

**Ruth Blanchard, of Pierre Part,** is a veteran teacher of almost thirty years in the Assumption Parish public school system and a native speaker of Cajun French. Blanchard was involved in the creation of the French immersion program at Pierre Part Elementary in 1990.

**Michelle Broussard, of Breaux Bridge,** taught French in Acadiana for eleven years and has worked to launch three French immersion programs in Louisiana.

**Christopher Bush, of Baton Rouge,** is a lawyer and has worked for the Alliance Francaise of New Orleans. Bush has served on various private and public tourist organizations in the State of Louisiana as a planner, promoter and guide.

**Gerald Domingue, of Lafayette,** has been serving as the Treasurer on the Fondation Louisiane Board since 1980. Fondation Louisiane is a non-profit organization that serves as a key supporting support group to the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana.

**Dr. Sylvie Dubois, of Baton Rouge,** is a Gabrielle Muir Professor in French Studies and chair of the Department of French Studies at Louisiana State University.

**Audrey George, of Houma,** is a retired high school teacher of French, Spanish, and English. George helped to establish CODOFIL in 1968, serving as the Louisiana State Supervisor of Foreign Languages.

**Christian Goudeau, of Opelousas,** is an attorney in Opelousas and a member of the Francophone Section of the Louisiana Bar Association. Goudeau has both American and French citizenship and is the Honorary Consul General of France for Louisiana.

**Richard Guidry, of Lafayette,** is the author of several literary works concerning the Cajun French and Creole languages. Guidry has developed nationally recognized language curricula and has represented Louisiana's French-speaking communities at home and abroad.

**Kirby Jambon, of Lafayette,** has taught in the French Immersion program in Lafayette. Jambon has served as an officer and member of Action Cadienne (Cajun Action), Le Théâtre Cadien (Cajun Theater), and the Louisiana Consortium of Immersion Schools.

**Dr. Tom Klingler, of New Orleans,** is head of the Department of French and Italian at Tulane University and is a linguist specializing in the French and Creole languages of Louisiana.

**Jacqueline Labat, of Baton Rouge,** has been a French teacher for 38 years and is serving as the associate principal of students for St. Joseph's Academy in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**Christy Maraist, of Lafayette**, has attended summer immersion programs in both Québec and Nova Scotia. Maraist is a board member and past president of the Acadian Memorial Foundation and vice-president of the Friends of the Humanities.

**David Marcantel, of Jennings**, is a lawyer and is the former owner of a French-language radio station which can now be found on the internet as Radio CODOFIL. Marcantel was inducted into the Québec government's Ordre des Francophones d'Amérique for his numerous contributions to French development in Louisiana.

**Kay Martin, of Baton Rouge**, has a Ph.D. in French literature from Duke University. Martin has been active in the continued development of Cajun-French culture in Louisiana since the early 1980's when she worked for the Secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism during the Treen administration.

**John Olivier, of Sunset**, has been on the CODOFIL council since its inception, supporting activities with French speaking people and Louisiana. Olivier was also the former mayor of Sunset for 44 years.

**Warren A. Perrin, of Lafayette**, is an attorney and is an original co-founder of the Acadian Heritage & Culture Foundation. The foundation was instrumental in creating the Acadian Museum, located in Erath. Perrin will serve as the chair for CODOFIL.

**Brenda Trahan, of Lafayette**, is the bilingual Curator/Director for the Acadian Memorial.

**Anthony Zaunbrecher, of Hayes**, has been active in promoting French in Louisiana through his work as the supervisor of Foreign Languages within the Curriculum and Instruction Department of the Calcasieu Parish School Board.

New Appointments to the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana:

**Gerald "Jerry" Arceneaux, of Rayne**, is an Alderman in the City of Rayne. Arceneaux's ancestry can be traced directly to Nova Scotia.

**J.C. Aube, of Abbeville**, is the Grand Knight with the Knights of Columbus Hall in Abbeville and can trace his French heritage through multiple generations.

