

UNY Meeting--July 28, 2016

Message from Gary: Hi guys. Made it back from Spain and Italy with all students alive and accounted for! Only two stolen phones, one stolen passport, and one trip to the ER (everything fine). Next week I am off to Spain again until the 29th to visit my Spanish side of the family.

Gerardo: Welcome back Gary!

Bri: Some excitement but I am glad all went well. Enjoy your trip.

Cynthia: Glad to hear all worked out relatively well for you!

NOCHE DE PELÍCULA

Gary: I still believe that this concept could work. I think we should keep trying to see what sticks. Another idea that I have been doing is having my students watch the series “El Internado” (available on Netflix) One episode and they are hooked! It is a great series from Spain dealing with students in a boarding school in Spain. It is really good. Kids LOVE it. Of course, this assignment is voluntary, but I offer extra credit for students who watch and then write a short report or critique.

Evelyn: I’ve heard great things about El Internado, but unfortunately is off Netflix. I looked on Amazon and they have a dvd (all zones) but it’s rather pricey. An “Internado” watching club would be a cool idea if we figure out how to watch it. I’m also convinced that “noche de película” has potential for a great activity, scheduling it seems to be the biggest challenge.

Gerardo: I think finding an appropriate film or show on Netflix (or Hulu) is a good idea. Everyone has Netflix.

Emily: I incorporated Season 1 of “El Internado” into my UHS class and the kids loved it. Unfortunately, as Evelyn said, it is not on Netflix anymore and it is costly as a DVD purchase. I am going to keep searching for access, though. Used with guided viewer documents, the kids can learn lots! I used resources from Mike Peto and a host of others who have done some fabulous things to support the series.

Gary: I wasn’t aware that Internado was off of netflix. I will check in Spain to see if I can’t get the DVDs a little cheaper. I wonder if there is a way to get netflix to put it back up. I know my kids were LOVING it!

Gary: I just got off the phone with Netflix and explained that I use El Internado for educational purposes and would like them to put it back. They said to have teachers and students submit requests to put it on. Here is a copy of part of the e-mail they sent me

We heard you were interested in suggesting a title for Netflix!

To do this, please go to <http://help.netflix.com/titlesuggestion>.

Don't forget! You'll need to be logged in to your account in order to submit a title request.

- Your Friends at Netflix

We can also submit other requests as well.

Gary: A FANTASTIC movie that I show my Spanish IV around halloween is "El Orfanato". It is amazingly good and is VERY well received. Not really scary per se, but is very intense.

Cynthia: Great ideas! I also would like to invite community colleges/university teachers to join us and hold this event for neighboring schools. If we can get a couple of schools to bring their students we could hold this event jointly.

POSTER CONTEST

Gary: I would love to see your list of suggestions, Bri.

Bri: I am going to reach out again to the national rep for more ideas, as she is a great source of info. More flyers, maybe showing the national winners, newsletter, email blast, etc... I will know more once we get the theme, etc.. from the National level.

Cynthia: Let's have a page on our website for this event. We could link it with the national site. Let's start sending a flyer to encourage people to participate early this September. Brianna, could we work on a flyer? Perhaps, there is already one we could adopt. Let's talk to Crystal Vincente, the national coordinator.

ENDORSE A CAREER DAY

Gary: I would really like to have some of this to break in the new school year in September. Having the students see the videos would be a great way to help them understand the importance of learning another language. Can we have these videos available and get the word out to all of our members? I know several have been made, but I have not seen them.

Gerardo: Agree with Gary. We need to follow-up on these videos and find a way to promote them correctly.

Emily: I have created a mini unit, including questions to go along with the videos. I did share the unit document and several accompanying documents with several people. I cannot provide access to the videos as I did not create them. Cynthia, is there a way to give others access via Dropbox? Please email me if you would like me to re-share the mini professions unit/Career Day kit. It is a work in progress and only meant to be a guide but I will gladly take constructive feedback.

Cynthia: I can share the videos via dropbox.

CHICOS CHARLANDO

Gary: This is another activity that I feel very strongly about, even though my students have yet to really catch the spirit of the program. I am going to stress these activities more this year. Let's get these dates for the fall up on the calendar. This is something that can be done regionally...no need to travel. I know kids have lots of other activities, but I think we need to stake our claim to the students' time as well. We just have to make it in their best interest to attend, and they will.

Evelyn: I agree that if we keep it local, it could have potential. Perhaps reaching to the Honor Societies and see if those kids are interested?

Gerardo: I will push "Chicos Charlando" this upcoming school year.

Emily: These are the dates I put out in the May Electronic Meeting for the Glens Falls area crew. - " Fall 2016 (Thursday, Oct. 20th and Thursday, Nov. 17th). September and December are notoriously busy months. The LG kids really enjoyed it as well, although it takes some selling when it is competing with sports and jobs. I do offer my students extra credit and that motivator helps. "

Bri: I will try to be there and will share with the upper level students (I am now at the MS so this will be different as far as not being able to get my own students to go.)

