwin HS
Second Place	Lisbeth Segura-Roa	Mrs. Wecksler	Baldwin HS
Third Place	No Placement		
Honorable Mention	Teo Fernandez	Mrs. Wecksler	Baldwin HS
Honorable Mention	Junior Felix-Rosario	Mrs. Wecksler	Baldwin HS
Honorable Mention	Wanda Leger	Mrs. McNeil	Mepham HS

Spanish IIIC Essay

First Place	Alexander Torres	Miss Morales	Mepham HS
Second Place	Dylan Friedenberg	Miss Morales	Mepham HS
Third Place	Michelle Artieda	Miss Morales	Mepham HS
Honorable Mention	Christie Boschert	Miss Morales	Mepham HS
Honorable Mention	Allison Balogh	Mrs. Langevin	Mepham HS
Honorable Mention	Sharon Aluma	Mrs. Langevin	Mepham HS

Spanish IIIC, IVC and VC Native Essay

First Place	Tiffany Lopez	Mrs. Hoffman	Baldwin HS
Second Place	Milagros Campos	Mrs. Catalanotto	Kings Park HS
Third Place	Sophia Osorio	Mrs. Hoffman	Baldwin HS
Honorable Mention	Victoria Garcia	Mrs. Hoffman	Baldwin HS

Spanish IVC and VC Essay

First Place	Gina Simpson	Miss Morales	Mepham HS
Second Place	Joseph Vassel	Miss Morales	Mepham HS
Third Place	Laura Fletcher	Mrs. Catalanotto	Kings Park HS
Honorable Mention	Nicole Pelliccia	Miss Morales	Mepham HS
Honorable Mention	Casey Fey	Miss Morales	Mepham HS

Spanish IVC and VC International Vocal Music

First Place	Meta Summer	Mrs. Gregory	Mepham HS
Second Place	Brandon Christie		
Sean Gelbwaks	Mrs. Gregory	Mepham HS	
Third Place	Brandon Kronstat	Mrs. Gregory	Mepham HS

Spanish IIC and IVC Language Production Video

First Place	Danielle Kelly Jenny Seery Gabrielle Sitkowski Michelle Williams Kristin Yanniello	Mrs. Catalanotto	Kings Park HS
Second Place	No Placement		
Third Place	No Placement		

Spanish IIB Poetry

First Place	Regina Zick	Mrs. Wecksler	Baldwin HS
Second Place	Rebecca Levy	Mrs. Wecksler	Baldwin HS
Third Place	William Zhou	Dr. Wilcox	LI School for the Gifted
Honorable Mention	Jenna Giamundo	Mrs. Wecksler	Baldwin HS
Honorable Mention	Julianna Eckert	Mr. Macedo	Seaford MS
Honorable Mention	Rachel Ruha	Mr. Macedo	Seaford MS

Spanish IIB Native Poetry

First Place	Francisco Ramirez	Mrs. Wecksler	Baldwin HS
Second Place	Junior Felix-Rosario	Mrs. Wecksler	Baldwin HS
Third Place	Desiret Nuesi	Mrs. Wecksler	Baldwin HS
Honorable Mention	Teo Fernandez	Mrs. Wecksler	Baldwin HS
Honorable Mention	Lauren Archibald	Mrs. Wecksler	Baldwin HS
Honorable Mention	Maria Pineiro	Mrs. Wecksler	Baldwin HS

Spanish IIC Poetry

First Place	Jenna Cavuto	Miss Morales	Mephram HS
Second Place	Laura Lemke	Miss Morales	Mephram HS
Third Place	Nicole Hayes	Mrs. Hoffman	Baldwin HS
Honorable Mention	Dylan Friedenberg	Miss Morales	Mephram HS
Honorable Mention	Lauren Greco	Miss Morales	Mephram HS
Honorable Mention	Nicole Bernard	Mrs. Hoffman	Baldwin HS

Spanish IVC Poetry

First Place	Leslie Batista	Mrs. Gregory	Mephram HS
Second Place	Stacey Lum	Mrs. Hoffman	Baldwin HS
Third Place	Julia Monk	Ms. Llorens	Port Jefferson HS
Honorable Mention	Lia DeGregorio	Mrs. Gregory	Mephram HS