**Michele Bailliet, of Thibodaux**, was born in the West French Indies and has lived in France for eight years. Bailliet is the coordinator of the French Exchange Program at Nicholls State University.

**Russell Benoit, of Rayne**, is the current Assessor in Acadia Parish and has a deep appreciation of French Culture in Louisiana. Benoit grew up speaking French and had to later learn English as a second language in school.

**Evan Bergeron, of Pierre Part**, was one of the first students in Assumption Parish to complete a French immersion program from kindergarten through eighth grade.

**Donald C. Bertrand, of Mermantau**, is the Chief of Police for the Village of Mermantau. Bertand is the 11th generation of his family with Louisiana French heritage, dating back to when his ancestors settled in Louisiana from Quebec.

**Albert Broussard, Jr., of Loreauville**, is the mayor of Loreauville and fluently speaks Cajun French.

**Julie Calzone, of Lafayette**, is the current chief executive officer of Calzone and Associates, which is a marketing and public relations firm. Calzone's family is deeply involved in the Festival De Louis International Trade Development group.

**Louis Coco, Jr., of Moreauville**, is the owner of Louis Coco Insurance Agency and is the president of Cajun Broadcasting Inc, a station that works with CODOFIL.

**Bart Daigle, of Cankton**, is an Alderman for the Village of Cankton in the heart of French-speaking Acadia.

**Aimia "Mimi" Doucet, of Church Point**, is an Alderman in Church Point which is known as the "Cajun Music Capital of the World."

**Dudley E. Duhon, of Lafayette**, is a member of Congres Mondial Acadien Inc., a tax-exempt, non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the history and kinship of Acadian families.

**Janet Gros, of Marksville**, is a retired teacher and sits on the Board of Directors for the Marksville Chamber of Commerce. Gros is a native born Cajun-French speaker and was one of the first members of her family to learn English.

**Stanton Hardee, of Shreveport**, is a prosecutor in the Caddo Parish District Attorney's Office and a graduate of West Point. Hardee formerly taught French at Vermillion Catholic High School.

**Joey Hebert, of Mamou**, is the owner of Cypress Propane and is an active participant in Cajun and French cultural activities throughout Acadiana.

**Kansas Hernandez, of Lafayette**, is an international sales manager for Rhodea, a French Chemical Company, which owns a plant in Baton Rouge.

**John H. Hollier, of Broussard**, researched and published a history of the city of Broussard. Hollier also participates in the French student exchange program with Quebec.

**Bill Jeanmard, of Ville Platte**, is the mayor of Ville Platte. Jeanmard's family has lived in the Lafayette area for many generations after settling in Louisiana from Lorraine, France.

**Huey McCauley, of Lafayette**, is on the Volunteer Instructors Teaching Adults Board of Directors and is a certified French teacher.

**Ashlee Michot, of Arnaudville**, is a French teacher at Beau Chêne High School and has many years of education in the French language with a focus in Louisiana dialects.

**Gerald Moreau, of Bunkie**, is the mayor of Bunkie located in Avoyelles Parish.

**Todd Mouton, of Lafayette**, is the executive director of Louisiana Folk Roots which holds workshops and classes dedicated to the preservation and education of French culture.

**J.B. Pere, of Kaplan**, is the owner of J.B. Pere Insurance Company and is also a Cajun musician. Pere is a board member of the Kaplan French Museum.

**Mark Piazza, of Abbeville**, is the mayor of Abbeville and a former Abbeville City Council member. Piazza is an advocate for the promotion of Cajun-French culture in Louisiana and Vermilion Parish.

**Leslie Tassin, of Baton Rouge**, is a native of Bordelonville in Avoyelles Parish and is a noted humorist and historian of Louisiana culture. Tassin is the former president of the Baton Rouge Chapter of CODOFIL.

**Arville Touchet, of Abbeville**, has deep ancestral roots tied to French heritage and is the owner of Bayou Cajun Environmental, Soils, and Wetland Services, Inc.

**Don Trahan, of Lafayette**, is currently a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives representing the 31st District and has supported legislation to increase awareness of the Acadian history in Louisiana.