

## Chapter Chat

April 2010

### President's Reception, AGM and Chapter Planning Meeting

CPF-SK will once again be hosting the President's Reception on June 4 at the Radisson Hotel in Saskatoon, located at 405 – 20th Street East. This event will take place in the Da Vinci Room from 7pm to 10pm and there will be appetizers provided. The Volunteer of the Year Award and the Inspiring Teacher Awards will be presented. This year we are happy to have the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, His Honour the Honourable Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart, in attendance. This event is a great opportunity to network with politicians, educators, parents and volunteers about French-second-language learning initiatives in the province.

The following day will be a busy and productive day involving a Keynote speaker, Chapter Reports, CPF-SK AGM and a World Café rotational discussion on various topics led by our National Liaison Lisa Marie Perkins. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

So far the list of discussion topics are as follows:

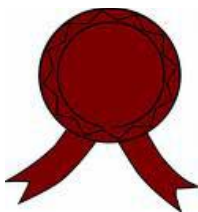
- Don't be afraid to use the money in your bank accounts
- Chapter rebates and what must be done in order to receive them
- Advantages to advertising in our newsletter
- How to best organise transportation to and from Rendez-vous events
- Benefits of regular conference calls
- The issue of photography at CPF events

If there are ANY topics you would like to discuss during this meeting please email them to me at [chapterdevelopment@sasktel.net](mailto:chapterdevelopment@sasktel.net) and I will add them to the list.

Please begin to think about who will represent your community during this weekend and let the office know by April 30 at the latest so hotel rooms can be booked for you.

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#### Volunteer of the Year Award



The forms for Volunteer of the year award have been sent to you all. We have received a couple nominations already. Please take a moment to reflect on the good work done by the volunteers on your chapter and fill out and submit a nomination form to us by April 30, 2010.

#### The Inspiring Teacher Awards

The nomination forms have been sent to the French immersion schools in the province. We have received a several nominations, but there is still time! We would like to award both a rural and an urban teaching award, so please take a moment to acknowledge the important contribution of French-second-language teachers in your area. The deadline for the Inspiring Teacher Award nominations is April 23, 2010.



## Fête du soleil

CPF-SK is happy to once again be offering Fête du soleil in various communities across the province. If you would like to bring this week-long summer day camp to your town or city, please confirm a date and location with the CPF-SK office by April 16.

Also, please let us know if you require a Fête du soleil Manual to assist in planning.



## French for Parents Classes

We have been receiving more and more inquiries and requests for French for Parents classes in various regions of the province. If you are interested in offering these classes in your community please contact the office and we can help you get started.



## We Welcome Newsletter Articles

Do you have a story that would be of interest to CPF members in other parts of Saskatchewan? Perhaps a unique chapter project that others might want to try? A story about, or by, a student or grad? A message from one parent to others?

We welcome articles for the CPF-Saskatchewan Newsletter. To submit an item or to discuss the suitability of an idea, please email [cpsask@sasktel.net](mailto:cpsask@sasktel.net) or contact us by phone at 1-800-561-6151 (244-6151 in Saskatoon).

## Need more pamphlets, posters, Keys to French, newsletters, promo items?

As members of CPF-SK you and your chapter are eligible to receive many free and discounted resources to help promote and support French-second-language learning in your community. If you have any questions about these resources or would like to place an order, please contact the office.

## Mark Your Calendar

**April 15:** Deadline to book a date for Fête du soleil.

**April 30:** Deadline to confirm presence at 2010 President's Reception, Annual General Meeting and Chapter Planning Meeting in Saskatoon on June 4 and 5.

**April 23:** Deadline to submit Volunteer of the Year Award nominations.

**April 30:** Deadline to submit Inspiring Teacher Award nominations.

**April 30:** Deadline for the Branch office to receive the Chapter Annual Activity Report and Statement of Revenue and Expense (formerly called the Financial Report).

**June 4:** President's Reception from 7pm - 10pm in the Da Vinci Room at the Radisson Hotel in Saskatoon.

**June 5:** Chapter Planning Meeting and AGM at the Radisson Hotel in Saskatoon.

**July-August:** Fête du soleil (various dates and locations across the province).

**October 14-17:** CPF National Conference in Ottawa.



## FRENCH RESOURCES

### Le Myosotis

Le Myosotis is a French-second-language dictionary entirely developed in Canada. CPF members receive a 15% discount, making the soft bound copy **\$22.50** (retail price \$26.50).

"As an educator, and in my current role, it is my opinion that Myosotis is the best resource that I have seen for committed FSL learners." - Quote from James Shea, Executive Director of Canadian Parents for French.

We will have a few copies of these resources for you to see at the Chapter Planning Meeting in Saskatoon on June 5, 2010. You can also visit the website at [www.myosotis.ca](http://www.myosotis.ca) to get more information. If you wish to order the dictionary, we have a box of copies at the office.

#### Five useful French expressions:

I am hungry - **J'ai faim**

I am thirsty - **J'ai soif**

What is that? - **Qu'est-ce que c'est?**

I don't understand - **Je ne comprends pas**

Did you finish your home work? -

**Est-ce que tu as fait tes devoirs?**

#### List of four things you can do in French with your family:

- Read a French book together twice a week
- Write your grocery list in French
- Watch cartoons in French with your children
- Listen to French music twice a week

### Online Bookstores

#### [livres-disques.ca](http://livres-disques.ca)

CPF members are entitled to a 10% discount on quality French language books and educational tools from Canada and around the world. Use the electronic catalogue to access hundreds of French resources for all age groups.

#### [ouiforkids.com](http://ouiforkids.com)

This French online bookstore in British Columbia is pleased to offer all CPF members a 10% discount on all products on their website. To take advantage of the offer, please identify yourself as CPF members and include your membership number when placing an order. This can be done in the comments section of the online order form.

#### [fireflybooks.com](http://fireflybooks.com)

Fireflybooks distributes hundreds of French-language calendars and children's books. They are offering CPF members the following terms:

Per 'ship to' address, an order of 25 assorted books will receive 40% off the retail price.

To take advantage of this offer, please contact:

[parisa@fireflybooks.com](mailto:parisa@fireflybooks.com).



### Keys to French

The CPF Keys to French Reference Guides are fantastic resources for French-second-language learners of all ages! There are two levels, each including helpful translations and vocabulary as well as charts to help with grammar and verb conjugation. These guides are flat and durable which makes them easy to transport, and they are whole-punched to fit inside a regular binder.

The cost is as follows:

CPF-SK Chapters - \$4.00

CPF Members - \$5.00

Non-members - \$6.00

If you would like to place an order please email [cpfsask@sasktel.net](mailto:cpfsask@sasktel.net) or call 244-6151 (toll free 1-800-561-6151).

