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**General News and Announcements**

On November 6-7, 2009, the German division held its annual German immersion weekend at SLU's Lay Center for the Arts and Education near Louisiana, MO. 32 students from SLU's & Webster's German programs and 4 faculty (Dr. Reinhard Andress, Dr. Gregory Divers, Dr. Evelyn Meyer & Dr. Paula Hanssen (Webster) and 2 FLTAs (Ms. Cigdem Yig & Ms. Jenny Schlegel (Webster)) participated in a variety of activities, cooked German food, watched the German film "Keinohrhase", hiked, sang songs at the bonfire etc. We would like to extend a special "thank you" to Rich Ullman, a 2006 SLU graduate, for his donation of bratwurst. The weekend was great fun, as usual!

Yolanda Diaz Olmos sent us the following note:

"I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciate the words, the support, and the plant I got from the department. Special gratitude to Dr. Arbeláez who substituted for me while I went to Argentina for my father's funeral. Thank you."

Mass was celebrated in French on November 12, in St. Dominic Chapel of Jesuit Hall. Many thanks to Arline Cravens, who organized the Mass! Arline also sang in the choir and Katie Swanstrom did one of the readings.

The Department Holiday Party will take place on Friday, December 11, 5-7 p.m. It will be held in DuBourg 409 (Sinquefield State Room).

**Meetings**

Department meetings next semester will take place on the following Thursdays, 3:30-5:00 p.m.: January 14, February 12, March 19, April 8.

**Deadlines**

Book orders for the Spring 2010 semester were due October 23.

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**Kudos**

- Dr. Claudia Karagoz presented a paper titled "Through a Woman's Lens: Sicily and Sicilians in Letizia Battaglia's Photographs" at the South Atlantic Modern Language Association 81st Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, on November 7.
- Dr. Elizabeth Blake, Adjunct Professor of Russian and Theological Studies, participated in a Round Table on the Saint Louis University Museum of Art exhibition "Relics of a Glorious Past" at the Annual Meeting of the Central Slavic Conference on November 6, 2009. Her discussion focused on the portrayal of women, most notably the Mother of God and Saint Barbara, in the icons from the Cooper collection.
- Dr. Gregory Knott, an adjunct in our German Division, has just published a book: *Arnold Stadler: Heimat and Metaphysics*. Berlin: Weidler Verlag, 2009.

**From the Chair**