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National President Message

It's hard to believe that another academic year has come to a close! As you read the chapter reports in this issue of the newsletter, you will see that Alpha Mu Gamma chapters continued to be involved in exciting language and culturally based activities throughout the year. Several chapters hosted stimulating events, which included guest speakers and cultural activities for their National Foreign Language Week celebrations. NFLW is an excellent way for AMG chapters and language departments to showcase not only the society, but also encourage the study of languages and cultures. I encourage all chapters to begin brainstorming for next year's NFLW as soon as the fall semester begins.

As you can see from the reports submitted for this newsletter, chapters hosted or helped organize activities beyond NFLW and annual initiation ceremonies. Hopefully the chapter reports contained in this newsletter will inspire your group to try something new that could perhaps become a tradition at your school. For those chapters that did not send in reports, we look forward to hearing from you so that we can include your information in a future newsletter.

I am happy to report that the honor society is a vibrant and growing organization. Four new chapters were established this year, which brings the total number of chapters to 349. Two current chapters are also to be commended for contributing to the AMG Scholarship funds. The donations, however large or small, are seen as a show of support for the society and the scholarships it funds.

The Scholarship Committee once again had the daunting task of selecting the most deserving students for the Alpha Mu Gamma national scholarships. I would like to thank the scholarship committee for their diligent work and also congratulate the winners for their achievements in the study of languages! Advisors are urged to encourage their students, especially those majoring or minoring in a foreign language, to apply for scholarships next year. Most students would certainly welcome the prize money, which could help offset the ever-rising costs of tuition! The application forms will be available towards the end of the fall semester.

Mark your calendars for the 34th biennial convention, which will be held at Elmhurst College in Illinois in October 2013. Since this convention is centrally located for most chapters, it would be wonderful to have representation from all active chapters. Now is the time to start thinking about funding the trip for advisors and some of their student members!

Best wishes for a successful conclusion to the current semester!



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**From the desk of the National Executive Secretary
and the Advisor of Alpha Chapter**

It is time again to greet all of from the Headquarter in Los Angeles.

It has been a very bad semester for us in California. The financial support from Sacramento was deeply cut and I am, as the chair of the Dept. of Foreign Languages /Humanities, facing a 5% cut from the Fall semester of 2012 and possibly 12% more cut from the Spring semester of 2013. Our community college students are facing another hurdle this year. Neighboring 4 year colleges announced that they will limit the number of acceptances of any transfer students from us. We are holding our breath to see the result of the State Tax measure, which will be passed in November.

After this unpleasant talk, I am happy to announce the location for our next 34th convention! Dr. Beatriz Gomez-Acuna, advisor of Theta Upsilon chapter and Regional VP for Illinois & Michigan, kindly offered to host the next National AMG Convention at Elmhurst College in Illinois. We, at the National Headquarters, are extremely happy with this news and we pledge to help in any way we can. Please plan ahead to attend this convention in 2013.

Please send news about your chapter activities so that we can share them with the other chapters.

Eiko Kitajima Chatel
Alpha Mu Gamma, National Executive Secretary
Advisor, Alpha Chapter
Chair, Dept. of Foreign Languages/Humanities
Los Angeles City College



Message from the Administrative Assistant

We kindly ask all chapters advisors to please pay close attention to the following information, so as to avoid future frustration, confusion, uncertainty etc. etc.

The Membership Plastic ID Cards

Explanation & Clarification

Many chapters have asked us why they did not receive these membership cards with their filled order.

Allow me to explain and clarify, for the umpteenth time, as we have done over the past several years in the various issues of this Newsletter.

Once we receive the names of the full member inductees, we send the names by e-mail to the printer/embosser that we deal with (in Florida) and who hold our stock of virgin cards. Once the cards are embossed with the names, they are sent back to us by regular US mail. In turn we mail the cards, the same day or the next day by regular US mail, to the concerned chapter.

Now the important factor that has to be kept in mind is that the printer/embosser takes **no less than 2 weeks** to prepare the cards and mail them back to us. In most cases the actual order for certificates and other items has already been mailed, by US Priority Mail, and received by the chapter a number of weeks before the arrival of the cards.

To expedite matters, we have suggested that chapters, once they are certain of the names of the inductees to-be, e-mail their names and the month of ceremony well before mailing out of the actual order. That way we may have some leeway in receiving the cards earlier.

