

Electronic Informal March discussion on upcoming activities
Summary of Council Discussion
Ending on March 20, 2016

CALENDAR

Gary has created a shared Google Calendar that can be edited and updated by all council members. Everyone is encouraged to keep the calendar up-to-date.

NOCHE DE PELICULA

This activity has encountered some difficulties to be set up with High School calendar due to the multitude of activities offered to students. It has been suggested to set it up early in the school year or after exams with incentives, or with other community based options to go along an immersion Night.

However, this activity is scheduled to take place at Buffalo State in late April.

April Meeting Planning

This meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 9 in Syracuse at Cantina Laredo.

POSTER CONTEST

No submissions for the poster contest unfortunately. Did anyone do this with their students?

Suggestions to encourage participation for next year:

1. Start with own students
2. Create a visual, like a poster for both teachers and students to remind them to participate.
3. Send out reminders to UNY chapter members on a regular basis.

NYS AFLT REGIONAL on March 20 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Discussion ahead of time to find out who could attend.

Jenn, Myriam and Cynthia were at NYS AFLT Eastern Regional Conference in Lake George on Saturday, March 20. They had a lovely table and visited with about a dozen teachers from different schools. They shared our membership flyer as well as other flyers on the upcoming activities, such as Chicos Charlando, Tertulia and Spring Outing. Overall, they did very well in getting the word out about our UNY chapter.

SPRING OUTING

Discussion on what to do for the Spring Outing and when to hold it: Erika has suggested that we go to NYC to see the Gloria Estefan musical play "On your feet". We also can visit either the Metropolitan Museum of Art and see the special exhibit on "Collecting the Arts of Mexico", or we can go to The Hispanic Society Of América, or the famous Museum El Barrio.

We would like to announce it at the NYSAFLT Regional and Newsletter.

This is what we are thinking:

Spring Outing to New York City, a day of immersion for Spanish Teachers

Date: Saturday, June 4, 2016

Transportation: Amtrak (Leaves at 6:10 a.m. and Return at 7:15 p.m. from Albany/Rensselaer)

Lodging: Free stay for those who live far away at the Hostal Flax for Friday and Sunday night near Albany.

Price: \$200.00 All inclusive (transportation, Broadway play, lunch and museum)

Itinerary:

- Guided Tour to the Hispanic Society of America to view the murals of Joaquin Sorolla and dozen of Spanish artefacts and life size statue of El Cid
- Lunch at Havana Central, Cuban Restaurant
- Broadway play "On your feet" a musical based on the life of Gloria Estefan at 2:00 p.m.
- Free time after the play

Perhaps, we could underwrite some of the cost with our UNY Chapter funds.

ENDORSE A CAREER DAY

Discussion the Endorse a Career Day:

Emily and Brianna to coordinate efforts and lead the project.

Cynthia contacted Ohio State and ask for permission to use materials in our kit.

Cynthia and Myriam have completed four videos to include in the kit.

CHICOS CHARLANDO

Discussion on when to hold this activities during the year. Emily updated the flyer from last year and shared the document with all council members.

Last year, we had basic information question documents available for all as well as "Would you Rather?" Cards. The kids used it as a starting point and then developed their own conversations from there. It was very successful. This year's North Country dates are Wed. April 13th and Wed. May 18th at the Panera at Exit 19. June is not a good time. Students were much less likely to attend.

TERTULIA

Discussion on holding some informal get togethers, or Tertulias, where we speak Spanish for an hour or two, to promote local memberships.

Suggestions:

1. Advertise the first one on March 19 at NYSAFLT.
2. Duplicate the activity across the state, and not necessarily
3. Decide what type of get together Tea Time, A Wine & Cheese, or something else?

Requests:

1. Saturdays or Sunday afternoon, or the first Friday of the month to coincide with Latin dancing afterwards.
2. Holding it at a restaurant for appetizers would be fun and there could be a cover charge for the appetizers (cheese and crackers, etc.) and each person can pay for their own drinks?
3. Just a reminder for all of our Spring outings that our break is April 23rd-May1st. Many people may be away.

Outcome:

Membership immersion Tertulia, a one hour Immersion Happy Hour from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. with a minimum cover charge for appetizers. It would be great if the Central and Western Regional Representatives could also schedule similar ones in their regions.

Would these dates work out?

Saturday, May 7

Saturday, September 10 (changed to Friday, September 9)

Saturday, November 5

NEWSLETTER

Request on writing the next newsletter to announce these events, and particularly want to work on getting people involved in the Spring outing.

FALL OUTING

Results on when to hold the Fall Outing:

It was decided to hold it the last week of September, (Sept.30-October 2), to avoid Columbus Day weekend.