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Our new Young Ambassador from Nantes, Hocine Jouini, with some members at the Boulangerie Nantaise for our March Deuxième Dimanche.

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## French Intern's First Impressions

**By Hocine Jouini**—I arrived on February 27th after a long and difficult journey (all my flights were delayed and I had to make connections in both Montreal and Toronto...). But, Pamela and Tom were there at the airport to greet me!

I was supposed to sleep in the next morning and recuperate...but there was no way I could sleep, I was far too excited to have arrived!

After that, I was introduced to my new Seattle life by Pamela, Tom, and my host family, the Boikos. I want to thank them all for their warm welcome and for being so helpful to me.

I went skiing with my host family. It was awesome (this is the first new word I learned here)! Nantes is so far from the mountains that I've only skied a few times in my life.

Seattle has so many incredible

views!!! A view of the Puget Sound (from Pamela's house!), and Mt. Rainier! And also modern panoramic views; I like to see the downtown cityscape at night, it is so awesome with all the buildings lights!

Right now, I work on Mondays for SNSCA, and Tuesday through Friday for the Folklife Festival. The staff at the City Hall is really good to me too. Tsering Yuthok is my mentor and principal coordinator.

I will move from the Boikos in Ballard to the U District at the end of March. I have enjoyed staying with them, and I think Ballard is awesome, but I think that I will also enjoy discovering a new Seattle neighborhood!

I have already met many SNSCA members at the Deuxième Dimanche and the Dollars for Scholars Auction, but my goal is to meet many more of you. Please feel free to get in touch!

## Renew Now to Lock in Low Rates

**By Susan Wolf**—The Seattle-Nantes Sister City Association has long prided itself on the affordability of its membership rates. Indeed, our rates today are lower than those of numerous Sister City Associations in Seattle, and we offer a “senior rate” not always available elsewhere.

Sadly, rising costs dictate that we raise our rates to support our current high level of activity. In an effort to remain affordable to as many as possible, however, SNSCA invites its loyal members to lock in their current low rates for up to two years by renewing now---before the planned rate increase goes into effect on July 15, 2007.

That’s right! Those who renew (at any category) by July 15th can lock in today’s rates through July 15, 2009! Below, you will find a chart of current and future rates:

	<i>Now</i>	<i>After July 15</i>	<i>Thru 2009</i>
<i>Student</i>	\$10	\$10	\$20
<i>Senior</i>	\$10	\$15	\$20
<i>Individual</i>	\$20	\$25	\$40
<i>Family</i>	\$30	\$35	\$60

But why wait until July? Send us your one-year renewal check by May 1 and we will offer you FREE tickets (one, two or three, depending on category) to a performance at the highly acclaimed Seattle International

Children’s Festival (Seattle Center, May 14-19). And this Festival’s not just for kids!

Simply request your free ticket(s) for either A. Glouglou (toddlers) or B. Les Parfaits Inconnus (all ages), at the time of your renewal. Visit [www.seattleinternational.org](http://www.seattleinternational.org) for more information on these two outstanding francophone shows.

Renew your membership prior to May 1 for TWO YEARS, and you can request DOUBLE the number of SICF tickets. We’ll drop them in the mail to you as soon as we receive your renewal.

Since admission to SICF shows costs \$9.50, your SNSCA membership will end up costing you...virtually nothing! (More than that and we’d be paying you to join!)

So...what are you waiting for? RENEW TODAY! Send in the application form and your check to SNSCA, noting clearly your SICF request in the margins:

SNSCA  
7007 – 35th Avenue N.W.  
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P.S. Members who joined or renewed since December 2006 can also get a second year at current rates and SICF tickets on request. Contact Susan at 206.352.2223 or [susan.wolf@seattle-nantes.org](mailto:susan.wolf@seattle-nantes.org).

