

COLT

Capital Organization of Language Teachers



Renew your membership now with COLT!

COLT is cleaning house this new year and soon we will update our current member database so please renew now for the 2010-11 school year! Your membership dollars bring you: outstanding professional development opportunities, teacher incentive grants, student recognition awards and free events like our fall dinner meeting held at Tops in October and the upcoming "Beat the Winter Blues" meeting. Go to:

http://www.capitallanguageteachers.org/become_a_member to renew!

Letter from COLT President, Maureen Geagan

Happy New Year to all:

I hope the New Year has started well for everyone. It's hard to believe that the school year is nearly half over. In light of the state budget crisis and the changes to Foreign Language assessments, active promotion of LOTE is more important than ever. Language skills are a vital component of 21st Century Learning. Ways to promote LOTE include:

- Active membership in LOTE organizations
- Writing to your legislators
- Sending parent newsletters that spotlight your students and LOTE activities
- Encouraging colleagues to join COLT and NYSAFLT
- Nominating a student for the COLT Student Recognition Award
- Applying for a COLT Teacher Incentive Grant
- Participating in professional development geared to LOTE

Networking and sharing ideas with colleagues helps everyone stay connected. Your NYSAFLT Regional Directors, the Regional Conference Planning Committee, and the COLT Executive Board are working hard to provide opportunities for you. Please save the dates for these upcoming events:

Wednesday, February 2, 2011: COLT Winter Meeting – Beat the Winter Blues

Saturday, March 19, 2011: COLT/NYSAFLT Capital Region Conference

Looking forward to seeing you at these events!

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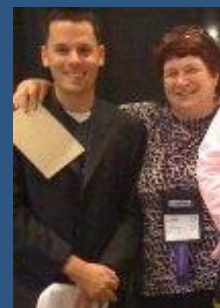
Immediate Past President



NYSAFLT Capital Region Directors:

[Leslie Kudlack](#) (2012)

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Mike and Leslie are proud to represent NYSAFLT in the Capital Region.

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Come to our winter meeting!

The Mid-Winter Blues meeting will be Wed. 2/2 at 4 p.m. – 6 with a snow date the following Wed. at Mohonasen Draper Middle School 2070 Curry Road, Schenectady
Directions: <http://www.mohonasen.org/directions/index.cfm> A brief business meeting will be followed by short presentations. Light refreshments will be served. Registration available on 123 signup, No charge for current COLT members, \$5 for guests.

Join COLT or Renew Your Membership for 2010-2011

Benefits of C.O.L.T. Membership:

- Annual Membership (July-June)
- Free quarterly e-newsletter
- Discounted conference and event fees
- Free events
- Network with area LOTE teachers
- Quality professional development

- Regional Conference
- Quarterly workshops and social gatherings

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To become a 2010-2011 COLT Member, click here:

[New Members \(enroll\)](#)

Members Only:

[Existing Members \(renew for 2010-2011\)](#)

[Update your profile and contact information](#)



Please take a moment to visit the NYSAFLT web site to get up to date information. Soon the winning video in the 1st ever video contest will be posted. Show it to your students to promote language learning, or link it to your web site for parents to see as well. Also be sure to visit: <http://www.nysaflt.org/urgent/> to read the latest regarding State Assessments. There is a link to David Abrams' response to President Sue Hochmuth's letter. Check out the advocacy page for new ideas for promoting languages.

Capital District Regional Conference

Co-sponsored by the Capital Organization of Language Teachers (COLT) and the New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers (NYSAFLT)



SAVE the DATE for the 2011 Regional Conference

Workshops, exhibitors and continental breakfast

Saturday, March 19, 2011
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Mohonasen High School

Check the COLT website after January 21st for more details.

<http://www.capitallanguageteachers.org/conferenceevents>