Payment for Orders

From time to time, the National Office attempts to help out a chapter that is running short of time, by filling its order before actual receipt of payment. This is done as a courtesy, although we do not encourage it! The unfortunate consequence of this act of good faith is that some of these chapters seem to forget the whole matter and payment is not made. The National Office then has to go through the time-consuming process of writing to the chapter concerned reminding it of the over-due payment. Sometime this process drags on for several months and cause disruption to our bookkeeping and records.

So we strongly urge all those chapters who are late in their payments to submit payment as quickly as possible.

Invoices

Please be aware that it is not the policy of the National Office to issue invoices for the orders/money received from chapters. It is a time-consuming process, especially when six or more orders have to be processed on the same day.

However, if a particular chapter wishes to have an invoice, this should be clearly indicated on the order form (with a stick-on note). But please be aware that the invoice, in most cases, will be sent separately and at a later date after the actual order itself, either by e-mail or regular mail.

Changes

The following is a repetition of what we have been asking chapters to do over the years. Unfortunately, some advisors seem to ignore updating contact information, which leads to much confusion and complications.

Would all chapter advisors keep us informed of the following changes, as soon as they occur, (in order of priority):

- Any change in the position of the advisor and in particular the name of the new advisor (also his/her e-mail address).
- Changes in the official title of the advisor e.g. professor to doctor
- Changes to the name of the institution e.g. college to university.
- Changes in the mailing address of the institution.
- Changes to e-mail addresses, phone numbers, etc.

Order Form

If an advisor allocates or authorizes the filling of the form by any other party than the advisor himself, the name of the person so designated should be made clear on the order form. Notwithstanding this, the advisor name must appear in the field reserved for the advisor. Otherwise confusion may arise as to whether the person sending in the Order Form is a new advisor. This also applies to orders being placed by electronic mail.

Please download the up-to-date Order form from our website:

<http://www.lacitycollege.edu/academic/honor/amg/homepage.html>

Shipping & Handling Charges

Please note that the basic S&H charges have increased from \$8 to \$9. This charge covers everything that can fit into the "Priority Mail Flat Rate envelope", i.e. any number of certificates and up to 20 Pins and or Guards ONLY! For any additional items, especially for Honor Cords, an extra \$8 is to be added to the basic S&H charges.



AMG Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee has just announced the names of this year's scholarship winners. The list of scholarship recipients may be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

As has been the case over the past few years, the Scholarship Committee receives relatively few applications for our Scholarships. We do not know whether the chapter advisors are not circulating the information to the members or whether there is a lack of interest among the members themselves.

The application forms for the 2013 – 2014 Scholarships will be available online by the end of September and can be down loaded directly from the website. The only thing an advisor would need to do is to remind the members of their respective chapters to apply!

Alpha Mu Gamma

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2012-2013

Goddard, Indovina & Krakowski \$1,000 Scholarships:

Nicole Marie Anastasio
ETA Pi Chapter
Fairfield University

Nancy Delgado
IOTA ZETA Chapter
Baker University

Klevisa Kovaci
ETA PI Chapter
Fairfield University

James Fonseca \$400 Scholarship for the study of Spanish or Esperanto

Shuangquan Zhao
NU SIGMA Chapter
Austin Community College

*Many thanks to the Sally Shulmistras, Patty Pang and Lynne Margolies, members of the Scholarship Committee, for their time and commitment in choosing this year's scholarship recipients!

Chapter Reports

Eta Pi Chapter at Fairfield University, in Fairfield, Connecticut, sent us the following detailed report:

“The Eta Pi Chapter of Alpha Mu Gamma has had another busy year! Besides our monthly membership meetings, our chapter sponsored and/or participated in several events, some of which were cooperative efforts with other groups on campus.

“As usual, our chapter was well represented at the Fall Activities Fair and also the two Spring Open Houses for accepted students. ***We also hosted three ‘Meet and Greets’ at the campus pub (The Levee). These evenings were social hours for international students to meet and have fun with Fairfield Language students and to help them integrate into campus life.*** Our chapter partnered with JUHAN and the Economics Department to help translate children’s books into Haitian Creole for children in Haiti. In order to raise funds for our annual initiation, we held a ‘Dorm Storm’, a grilled cheese fundraiser.

Two members of the Eta Pi Chapter, Kaitlyn Devlin and Jennifer Infante, attended the XXXIII National Convention at LACC with Prof. Wilkinson in October and they gave a presentation about their study abroad experiences in Germany.

