General News and Announcements

• There is no Continental Coffee Hour this Wednesday due to the Thanksgiving Break. The final CCH for the semester will be on Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Departmental Lounge.

• Please join us for a Holiday Celebration on Friday, Dec. 5 from 5 to 7 in Boileau Hall. There will be an open bar and some appetizers. A short program will begin at 6. All members of the Department are invited.

• Dominique Navarro, a Spanish MA graduate and former adjunct, has written and sends greetings to all. She is expecting in early April. She can be reached at fdnavarro@sbcglobal.net.

Meetings

• The spring Departmental Meetings have been set for Thursday, Jan. 15, Feb. 5, March 5 (note change from previous March 12 date) and April 16, all from 3:30 to approx. 5 in BSC 352/353 with the exception of the March 5 meeting in DuBourg 157.

Deadlines

• To retain claim to Faculty Development Funds, by December 1 each fulltime faculty member must inform the Chair briefly in writing how the money will be used if you have not already done so. The circumstances surrounding Faculty Development Funds have changed such that MCL will revise the document governing the dispersal of these funds at some point during the spring semester.

• The Annual Activity Reports of all fulltime, returning faculty may be submitted to the Chair anytime until Dec. 31.

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Kudos

• A special thanks to Dr. Teresa Johnson for hosting another very successful La Cena on Nov. 7 with approx. 130 guests. Proceeds this year went to La Clinica.

• The 2008 Sixteenth Century Studies Conference "Roland H. Bainton Prize for Reference Works" was awarded to the Encyclopedia of Women in the Renaissance. Italy, France, and England, Diana Robin, Anne R. Larsen, and Carole Levin, eds. (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC/CLIO, 2007). Dr. Kathleen Llewellyn (Assistant Professor of French) contributed articles on Anne of Brittany and Louise of Savoy.

• Within the framework of Florissant Community College's "Cultural Awareness Week" focusing on Italy, Dr. Simone Bregni recently gave a presentation entitled "Windows on Italy: Italian Language & Culture in the Digital World."

• Drs. Reinhard Andress' and Egon Schwarz’ translation from Spanish into German of Benno Weiser Varon’s 1943 novel of exile, Yo era europeo, as Ich war Europäer (including an afterword by Dr. Andress) was positively reviewed in October in Die Presse and Neue Zürcher Zeitung, leading daily newspapers respectively in Austria and Switzerland. A review has also appeared on the website of the Literaturhaus Wien: http://www.literaturhaus.at/buch/buch/erez/Weiser-Varon/.

From the Chair

• This is the last MCLanguage Matters for the semester. It will return on Monday, January 12.

• I will be gone during the week of December 8 in connection with a book presentation in Vienna. Dr. Anthony Daly, SJ (dalvac@slu.edu or 7-2451) will be Acting Chair during that week.

• Have a restful Holiday Season!