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1986 Franco-American Recognition Dinner Invitation

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You are cordially invited to attend the

1986 Franco-American Recognition Dinner

in honor of

Madeleine D. Giguère

Professor of Sociology, University of Southern Maine

*Ramada Inn
Pleasant Street
Lewiston, Maine*

*Sunday, September 28, 1986
12 noon: Reception
1 p.m.: "Sunday Dinner"*

Funds raised at the 1986 Franco-American Recognition Dinner

will be used to establish a

program of research scholarships

in the area of Franco-American studies.

The scholarship program will be administered by the Franco-American Office of the University of Maine. The Dinner is organized by Action for Franco-Americans in the Northeast (ActFANE).

RSVP before September 24

The 1986 Franco-American Recognition Dinner

Honorary Chairmen

Sr. Solange Bernier, Chair, Foreign Language Dept., St. Dominic's Reg. High School
Helen L. Greenwood, Provost, University of Southern Maine, Portland
Geneva A. Kirk of Lewiston, Trustee, University of Maine System
Mr. and Mrs. William A. Lauzé, Lewiston
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A native and current resident of Lewiston, Maine, **Madeleine D. Giguère** obtained her B.A. from the College of New Rochelle, her M.A. from Fordham University, and a M. Phil. from Columbia University. She has been teaching at the University of Southern Maine since 1967. She is currently a full professor of Sociology at USM. Her research has been published in several scholarly journals and has been presented at many symposiums throughout the U.S. and Canada. Prof. Giguère served as a member and chair of the Maine Advisory Committee of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, and for seven years as a Trustee of the Lewiston Public Library. She is a member of numerous professional associations, several Franco-American organizations, and she is a founding member of the Centre d'Héritage Franco-Américain in Lewiston.

Her demographic research has provided for the first time scientifically-sound information on the numerical strength of the Franco-Americans as well as insights into their social patterns. This new body of knowledge has been a key factor in the creation of several federally-funded projects for Franco-Americans throughout New England in the past ten years.

ActFANE, the umbrella organization for Franco-Americans in New England and New York, instituted the Annual Franco-American Recognition Dinner in 1985 in order to highlight the exceptional contributions of Franco-Americans working in the public sector, to provide positive role models for young Franco-Americans, and to raise funds exclusively for educational endeavors for the benefit of the Franco-American community.



L'Action pour les Franco-Américains du Nord-Est (ActFANE), en collaboration avec l'Université du Maine et les organismes franco-américains du Maine, vous invite à rendre hommage à Madeleine Giguère de Lewiston pour son travail constant et essentiel et pour son importante contribution au savoir franco-américain.

En même temps, nous sollicitons votre appui afin de renforcer les liens entre l'Université du Maine et la population franco-américaine de cet état.