For Foreign Language our chapter worked with the Modern Language faculty to create a one-day celebration in the Campus Center. We played an international trivia game, sang rounds of “Frère Jacques” in French, German and Spanish, were entertained by Russian and Spanish dancers and participants even learned how to dance the Spanish Rhumba. Many AMG members attended foreign film screenings and presentations by Fulbright scholars that were held throughout the week.

Eta Pi’s Annual Initiation Ceremony was held in the Oak Room on March 25, 2012. There were over 230 people in attendance, including parents, faculty, administrators (including the President of the University), current and new members. 98 students were inducted and graduating members of our chapter were recognized and new officers were installed. Dr. Joel Goldfield, a French Professor, was the keynote speaker.

Our membership numbers continue to be healthy! We currently have 244 full members, which include new members initiated this year and also 123 seniors who will graduate in May. On March 13th we held our annual ceremony and initiated 102 new members and one faculty member, honored our graduating seniors and had about 150 in total in attendance.

We look forward to another exciting year in 2012-2013!”

Eta Pi Officers (2012-2013)

Co-Presidents: Kristin Alexy & Gabriella Tozzi;

Vice President: Tara McDermott

Secretary: Olga Sidiropoulos (Fall) & Samantha Hart (Spring);

Treasurer: Lauren Racano

Historians: Catarina Aiella & Gina Senerchia

The chapter faculty advisor is: **Angela Tauro**, with Dr. Eileen Wilkinson, as co-advisor. Dr. Wilkinson is also the AMG National President.

Gamma Tau chapter at La Sierra University in Riverside, California, held its initiation ceremony on Sunday 22 April. 7 new members were inducted. The guest speaker at the ceremony was Dr. Ramona L. Hyman, Associate Professor at Loma Linda University, who gave a very moving and informative presentation titled: "Talkin' About Rosa Parks, Montgomery 55, and Social Justice." The President of the University was there and remained during the entire ceremony. Also attending the ceremony were Dr. José Morin, National Treasurer of AMG and Mr. Hisham Malek, the Administrative Assistance of the National Office. Professor Eiko Chatel, the National Executive Secretary, who has also been invited, was unable to attend due to a previous engagement. After the ceremony a very rich refreshment was offered. The chapter student officers are: President: Chelsey Nicole Salvador; VP: Juan Andrés Herrera & Secretary: Tania López. The faculty chapter advisor is **Dr. Lourdes E. Morales-Gudmundsson**, who is also the Regional VP for California, Oregon & Utah.

Iota Rho at Houston Baptist University in Houston, Texas; sent in the following report: "Languages Poetry Night on November 17, 2011 – **Alpha Mu Gamma members did poetry reading performance in French, Portuguese, Vietnamese and Spanish languages. We invited parents and friends of members.** We had refreshments. It was a celebration to appreciate the literature in a variety of languages and we had parents and students of different ethnic backgrounds. Initiation Ceremony on April 11, 2012 – We had 33 members. To entertain the audience, we had musical performances in Spanish, French and Italian. We also had poetry reading performances in Spanish, Portuguese and Vietnamese. The officers conducted the ceremony and we recognized with certificates the most outstanding students, and we gave out an Outstanding Service to the Community Award to the Hispanic Student Organization." The students' officers are: President: Angel Maldonado; VP: Geraldine Bravo; Historian: Tania Negreros; Treasurer: Abigail Alvarez & Secretary: Jennifer Lee. The chapter faculty advisor is: **Dr. Miguel A. Estrada**, who is also the Regional VP for Arkansas, New Mexico and Texas.

Iota Phi chapter at Augusta State University in Augusta, Georgia; stated the following in its annual report: "The Iota Phi chapter has been very busy this year. The third edition of *The Polyglot* magazine was published which profiled short stories and poems in various languages including Greek, Russian, Chinese, Igbo, Spanish, Pakistani-Urdu, Armenian, Portuguese, French and Romanian along with their English translation. A guest lecturer, Dr. Paolo Sapdoni, discussed his book about the Cuban embargo followed with a question and answer session. A Face-to-Face event was held in October where students could meet students of other languages and cultures. **Another popular event that is hosted each semester is the international Game Night where students play games from various cultures.**" The chapter's students officers are: President: Rena Thompson; Treasurer: Stacy Poole and Secretary: Ashley Rivero. The chapter had at the beginning of the academic year 159 members and in 2012 it initiated 36 full members. The chapter faculty advisor is **Dr. Pedro Hoyos**.