### PLEASE JOIN US TODAY

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION:    New Member    Renewal

Individual Annual Dues

Corporate Annual Dues

Student	\$10.00	Sponsor	\$50.00	Patron	\$100.00
Senior citizen	\$10.00	Patron	\$100.00	Donor	\$250.00
Individual	\$20.00	Donor	\$250.00	Benefactor	\$500.00
Family	\$30.00	Benefactor	\$500.00		

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check (tax deductible) payable to: Seattle-Nantes Sister City Association (SNSCA) and mail to: 7007 35th Ave. NW; Seattle, WA 98117**

Please indicate which activities you would like to participate in:

\_\_\_\_\_ Educational, cultural or business exchanges

\_\_\_\_\_ Homestays

\_\_\_\_\_ French cuisine

\_\_\_\_\_ Event planning

\_\_\_\_\_ Performing and fine arts

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Sports exchanges (soccer, sailing, rowing, tennis)

\_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter

\_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising

\_\_\_\_\_ Board of Directors (meet 2nd Tuesday of every month)

What is your profession? \_\_\_\_\_

## SNSCA Sponsors Film Screening at SIFF

**By Tom Bennett**—This year we are again sponsoring a French film at the Seattle International Film Festival (May 24—June 17), the largest film festival in the nation! The films have not yet been chosen, but when we have made our selection, we will be sure to inform you promptly.

Last year, we met for a convivial dinner in an excellent restaurant across the street from the Neptune, where our choice, Claude Chabrol's masterful "L'Ivresse du Pouvoir" was shown. Fifteen minutes before show time, our group

was ushered in a side door and seated in a reserved block of excellent center section seats, in advance of other ticket holders. This will be our second year doing this, and those who participated last year enjoyed a fine evening. Our new SNSCA brochures will be available at all French film screenings during the festival.

SIFF is now reviewing all films for inclusion at the festival. We will contact you by email with complete information on our dinner and movie choices, just as soon as we have it.

## Nantes Hip Hop Crew to Perform in Seattle Soon

**By Hocine Jouini**—To celebrate its eight year anniversary, Seattle's homegrown hip hop crew, the "Massive Monkees," has invited the Nantes artistic company "KLP" to perform at venues around Seattle from April 23rd to May 3rd. Last year, the Massive Monkees traveled to Nantes at the invitation of KLP and performed in a hip hop festival there. The success of this first exchange led the city of Nantes to sponsor the French group's travel to Seattle this year.

The KLP crew has made a name for itself through lively performances all over Europe. In April and May, 2006, the crew gave 20 shows during its tour of France, and was awarded the « Beaumarchais Prize » in a Paris

tournament for its show called "Sissa." KLP also appeared last summer in New York at the legendary "Rock Steady Crew Anniversary." The group is creating a new show this year called "Insolentes solistes" which it will perform on its US tour in 2008!

As one of the highlights of its stay here in Seattle, KLP will participate in a hip hop competition on Saturday, April 27th at the University of Washington HUB's North Den. Stay tuned for a complete schedule of KLP's different performances around town which will include workshops in high schools and dance academies, as well as street performances in downtown Seattle.

## New Members: WELCOME!

Sophie Keefe-Bullock  
Bob Boiko & Margaret McCormick  
Sally Mussetter

Paula Jensen & Robin Waples  
Annie Beranger  
Janine de St. Giles

## Recent Renewals: THANK YOU!

Janet Anderson  
Geraldine Aselin  
Tom Bennett  
Karen Boschker  
Myrna Cordova  
Tad Davis

Judy Deignan  
Robert & Patricia Hunt  
Pat Landry  
Jean & Mary Leblon  
Dorothy & Richard Lipsky  
Mary March

Richard Norris  
Misa Bourdoiseau  
Gary & Margaret Salmi  
Susan Wolf  
Anne-Laure & Eric Wyse

## Come to the Annual Sister Cities Reception

What:	11th Annual Sister City Reception
When:	Thursday, April 19th 6-8 pm
Where:	Bertha Landes Room Seattle City Hall 600 4th Avenue
Cost:	\$20

**By Tom Bennett**—Meet interesting people from all 21 of Seattle's sister cities at the annual reception in City Hall. This year's featured cities are Be'er Sheva, Bergen,

Kobe and Limbe. Enjoy a buffet of food items from each of these cities, be entertained by folk dancers from Be'er Sheva and Bergen, a jazz singer and trio from Kobe, and exciting performers from Limbe.

Your admission also includes a raffle ticket for items such as gift baskets from each of

the four featured cities. Want more? You can buy items with an ethnic flair from each featured city at a silent auction.