Spanish IVC and VC Native Poetry

First Place	Issela Palacios	Mrs. Hoffman	Baldwin HS
Second Place	No Placement		
Third Place	No Placement		
Honorable Mention	Jose Campos	Mrs. Catalanotto	Kings Park HS
Honorable Mention	Daphnee Ochoa	Mrs. Hoffman	Baldwin HS
Honorable Mention	Tiffany Martinez	Mrs. Hoffman	Baldwin HS

Spanish VC Poetry

First Place	Cindy Wu	Ms. Llorens	Port Jefferson HS
Second Place	Dorthea Damaskos	Ms. Llorens	Port Jefferson HS
Third Place	Wesley Ambrecht	Mrs. Gregory	Mephram HS
Honorable Mention	Anthony Chieco	Mrs. Catalanotto	Kings Park HS

Spanish IIB Language Production Video

Meritorious

Achievement

Daniel Annino

Brian Gilbert

Ryan Nagle

Mr. Macedo

Seaford MS

Meritorious

Achievement

Stephen Cacace

Thomas Letizia

Mr. Macedo

Seaford MS

Mr. Macedo

Seaford MS

Spanish VC Multimedia Computer

Meritorious

Achievement

Michael Vivelo

Mrs. Ortiz

Division Ave HS

POSTER CONTEST WINNERS 2008**Long Island Language Teachers, (LILT)****American Association of Teachers of French, Nassau & Suffolk****American Association of Teachers of German, Long Island Chapter****American Association of Teachers of Italian, Long Island Chapter****American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, LI Chapter****2008 POSTER CONTEST COMMITTEE**

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Suffolk

Bruno Bernardino, Centereach HS

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Doug Moore, Copiague HS

Carmen Campos, Cold Spring Harbor HS

Jeanette Keicher, Eastport South Manor

JUDGES

Joanne Reeves, Executive Director, Tobay Arts Council

Estelle Henrich, Docent, Nassau County Museum of Art

Arlene Kaufman, Docent, Nassau County Museum of Art

GRADES 4-6

1st Place

Jennifer Thompson
Ariel Vikos

Weldon E. Howitt MS
Weldon E. Howitt MS

Mrs. Greene
Mrs. Greene

2nd Place

Michele Ripka

Baylis Elementary School

Mrs. Maietta

3rd Place

Katarina Fielding

North Country Road MS

Mr. Mancuso

Honorable Mention

Christina Graiss
Michael Thomas Snyder
John Militano

Weldon E. Howitt MS
Stewart School
North Country Road MS

Mrs. Langon
Mrs. Cornachio
Mr. Mancuso

GRADES 7-9

1st Place

Gianna Iaconetti
Hannah Lorber
Laura Cusenza

North Country Road MS
Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS
Syosset HS

Mrs. Seidler
Mrs. Visbal
Mr. Chan

2nd Place

Breezy Smoak
Stella Bowles

Kings Park HS
Weldon E. Howitt MS

Mrs. Jette
Mrs. Langon

3rd Place

Helaina Regen
Serena Oditt

Woodmere MS
Elmont Memorial HS

Mrs. Escher
Mrs. Mejía

Honorable Mention

Kelsey Allen

Beach Street MS

Mrs. LaPinta

GRADES 10-12

1st Place

Stella Thomas
Eric Rosenberg

New Hyde Park Memorial HS
Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS

Mrs. Morales
Mrs. Visbal

2nd Place

Jennifer Otero
Michelle Navon
Christian Hansen

Division Avenue HS
The Wheatley School
Hampton Bays Secondary School

Ms. Faherty
Mrs. Martinez
Mrs. Girards

3rd Place

Marcus Maldonado
Lauren Forman
Kjersti Faret

Division Avenue HS
Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS
Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS

Mrs. Carey-Rodriguez
Mrs. Smith
Mrs. Kleinman

Honorable Mention

Andrea Sieban

New Hyde Park Memorial HS

Mrs. Tardio

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Baylis Elementary School
Beach Street MS
Division Avenue HS
Earl L. Vandermeulen HS
East Hampton HS
Elmont Memorial HS
Elwood MS
Farmingdale HS
Floral Park Memorial HS
Forest Lake Elementary School
Garden City HS
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George W. Hewlett HS
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Stimson MS
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Weldon E. Howitt MS
West Babylon HS
West Islip HS
The Wheatley School
Willets Road School
William T. Rogers MS