On Friday and Saturday, October 28 and 29, 2005, the Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center in Lancaster, PA was the site of the 2005 PSMLA/40th Annual Millersville University In-Service Conference.
WELCOME TO THE
2005 PSMLA
40th Annual Millersville University In-Service Conference
FRIDAY & SATURDAY:
- Registration begins 7:45
- Continental Breakfast 8-8:30
- Exhibits open 8:00
Thursday Hospitality in lobby 6-9 PM
World Languages: Promoting Peace for the Next Generation
Members of the local Committee (Virginie Burke and Jackie Hagy featured in this picture) were at the conference center bright and early to greet participants.
Registration went very smoothly thanks to the help of members of the local committee as well as Millersville University foreign language student teachers!
The conference theme, "World Languages: Promoting Peace for the Next Generation" was reflected in keynote speeches and several of the sessions.
Over 150 attendees chose from 24 sessions over the two-day period.
A wine and cheese reception gave participants an opportunity to network with colleagues and have a chance to win language related prizes in a language Tombola
Friday's Keynote speaker, Mr. Bruce Heckman, founder of "Immerge," a company which works with individuals preparing to live and work in Arab countries, shared his experiences from the 20 years he spent living and raising his family in the Middle East.
The Children's Choir of Lancaster comprised of singers from 4th, 5th and 6th grades from local schools, delighted the audience with 3 songs, one each in Hebrew, French and Latin.
The following PSMLA Awards were given at Saturday's luncheon:

the Merit Award to Manheim Township School District for their Spanish Immersion Program;
The Merit Award was presented to the York Twinning Club for their long-running exchange programs with cities in France and Germany;
The Post Secondary Educator of the Year Award was presented to Dr. Marilyn Conwell of Rosemont College.
Saturday's Keynote speaker, Dr. Kirsten Bookmiller, Director of International Affairs at Millersville University, reminded the audience of the importance of the work language teachers do in the classroom every day and emphasized the need for World Languages in the curriculum in order to develop well rounded students.
Saturday featured a second round of the popular *Tombola* as well as the annual PSMLA Business Meeting conducted by President Thekla Fall.
Attendees gave the '05 Conference Committee great feedback which will be kept in mind in planning future conferences such as "lots of ideas, good exhibits, connected with colleagues".
Make plans to be with PSMLA in Erie in October, 2006 and in King of Prussia in the Fall of 2007 to continue the great PSMLA Conference experience!
Millersville University’s 41st In-Service Conference will take place on November 4, 2006. Check our website for more details at www.millersville.edu!