Iota Theta chapter at Anderson University in Anderson, Indiana, stated that it had 9 full members at the beginning of the academic year and went on to initiate 11 new members in April 2012. The chapter listed some of the activities it organized or participated in: "Selling 'international' cookies at the Homecoming Street Fair. It held **Weekly discussion group with international students.** It held international film night. The chapter attended, as a group, the international students' dinner. Its initiation ceremony was attended by all the faculty members of the department who brought international dishes and desserts." The students' chapter officers are: President: Jacob Watson; VP: Ashley Brandsma; Secretary: Gretchen Livingston & Treasurer: Lisa Drake. The chapter faculty advisor is **Professor Sally Shulmistras**, who is also the Chair of AMG Scholarship Committee.

Theta Omicron chapter at Saginaw Valley State University in University Center, Michigan; wrote that the students participated in Relay for Life fundraising for the American Cancer Society. The chapter initiated 18 new members and had 16 members at the beginning of the academic year. The chapter student officers are: President: Miranda Stasburg; VP: Rebecca Learman; Historian: Chelsey Odor; Treasurer: Glenn Schroeder & Secretary: Timothy Erskine. The chapter faculty advisor is: **Professor Barbars A. Cohen.**

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Iota Upsilon chapter at West Virginia State University in Institute, West Virginia reported that it had 14 full members at the beginning of the academic year and it went on to initiate 5 in April 2012. The chapter sent-in the following detailed report:

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"Likewise, the Cercle français sponsors monthly meetings for students, faculty and staff and members of the community who are interested in French and Francophone language and culture. The sponsor is French professor Ms. Mary Frye.

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Epsilon Rho chapter at University of Nebraska at Kearney in Kearney, Nebraska; initiated 16 new full members in 2012. The chapter student officers are: President: Matt Kosch; VP: Sasha Van Zandt; Secretary & Treasurer: Kendra Solko; Historian: Jennifer Green & Membership Chair: Samantha Bohl. The chapter faculty advisor [new] is: **Dr. Daren Snider**.

Lambda Epsilon chapter at Manchester Community College in Manchester, Connecticut; held its initiation ceremony on 30 May. The ceremony followed the procedures set out in the Society's Handbook, but as the report stated " ... It is very simple but moving and meaningful to the participants ...". A pot luck supper followed. The chapter also participated in the French Club in the "Adopt a Family for the Holidays", "***... a charitable activity where we provide gifts for needy families, and with the Spanish Club in the food drive for the local pantry.*** We used club funds to purchase materials and books for the Foreign Language Department." The chapter faculty advisor is **Professor Barbara Place**.

Alpha chapter at Lost Angeles City College in Los Angeles, California, held its 24th annual Foreign Language Day celebration in conjunction with the Department of Foreign Languages and Humanities. The event took place on Thursday, 24 April 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The program (a copy of which is reproduced in another part of this Newsletter with photographs of high lights of the event) was varied and rich in the representation of different languages and cultures performed by current students of the department. These included songs, dances and poetry recitals in Spanish; a demonstration of Japanese calligraphy set to music; skits, songs, fencing and dances representing French language and culture; sign singing by American Sign Language students; a Mongolian dance, a martial arts demonstration and songs in Chinese; music, singing and a demonstration of traditional Korean dress; and music, songs and dances representing Arabic, Italian and Russian languages. The event was very well attended by students, faculty, administrators and staff. Raffles were held, prizes were awarded, and refreshments were served throughout the duration of the event. The chapter held its initiation ceremony on 18 May and where 15 members were inducted into the Society.

Epsilon Psi chapter at Grove City College in Grove City, Pennsylvania, inducted two new members " ... for excellence in the study of French (Miss Deanna Chapmion and Mr. Henry Schaeffer), three for excellence in the study of Spanish (Miss Jocelyn Farrell, Miss Sarah Graybill, and Miss Esther Froberg). The activities by the chapter, as stated in the report included the following:

- ***Weekly language tables where people may chat in French, Spanish, German, and Chinese between bites.***
- ***Compilation and maintenance of information for study abroad and about non-teaching jobs for language majors***
- International Food Fair, where students may sample culinary delights from around the world (this year's proceeds went toward the construction of a soccer field in Honduras)
- The International Praise and Worship Service held in various modern languages.
- Study Abroad Panel in which students who wish to stuy abroad can hear about the ins and outs of life abroad.
- Sponsoring Amigos for Mexico, a yearly collection of gently-used clothing and other items on campus for donation.
- A spring picnic for all members and staff.
- ***Tutoring in French, German and Spanish upon request.***

The chapter faculty advisor is **Professor Cynthia A. Forrester**

[Editor's comments: We have taken it upon our self to highlight, in bolded cursive, the activity/s of a particular chapter, which we believe could be looked at by other chapters as possible activities, with local variations, etc. that they can adopt, if they deemed them to be beneficial for the chapter.]