Cynthia: The dates sound good! Let's reach out to our chapter members to see if we can get other locations around the state. We should promote this activity at least a month ahead each time.

NEWSLETTER

Gerardo: If any information related to the minutes is necessary for the upcoming newsletter, please let me know.

Cynthia: Gerardo have you have the minutes of our last electronic meeting? We need to share the summary and then post it onto our website.

FALL OUTING

Gary: Promote! Promote! Promote!

Bri: I have received 4 checks so far... Flax, Yates, Santos, Cornell and one more on the way. If you haven't sent it yet, can you please send to the following address (if not, I will have mail forwarded temporarily)

Brianna Dingmon

35 King Avenue

Hudson Falls, NY 12839

I will be sending the deposit out shortly per Jennifer's request to hold those rooms.

Mark: Is this on the website? I'd be happy to post details on the Fb page 'WNY Spanish Teachers

Cynthia: *Yes! It is on the website.*

NATIONAL SPANISH EXAM

Gary: Last E-meeting there was talk of State guidelines regarding the Seal of Biliteracy. Can someone who has that doc please share it with the group?

Evelyn: I remember mentioning hearing about it, but I'm not sure who would have those guidelines. I know that my supervisor mentioned it last year, but nothing else.

Emily: I have the guidelines in document form. They are not in Google Doc form, however. You can email me personally (coopere@lkgeorge.org) and I will gladly forward them to you! It is a lengthy document but fairly clear and comprehensive. Here is the website to read all about it as well [NYS Seal of Biliteracy](#)

Gary: Thank you Emily.

SHH

Gary: I will be inducting in the Fall! Have my list of eligible students and have lost of interest. I heard that one student even chose to continue on in Spanish because of the possibility of being in SHH!

Gary: Could some of you who have SHH Chapters up and running please send me a sample of your share letter as well as your letter of acceptance? Also, do you require the students to purchase a t-shirt from SHH?

Evelyn: I "co-run" ours with another teacher. Let me see if I find our docs and then I can share them with you. Feel free to email me directly about it. We don't require the kids to purchase the t-shirt. I believe our induction will be later (in the winter) since we will be accepting applications in the fall.

Cynthia: *There have been some changes for SHH guidelines mentioned this summer at the AATSP Conference. Perhaps, Rosa Perifimos, or Claudia Decker could give us a summary.*

OTHER

Gary: Tell us about the conference in Miami!!!

Cynthia: *It was a great conference!*

Meeting of Chapter Presidents:

- *Our chapter website has been the model for many new or updated AATSP chapter websites.*
- *Presentation on Chapter Leadership Development:*
 - *Read ACTFL Leadership with Language*

- *Add leadership development to the chapter's goals*
- *Consider sustainability by nurturing current members and set up the scenery to help with the transitions.*
- *Collaborate with others. Be fair, accepting and understanding.*
- *Be a mentor*
- *Reach out to other leaders.*
- *Offer leadership sessions given by ACTFL. Look for webinars.*
- *Create a handbook for the potential next leader.*
- *Talk about leadership with your chapter. Making it intentional, as you think of who will replace you.*
- *Ideas:*
 - *Invite first year teachers and college professors to your board sessions.*
 - *Look for active, creative and energetic teachers when talking to administrators.*
 - *Offer Bridging the Gap grants for professional development*
 - *Offer an incentive to come and present at your chapter meeting.*
 - *Offer a staff development activity in your chapter for your local members.*
 - *Offer an immersion activity.*
 - *Send out an ENewsletter praising people for volunteering.*
 - *Have a meeting in different regions.*

From AATSP:

- *Send postings of new activities for your chapter*
- *Reach out to the LIFE and Emeritus Members to check their status and report to AATSP*
- *Website ideas:*
 - *Consider a Conference*
 - *Create a section for Links and Resources*
 - *Blog for teaching tips. A place for people to meet and collaborate.*
 - *Link We are Social Facebook, Twitter etx.*
 - *Post pictures of real events*
 - *Interact with What is happening in AATSP National page*
 - *Post newsletter on Social Media*
 - *It is o.k to doubling up on media because people look in different places.*

At the AATSP Business Meeting:

- *I was introduced and read my candidacy statement. This statement will be posted on the AATSP website for the October vote.*

Chapter of the Year award went to Virginia! This is an amazing chapter, mature, organized and incredibly active. I encourage everyone to see their site and get ideas on what we can do in the future.

Gerardo: I'm not sure if anyone is attending this or is a member of this, but in October, there's the **NYS AFLT's 99th Annual Conference happening in Liverpool, NY. Here's the website:**

<http://conference.nysaflt.org/2016/>

Cynthia: We should see if we could sponsor a Tertulia, or an immersion hour activity. Also, this might be a good opportunity to support an SHH workshop. I know that the NSE will have a session to promote their exam.

Other: We need to actively look for a webmaster! Laura has not had any luck and she needs to move on with her studies in Chicago. Any ideas?