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After a brief hiatus, the CLAMOR is back! We will now resume publishing at least two issues a year. Submissions are always welcome! If you have anything you would like to include in our newsletter, email it to sknowles@msad51.org.

FALL MEETING WELL ATTENDED; THREE DIVERSE, ENGAGING TALKS

The annual fall meeting was held on October 19 at Bates College. Seth Knowles, former MCA president, presided. Over twenty people attended the meeting, from college students and aspiring teachers to long time teachers and college professors.

Seth opened the meeting with an introduction to the day and a few precious pictures of current president Erin Taylor's daughter Cora.

The first talk was from Margaret Imber (top, middle), a professor at Bates, and

was titled "Mr. Madison's Cicero." Imber discussed the impact of classical writers, particularly Cicero, on the founding fathers, particularly James Madison.

After a brief break, the next talk was from Jeannine Uzzi (top, right), professor at the University of Southern Maine, and was titled "Catullus Novus: Walter Benjamin and the Translation of Translation." Uzzi discussed her work translating the poems of Catullus, and read the group some examples of her translations, including colorful poems

13 and 16.

The last talk of the day was from Sarah Harrell (top, left), teacher at Lawrence High School in Fairfield, and was titled "The *Nostos* of Helen: The Untold Story?" Harrell discussed Helen of Troy's coming home to Sparta following the Trojan War.

All in all, the meeting was one of the best attended and most successful in recent memory. We hope that these meetings will continue to grow and prosper in the years to come!

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BUCCELLAE

There was a new addition to our Maine classics family! Erin Taylor and husband Aaron Pontin welcomed their daughter, Cora Pontin, on October 6, 2013. This future classicist weighed in at 6 pounds, 12 ounces. Congratulations to Erin and Aaron!

The MCA is still looking for a Vice-President and a CANE representative. If interested, contact Erin Taylor at taylor@rsu5.org.

If you have not had your name added to Bernie Fortier's email list, do so! He has been keeping Maine high school Latin teachers in touch with each other. Email him at bfortier@lewistonschools.org.

UPCOMING DATES

May 3rd, Fryeburg Academy, **Spring MCA Meeting**

May 21st and 22nd, Camp Mechuwana, Winthrop, **Spring MEJCL Convention**

June 26th-28th, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, **ACL institute**. Register online at www.aclclassics.org/events/2014-acl-institute

July 14th-19th, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, **CANE Institute, "On the Shoulders of Giants."** Register online at caneweb.org

July 28th-August 2nd, Emory University, Atlanta, **National JCL Convention**. Register online at www.njcl.org



MARILEE OSIER RECEIVES MCA AWARD AT FALL MEETING

Marilee Osier, a long time Latin teacher at Sacopee Valley High School in Hiram, received the MCA award at this year's fall meeting. Meg Cook, her long time friend and colleague, presented the award to her. They are pictured at the top.

Marilee began teaching at Sacopee Valley in the 1980s. When she began at Sacopee Valley, she taught English, but after a few years began teaching Latin as well. Marilee burst onto the Maine classics scene in Maine in 1989 when she attended the Maine JCL Fall convention at Waterville High School. She attended her first National Convention in 1993 at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. In 1994, Marilee was part of the rebirth of the Maine Classical Association that took place at Bowdoin College under the

leadership of Mary Papoutsy. In the notes from that meeting was the comment: "Marilee Consalvo, Donna Bakke and Sally Cody deserve special recognition for their cheerful assistance with registration, signs, and transportation."

Marilee held various offices in the Maine Classical Association through the next two decades. She served as recording Secretary from 1995 to 1998, was the editor of the CLAMOR from 1999 to 2009, with a few years off to serve as MCA Vice-President from 2001 to 2003, and then as President from 2003 to 2005.

Marilee retired from her long career at Sacopee Valley High School in 2012, and she taught one advanced Latin class there the following school year.

This year she fully retired from SVHS, but is teaching Latin I for Virtual High School. Many thanks to Marilee for all the time and energy she has devoted to the Maine Classical Association. Her award is certainly well deserved!



WINTER OFFICER MEETING NOTES

Present: Erin Taylor, Meg Cook, Seth Knowles, Heidi Paulding (via FaceTime)
Absent: Mary Oches, Ben Johnson

We will hold the MCA Spring meeting on Saturday, 5/3/2014 at Fryeburg Academy. Rebecca Manchester from Bonny Eagle will be our featured presenter with a one-hour round table discussion beforehand and then a formal presentation.

The fees will be:

\$10 meeting

\$5 lunch and snack

\$10 dues

Donation/ scholarship on an optional line

Schedule:

9:00 -9:15 Welcome

9:15 - 10:15 Roundtable

10:15- 10:30 Break

10:30- 11:30 Presentation

11:45 Lunch, Business meeting to follow lunch

Heidi will send out invitations with the plan explained, with a few questions for brainstorming and allowing time to gather thoughts before the roundtable experience.

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Heidi will invite Jay Ketner from the Department of Education.

Meg reported that our current savings balance is \$4,617.93 and checking is \$1,113.37.

We would like to make the scholarship presentation more formal at the MEJCL Spring Convention.

Seth is looking for submissions to CLAMOR; he plans to include the winners of the CANE writing contest.

We need a VP & CANE representative.

Erin will post an opportunity on the MCA blog. Heidi will attend CANE this March and fill in pro tempore.

The fall MCA meeting will be held at Colby College in Waterville, Maine.



Maine Junior Classical League officers posing in their *Hunger Games* attire at the Fall Convention on November 22nd.

WINNERS OF CANE ESSAY CONTEST

The Classical Association of New England held its annual writing contest for high school students this year. The theme was “*What mighty contests arise from trivial things: consequences in the ancient world.*” Students submitted essays from all over Maine, and three were chosen to move on to the regional contest. One student from Maine’s essay was even chosen as the overall winner for the CANE contest. Congratulations to all three students!

1st Place in Maine and in the CANE Regional Contest: Francesca Butterfield, Portland High School. Teacher: Michelle Tucci

2nd Place in Maine: Kevin Chamberland, Winthrop High School. Teacher: Meg Cook

3rd Place in Maine: Reuben Moses, Thorton Academy. Teacher: Sally Cody

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Maine students at the
National JCL Convention
cheer with their mascot,
Lobster Stu.

The Maine Classical Association (MCA) is a professional organization of teachers and college professors dedicated to the profluence of the study of Latin, Greek, and classical antiquities. We meet biannually, in the fall and the spring, to exchange ideas and grow professionally.

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