Send a check for \$20 to:

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Contact me at:

tom.bennett@seattle-nantes.org  
or (425) 712-0105 for more information.

Or visit [www.dementad.com/Reception](http://www.dementad.com/Reception)

## Nostalgia in Nantes

**By Tom Bennett**— Fifteen years ago my daughter Kristen studied in Nantes, thanks to a scholarship from the Seattle-Nantes Sister City Association.

Two years ago, Kristen took her daughter Kari, then age six, to visit her sister and her daughter, Fran, living in England. The foursome made a trip to Paris, and took a day-excursion to Nantes as well, where they

visited Madame Boulanger, the lady with whom Kristen had stayed in her student days. I have transcribed below the recollections of my granddaughter Fran Herr, age five at the time of the trip. We hope you enjoy reading her take on things!



Kari and Fran Herr enjoy a Parisian merry-go-round

## Fran Recounts her trip to France

**By Fran Herr**—“My cousin came to my house in England and then we got to go to France with our Moms. We saw the Eiffel Tower and walked along the Seine in Paris. One day we took the train to Nantes and we saw my aunt’s French mom. She served us a big lunch and we got to try roast duck. Even my aunt ate it and she is a vegetarian!

Now I live in Seattle and I’m glad I’ve lived in England and traveled in France”

(You may have seen my mom, Karen Herr, perform a Cancon at the SNSCA Dollars for Scholars Auction!)

## (Re)Discover Your French Sister

**By Susan Wolf**— SNSCA members and other Seattleites who are able travel to France in late May/early June can take in the first-ever “Nantes-Seattle-Jacksonville Week,” sponsored by the Nantes-Seattle-Jacksonville Sister City Association and the Young Ambassador Program in Nantes. The festival, to be held at the Espace Cosmopolis from May 30 to June



2, will focus on Nantes’ American relations through photographic exhibitions, conferences and debates (on Lafayette and the American Revolution, for example) and educational display booths. A number of other Franco-American associations, such as France-United States and France-Louisiana-Brittany, will also be represented.

The Nantes-Seattle-Jacksonville Sister City Association has generously offered to find host families, free of charge, for visitors hailing from the Emerald City. What better way to encourage sister-city exchanges and enable Seattleites to get to know Nantes and its people? Nantes-Seattle-Jackson will also provide members with tickets to the

evening concerts and a guided tour of the City of Nantes.

This is an absolutely extraordinary invitation to Seattleites to come (re)discover their French Sister. Nantes-Seattle-Jacksonville hopes that as many as possible will accept! We at SNSCA would like to express our gratitude to Nantes-Seattle for offering

us this splendid opportunity for cultural enrichment.

The President of Seattle-Nantes-Jacksonville, Mariette Cassourret, and our Young Ambassador to Nantes, Colton Carothers, await your questions and e-mail confirmation! Additionally, should you have ideas for activities, booths, conferences, debates, or films for the Nantes-Seattle-Jacksonville Week, please write to:

Mariette.Cassourret@hotmail.fr  
Colton.M.Carothers@Nantes.fr.

## Calendar of Events

April 4	Board Meeting, 7-9 pm
April 13	All-member Potluck
April 15	Deuxième Dimanche at the Boulangerie Nantaise
April 19	Seattle Sister Cities Reception, 6-8 pm, City Hall
May 2	Board Meeting, 7-9 pm
May 13	Deuxième Dimanche (Bring your Mother!)
May 14-19	Seattle International Children's Festival, Seattle Center
May 24—June 17	Seattle International Film Festival
June 6	Board Meeting, 7-9 pm
June 10	Deuxième Dimanche
July 14-15	Bastille Day at Seattle Center



Shango performs at the Seattle Center for Bastille Day 2005

## Oh! The Rewards of Each One, Reach One!

**By Susan Wolf**—Refer a new member by August 1, 2007 and we'll automatically enter your name in a drawing for a free year's membership. Just be sure the new member lets us know you've referred them. This also applies,

of course, to members who buy a year's membership for someone else. The odds of your winning are positively enormous (last year's lone contestant, and winner, was Judy Deignan).