Thanks & Appreciation

SHUKURIA ARIGATO GRAZIE
JUSPAXAR DANKE SCHÖN
MERCI GRACIAS BOLZIN

We extend our thanks and appreciation the following two chapters who have made a contribution to AMG scholarship funds.

- **Mount St. Mary's College** of Milwaukee, WI, *Alpha Omega* chapter, for its contribution of \$10.
- **College of Mount St. Vincent** of Riverdale, New York, *Beta Xi* chapter, for its contribution of \$10.

Once again, we emphasize that it is not only the amount of the contribution that we appreciate, but also the thought that lay behind it.



New Chapters

The National Office is proud to announce the chartering of 4 new chapters to our growing family:

Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, Pennsylvania was established at the request of Mei-Yu Yong on October 25, 2011. Under the Greek designation “**Xi Iota**”, it becomes our 346th chapter.

Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa was established at the request of Marc Cadd on November 25, 2011. Under the Greek designation “**Xi Kappa**”, it becomes our 347th chapter.

St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas was established at the request of Georgia Seminet on January 30, 2012. Under the Greek designation “**Xi Lamda**”, it becomes our 348th chapter. [Editor's note: Professor Georgia Seminet was a former chapter advisor at A&T University in Texas.]

Ventura College in Ventura, California was established at the request of Benigno Somoza on March 26, 2012. Under the Greek designation “**Xi Mu**”, it becomes our 349th chapter.

Some of these chapters have already held initiations! We welcome these new chapters and wish them the utmost success in upholding the lofty ideals of our society.



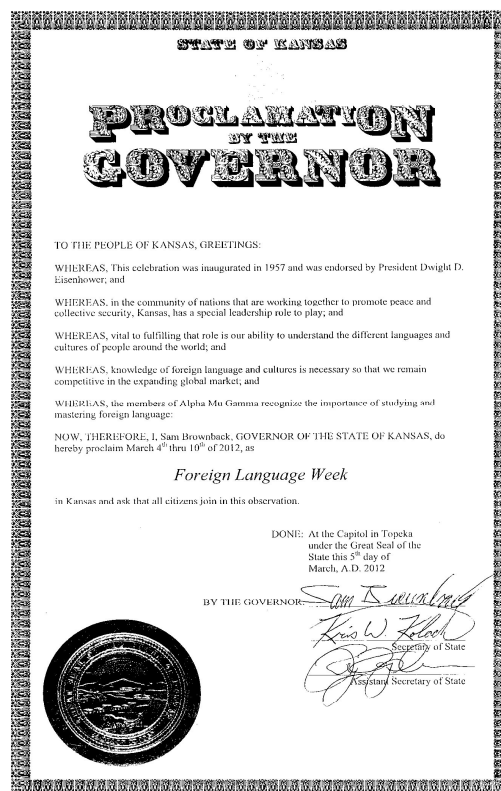
National Foreign Language Week (NFLW)

The National Office is somewhat disappointed that after asking all the National Regional V.P.s to solicit a proclamation, in keeping with past precedents, from their respective State Governors, we received only one such proclamation; from the Governor of the State of Kansas (a copy of which is reproduced below); thanks to the efforts of our regional V.P. for Kansas & Nebraska, Dr. Liborio Gomez of Benedictine College (Iota Pi chapter). We do thank Dr. Gomez for his effort and dedication.

Our National President, Dr. Eileen Wilkinson, addressed a similar request to the President of the United States, unfortunately and as happened last year, she did not even receive an acknowledgment from the White House. The National Executive Secretary, Professor Eiko Chatel, as well as Dr. Lourdes-Morlaes-Gudmundsson, Regional VP for California, Oregon & Utah and advisor of Gamma Tau chapter at La Sierra University, independently, also addressed a request to the Governor of California and received in reply a letter from his office stating that although the Governor supports NFLW and the study of foreign languages, due to financial constraints, he is not able to issue proclamations!

