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In Memorium

Marcia Lane Payne

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of Marcia Payne, Life Member of the ATAD Board and ATAD Historian, who died on July 11, 2007 in North Carolina at the age of 95.

Marcia and her husband, Red, were among the pioneers of ATAD. Beginning in the late 1950's, they worked tirelessly and with great enthusiasm to build our international exchange program. Both Marcia and Red were officers of ATAD, and Marcia was President of the ATAD Board - "the first woman President," as Marcia would proudly say - from 1966 to 1970. Marcia and Red were among those instrumental in establishing the Sister Cities partnerships and subsequent ATAD exchanges with Rennes, Caltanissetta and Würzburg and the ATAD exchange with Turkey. In addition, they hosted several students and traveled many times to visit our Sister Cities, establishing warm, personal relationships with our partners overseas.

Marcia was a visionary. She set standards that have stretched our organization beyond what we thought we could do. Marcia was not just an idea person. She would do the hard work, too. She is the author of the ATAD directory, published in 1978 to document ATAD's first 25 years. This tome is cross-referenced and indexed, listing everyone involved with ATAD during those years, and all this without the help of a computer! To Marcia, there were no barriers, just challenges and hurdles. Nike may well have taken its slogan from Marcia, "Just do it!" It is no doubt true, too, that Marcia, a world traveler, had very few hotel bills in her files. Everywhere she visited, she made friends, and their doors were always open to her. Marcia lived with grace and determination. She will long be remembered for her love of people, her spirit of adventure, and her dedication to peaceful international relations. Thank you, Marcia, for the skill and dedication you brought to building international understanding through direct, personal exchanges.

- Marti Eggers and Les Knox

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travel and hosting are
available here!*

International Students 2007-2008



Front row, (L-R) – Polina Markova (Novgorod), Katya Garaleva (Novgorod), Gabriela Pinedo Montalvan (Iquitos), Caroline Fontaine (Rennes)

Back row – Jonas Harant (Wurzburg), Emile Guerchais (Rennes), Federico Segrati (Caltanissetta), Riccardo Genevra (Caltanissetta)

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2

Genesee Country Museum

Yuletide in the Country

January 20

Ice Skating at Thomas Creek

Hot cocoa and cookies after!

February (TBA)

Reception with the Mayor

Dinner at the Dinosaur Restaurant!

ATAD Students in Rennes



A reception was held to welcome Rochester students at the Institut Franco-Americain. ATAD students Lily Schreiber is in the front row, second from right and Ariel Camp is to the left of Lily. The picture and related story were published in the French paper, *Ouest France*.

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