## Easy Way to Support Your Favorite Nonprofit

**By Tom Bennett**—Over 70? Here's an easy and economical way to support the SNSCA and/or The Dollars for Scholars Program

If you are 70½ or over and withdrawing from an IRA, you can have contributions sent directly to a qualified nonprofit and the amount of the distribution given to the nonprofit will not be included in your adjusted gross income for the year. This may reduce your taxes on your Social Security

benefits beyond what you would have paid if you had taken the distribution in cash. This is especially beneficial to seniors who do not itemize taxes.

For more information talk to your financial or tax advisor, or contact me at:

tom@tomben.net or 425 712-0105.

## All-Member Potluck

**By Pamela Hughes**— Please come and say goodbye to our IUT student guests. We will meet in the Greenwood area of Seattle.

Who:	All members
What:	Potluck for IUT students
When:	Friday, April 13th, 7 pm
Where:	Greenwood Area in Seattle

exact location and to coordinate side dishes for a main course that the Association will provide.

pamela.hughes@seattle-nantes.org  
or 206-789-1904

Please contact me by Monday, April 9th, for

## Notice Board

**WANTED: HOST/HOSTS** for a Nantes-Seattle Association member who has an internship in downtown Seattle during July and August.

Arnaud is 19 years old, has hopes of a diplomatic career, will work full-time while here, and comes with a glowing recommen-

ation from the Nantes-Seattle Association President. His stay could be split between two hosts.

Contact Pamela Hughes:

pamela.hughes@seattle-nantes.org  
or 206-789-1904

## IUT Student Visit Update

**By Pamela Hughes**—A huge thank you to all of you who have agreed to host our young guests from Nantes University.

There are still a couple of students who haven't a home, so if you'd like to help, there's still time! Have a look at the schedule below and contact Pamela Hughes as soon as possible.

### Home-Stay Schedule

- April 6th - Evening pick-up of student downtown
- April 7th and 8th –students with the hosts, doing what they would do, with perhaps an activity special to Seattle

- April 9th - Return students in morning to either downtown or Seattle University

There will also be an all-member potluck on April 13th to say goodbye to the students. See details in related article.

To the family with two young children who offered to host via telephone right after the last newsletter, I have lost you! I have a student, but not your phone number.

Please contact Pamela Hughes a.s.a.p.

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## Joie de Vivre Reigns at Dollars for Scholars Auction



**By Tom Bennett**—Cancan dancer Karen Herr enthralled her audience with daring artistry, and the suave music of the Franco-American trio, Amitié, regaled diners feasting on classic French fare at our Rainier Square Auction held at the Crepe de Paris.

Hosts greeted the guests as they entered with a glass of Limoux, a fine sparkling wine developed 150 years before champagne. Attentive wait staff bearing large trays of canapés tempted bidders as they vied for an array of silent auction items including theater tickets, gourmet dinners,

and unique French handicrafts from our Nantes Boutique.

After savoring salmon nantais au beurre blanc (or chicken normande), the diners at each of the six tables competed for an assortment of delectable desserts. Luscious coconut- crème confections by Dahlia Lounge, a picture-perfect chocolate layer cake by Bakery Nouveau and a pair of gleaming chocolate tortes prepared by SNSCA's own Susan Wolf attracted some of the highest bids.

But the main event was decidedly the auction itself, a high-spirited affair led by Misa Bourdoiseau, Executive Director of the Alliance Française-turned-Auctioneer for the evening! On one occasion, Misa spurred on the guests' com-

petitive frenzy to the point that a husband nearly bid against his own wife on one of the many outstanding items, which ranged from tickets to the SIFF's opening night to a performance by splendid vocalist Danick Jawer and her trio, Amitié.

The distinguished guest-list included not only members of The Alliance Française, the Mercer Island-Thonon-les-Bains Sister City Association and The French-American Chamber of Commerce, but also the Honorable French Counsel, Jack Cowen, as well as past SNSCA President Monica Howell and two previous winners of the SNSCA/Goldmark scholarship, Jill Yotz and Kristen Johanson.

The SNSCA Board of Directors extends heartfelt thanks to the above-named persons and Associations and the many merchants and individuals who generously contributed to the success of our first-ever auction:

Amitié  
Arista Wine Cellars of Edmonds  
Bakery Nouveau  
Champion Wine Cellars of Seattle  
Crepe de Paris  
The Dahlia Lounge  
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