We strongly urge all regional V.P.s to put more effort into requesting proclamations, next year.

It is truly a sad thing to have us arrive at such a low point. Only few years ago we were receiving 8 or more proclamations!



Sigma Chapter at Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles celebrated **National Foreign Language Week** a little earlier, on February 21, 2012, at its Chalon Campus. The event was held in collaboration with the Department of Foreign Languages, as well as the Spanish and French clubs and other organizations of the College,

A guest speaker from the Cultural Office of the French Consulate in Los Angeles, Mr. Pascal Douglas, give a very informative speech about the organization: "[Médécins Sans Frontières](#)" and a most interesting expose & history of "La Francophonie".

The President of the College, Dr. Ann McFlaney Johnson, gave the closing remarks.

We came across a very interesting article that is relevant to languages, which we believe would be of some interest to the readers. The article appeared in the August 6th 2011 issue of the well-read magazine the "Economist".

Invented languages

Tongues and grooves

The lure of made-up languages

SCRABBLE is compelling enough, but playing it in Esperanto, for those of a certain cast of mind, is even more addictive. The invented language's tidy roots and suffixes are well suited to wordplay. A recent game in London featured words like *acajeto* (a little bit of dirt) and *artamehoj* (echoes of the love of art). Over its 120-year history Esperanto may have failed in its original mission to bring world peace via mutual intelligibility, but it remains both an engaging intellectual exercise and a route to a ready-made social life.

"A language isn't something you learn so much as something you join," says Arika Okrent, author of a book on artificial argots. Few people will bother to learn a language on abstract or idealistic grounds, she says. Esperanto gives them a reason to get started, because of the culture that has grown up around it.

The 50,000-odd people able to speak reasonable Esperanto form a kind of global freemasonry, with shared sub-passions including cats, chess and fungus-foraging; a chateau in the Loire Valley offers retreats while "Pasporto Servo" arranges humbler home hospitality for travellers. Skype and Facebook put even the loneliest speaker in touch with others. Wikipedia has 150,000 entries in Esperanto—more than in Hebrew, itself a semi-constructed language revived in modern Israel. The World Esperanto Congress in Copenhagen in late July drew 1,500 people from 67 countries, among them Belgium, which includes the former Neutral Moresnet, a speck of territory that in 1908 nearly adopted the

language as its official tongue.

On a smaller scale, Klingon appeals to "Star Trek" fans and puzzle-solvers. The parlance of the sci-fi series's beetle-browed baddies is ugly, difficult and has no real purpose (barring encounters such as the one pictured). But it has its own translation of "Hamlet" (*"taH pagh taH be"* in case you were wondering), an *Académie Française*-style institute and journal, and a global network of devotees. D'Armond Speers, an American, spoke only Klingon to his son until he was three (his wife spoke English); Helen and Ian Fantom, a couple in Newbury, England, raised all three children in Esperanto. Nick Nicholas, a business analyst from Melbourne, Australia, speaks both Klingon and Esperanto; he is also reputed to be the world's best wordsmith in ultra-logical Lojban.

Esperanto is fairly harmonious by neoglossal standards, though splenetic rows sputter between "conlangers", who think made-up tongues are just for fun, and the "auxlangers", who are serious about substituting for English. Feuds divided and diminished Loglan, Lojban's forebear, which also aimed to eliminate ambiguity and illogicality. Suzette Elgin, creator of the feminist Laadan, tried to capture women's experience with words like *busholan* (to be alone in the bosom of your family) and *halehadihahal* (work that is constantly interrupted), only to discover that lesbians resented her perceived heterosexual bias.

The tide of invention shows no sign of abating. David Crystal, an expert on English, receives a proposal for a new language every six months. The neoglossalists' efforts may seem naive, but their belief in the evanescence of English could prove prescient. Mr Crystal reckons that it is only a matter of time before automatic machine translation becomes so sophisticated that the language of Bagehot loses its role as lingua franca. Enjoy it while you can.



'eSperanto' Hol Dajatlh'a?

AMG BANNERS

The National Office would like to remind chapters that they can order AMG banners. The banner is 4ft. x 3ft. and it is made of tough plastic with grommets for hanging. The banner is durable and, with care, should last for years. It can be used for all type of chapter activities and other occasions, indoors and outdoors. The banner is bright yellow in color and the lettering and logo are in black. The banner has a black border running all along the outside. The cost per banner is \$85, which includes shipping & handling.

