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## Capital District Regional Meeting Brings Together The LOTE Locals

On Saturday, March 29, 2008, COLT and NYS AFLT hosted The Capital District Regional Meeting at Farnsworth Middle School in Guildlerland. Our keynote speaker, Nancy Ketz, public advocacy chair for NYS AFLT, presented on the importance of advocating for LOTE in New York State. Past NYS AFLT President, Lou Baskinger, presented on the importance and value of being a NYS AFLT member. Combined with wonderful workshops on incorporating phenomenal teaching strategies into our LOTE classrooms, this conference really "Put LOTE on the map."

## Spring Into Summer With An Enchanting Cruise Along The Hudson

On Thursday, June 5, 2008, COLT will host its first annual immersion cruise with Dutch Apple Cruises. [Click here to view the invitation.](#)

## Second Annual Eat, Meet & Greet Potluck Scheduled For The Fall

COLT will host its second annual Potluck this fall. At this event, we will have a guest speaker make a presentation on educating and mentoring teachers in the LOTE profession. An invitation will be sent at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

Save The Date:

### Dutch Apple Cruise

[Thursday, June 5.](#)  
[See attached flyer.](#)

### NYSAFLT Summer Institute

August 5-8  
SUNY Oneonta

### Volunteers Needed for NYSAFLT Awards Committee

[See page 4 of this newsletter.](#)

### Not yet a member?

[See membership form on the last page of this newsletter.](#)

### Do you have a student teacher?

[Consider giving your student teacher a COLT or NYSAFLT membership as a gift.](#)

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## The Latest From Our Regional Directors:

Greetings Capital District LOTE Teachers,

We hope you are looking forward to a relaxing and rewarding summer. As you think about your plans for the summer, keep in mind the opportunities for professional development that NYSAFLT has to offer. **The NYSAFLT Summer Institute** will be held at **SUNY Oneonta on August 5<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>**. This year's theme is Making Connections and is co-sponsored with SED. Conference Chair Sue Hochmuth and her committee are working hard to provide an exciting four days of workshops and collegial collaboration.

### Registration costs are as follows:

-NYSAFLT member \$295, includes conference registration, meals and housing at university.

-Single occupancy: \$ 45 per night or double occupancy: \$32.50 per person.

We hope to see you soon at a COLT or NYSAFLT event!

**Jill Dugan and Colleen Sheehan**

*NYSAFLT Capital District Regional Directors*

## NYSAFLT Awards

Congratulations to Nancy Ladd-Butz, a Spanish teacher at Mohonasen High in Rotterdam. Nancy is this year's New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers winner of the Cemanahuac Educational Community scholarship. Nancy will spend two weeks this summer at the Cemanahuac Institute in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

## Resources and Links Provided by COLT Members:



The WSWHE BOCES Language and Culture Resource (LCRC), which is supported by the Foreign Language Assistance Program, focuses on initiatives that increase the language proficiency, language diversity, and cultural awareness of K-12 students in this region.

Initiatives for students include a summer program which offers language and culture activities in Spanish, French, Chinese and Arabic. The elementary program will be hosted by Lake Avenue Elementary School in Saratoga Springs. The secondary program will be hosted by Adirondack Community College in Queensbury. Scholarships are available to students that receive free and reduced lunch. The Chinese program is funded by STARTALK.

Initiatives for teachers include professional development opportunities. For example, during the April break, 40 LOTE teachers throughout the state gathered for an immersion weekend at Skidmore College. Next year, this well-received initiative will be expanded. Additionally, LOTE teachers are welcome to take advantage of other resources, including a multicultural media collection, a monthly e-newsletter, and a listserv.

To learn more about these and other initiatives, visit [www.wswheboces.org/lcrc](http://www.wswheboces.org/lcrc) or e-mail the grant manager, Peggy Sharkey ([psarkey@wswheboces.org](mailto:psarkey@wswheboces.org)).

## COLT Will Launch Its Own Website Summer 2008

COLT is in the process of creating [www.capitallanguageteachers.org](http://www.capitallanguageteachers.org), COLT's first website. Once the website is launched, current members will receive an e-mail announcement.

### Help Wanted!!!

The executive board of COLT is looking for a volunteer to be our Communications Specialist. The duties of this job include but are not limited to:

- Maintaining the COLT website.
- Creating and sending COLT's quarterly newsletter.
- Being present at COLT meetings and events to take photos.
- Other duties as assigned by the president of COLT.

Eligibility:

- Must be a current member of COLT.
- Must have familiarity with basic webpage design, MS Office software and digital photography.

To Apply:

Send an e-mail of interest to Mike Mitchell, COLT President no later than Sunday, June 1, 2008 to [mitcm1hs@bcsd.neric.org](mailto:mitcm1hs@bcsd.neric.org).

Please feel free to forward this newsletter to your colleagues.

# Immersion Cruise

## Capital Organization of Language Teachers

Join your local LOTE colleagues for an immersion cruise along the Hudson River with:

### **Dutch Apple Cruises**



**Directions to Snow Dock:**

**From I-787 South**

Exit at Rt.20/Madison Ave.

At the end of ramp, make left and follow Port of Albany signs.

Dutch Apple Cruises is under the overpass adjacent to the U-Haul Building (with a truck on top.)

**From I-787 North**

Exit at Port of Albany.

Turn right at Stop and follow small signs to I-787 North.

- Adjacent to U-Haul Building at Broadway

**Speak your language of instruction with other LOTE colleagues.**

**Thursday, June 5, 2008**

**5:30p.m. – 8:p.m.**

**(Boarding time: 5:30p.m. Boat leaves promptly at 6:00p.m.)**

Price includes hors d'oeuvres, music, spectacular views and unlimited LOTE.  
Cash bar available.

Cost: \$20.00 for COLT Members  
\$25.00 for non-members

The form below **MUST** be received by Tuesday, May 27. No walk-ons permitted.  
Seating limited to 30. Please make check payable to COLT.

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*Complete the information below, tear off and send with your payment to:  
Kathy Fagan, 13 Pepper Hollow, Clifton Park, NY 12065*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (w) \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

LANGUAGES AND LEVELS TAUGHT: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attention NYSAFLT/COLT Members!

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It is that time of the year again!  
We have been asked to form a committee to review the nominees for  
the prestigious  
NYSAFLT AWARDS!

Your input and expertise are needed!

**Please check your calendars!**  
**The review meeting will take place on**  
**Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.**  
(whichever date works best for the most people!)

**Committee Chair: Michèle Pollard**

**Place: Academy of the Holy Names**  
**1065 New Scotland Road**  
**Albany, NY 12208**

**Time: 3:30 - 5PM**  
**Refreshments will be served.**

**Please R.S.V.P. to:**  
**pollard\_ma@yahoo.com**  
**518-421-1285 (cell#)**  
**518-438-6553 (school)**

**COLT Membership Form for 2008  
(Jan. – Dec.)**

As Treasurer for COLT, I thank you for joining! Please provide the following:

First name and last: \_\_\_\_\_

Work e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

and / or

Home e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

(\*\*\*An e-mail address is important because COLT would like to send notices for events via e-mail as well as a COLT newsletter. "Snail mail" may be used should e-mail not be available.)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Language(s) taught: \_\_\_\_\_

School address: \_\_\_\_\_

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School ph. # (and ext. if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

COLT would like your input. How might you be able to assist COLT?

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**\*\*\*PLEASE SEND THIS SHEET AND YOUR \$ 5.00 YEARLY DUES  
(payable to "COLT") to:**

Kathy Fagan  
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