At present we have three banners in stock. If more are needed, we can order them as required. The turn-around time is about 2 weeks.



AMG TOTE BAGS

"The National Office has ordered 50 Tote Bags, as per image, made of sturdy cloth material. If there is a demand for it, we will place further orders. The price per bag is \$10, which include S&H."



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BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

The following is a list of AMG National Conventions since the founding of the Society. We thought it might be of interest to chapters who have hosted them, but have no record or recollection of the events. It is hoped that this list may inspire chapters to think about hosting our next National Convention ...
The 34th!

First	December 20-21, 1935	Alpha – Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles, CA
Second	April 11-12, 1938	Epsilon – Chico State College [CSU-Chico], Chicago, CA
Third	March 17-19, 1940	Alpha – Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles, CA
Fourth	March 28-30, 1942	Xi – UC – Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA
Fifth	March 20-21, 1948	Xi – UC- Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA
Sixth	April 1-2, 1950	Alpha – Los Angeles City College. Los Angeles, CA
Seventh	April 5-6, 1952	Phi- Valley College, [Los Angeles Valley College] LA, CA
Eighth	April 10-11, 1954	Gamma – Long Beach City College, Long Beach, CA
Ninth	April 14-15, 1956	Nu – UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
Tenth	April 11-13, 1958	Xi – UC – Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA
Eleventh	May 7-8, 1960	Psi – USC, Los Angeles, CA
Twelfth	May 5-6, 1962	Alpha Beta – Marymount College. Palos Verde, CA
Thirteenth	April 18, 1964	Psi – USC - Los Angeles, CA
Fourteenth	April 23, 1966	Sigma – Mount St. Mary's College, Los Angeles, CA
Fifteenth	March 22-24, 1969	Gamma Xi - Wilbur Wright College & Delta Pi, Southwest College, both in Chicago, Illinois
Sixteenth	April 2-4	Alpha Xi – College of Saint Rose, Albany, NY
Seventeenth	April 26-28, 1973	Delta Epsilon – M.I.I.S, Monterey, CA
Eighteenth	1975	Epsilon Rho – Kearney State College, Kearney, Nebraska
Nineteenth	1977	Gamma Rho – Casper College, Casper, Wyoming
Twentieth	April 6-8, 1979	Gamma Sigma – California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, CA
Twenty-first	April 2-3, 1981	Zeta Xi – Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX
Twenty-second	March 4-5, 1983	Beta Iota – Antelope Valley College, Lancaster, CA
Twenty-third	Feb. 22-23, 1985	Iota Pi – Benedictine College, Atchison, Kansas
Twenty-fourth	Nov. 1987	Kappa Nu – Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA
Twenty-fifth	March 16-18, 1989	Iota Theta – Anderson University, Anderson, IN
Twenty-sixth	March 19-21, 1992	Beta Chi – Cardinal Stritch College [University], Milwaukee, Illinois
Twenty-seven	March 24-26, 1994	Epsilon Chi – Oklahoma City University. Oklahoma City,
Twenty-eighth	January 18-21, 1996	Kappa Omega – Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona, FL
Twenty-ninth	Sept. 24-27, 1998	Lambda Omega – Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA
Thirtieth	March 29-Apr., 2001	Eta Pi – Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT
Thirty-first	Sept. 14 – 16, 2006	Gamma Rho – Casper College, Casper, Wyoming
Thirty-Second	Oct. 15-17, 2009	Eta Pi – Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT
Thirty-Third	Oct. 20-22, 2011	Alpha – Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles, CA

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Eleanor Thayer	Beta	Jun. 1933 - Oct 1933
Marea Goddard	Alpha	Oct. 1933 - Dec 1935
May E. Williams	Epsilon	Dec. 1935 - Apr 1938
Dr. Fernand Cattelain	Iota	Apr. 1938 - Mar1940
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Dr. Stella Lovering	Alpha	Mar. 1948 - Apr 1950
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Dr. Andreina Becker-Colognna	Theta	Apr. 1958 - Apr 1959
Sister Eloise Therese (2)	Sigma	Apr. 1959 - May 1960
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Lynda Durham	Gamma Rho	Sept. 2006 – Jan.2008
Dr. Catherine Campbell	Kappa Gamma	Jan. 2008 - Sept 2009
Dr. Eileen Wilkinson	Eta Pi	Sept. 2009–

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