

Saturday, November 17, 2012, 10 a.m., Room #5

The following presentation will take place during the ACTFL/PSMLA conference at Philadelphia Convention Center. Please join us as Fernande Davis, who has moved people of all ages with her presentation, highlights her teenage years in World War II.

**ONE GIRL'S COURAGE MAKES A DIFFERENCE
DVDs & book tell the fascinating story of how one young person chose
to live with danger in order to combat oppression**

Fernande was sixteen, one of eight children in a close-knit Belgian family living in the small town of Montzen, when World War II changed her life. "I had all kinds of courage and guts; I don't know where that came from," says Fernande Keufgens Davis ("Freddie") of the risks that she took as a teenager in the Belgian Resistance. Drafted to work in a German munitions factory, she jumped the deportation train and went underground, where her uncle, a parish pastor, was already saving Jews from deportation. Ms. Davis worked with the *maquis* in many such clandestine activities, for two and a half years.

During the Liberation, Davis met her future husband, a soldier in the 29th Infantry in Belgium. But, for dramatic reasons revealed in the book, it took them five years to be reunited after the war.

Davis now resides in the United States. After the war, she helped her family by working before entering Brugmann University School of Nursing in Brussels. Reunited with Bill in 1949, she moved to the Philadelphia area. She attended Temple University and Gwynedd Mercy College, taught French at Gwynedd Mercy Academy and College, then at Germantown Academy (Outstanding Teacher of the Year, 1981) and served as Head of their Modern Language Department. Fernande and Bill Davis enjoyed fifty-four years of married life together.

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Brave, courageous, resourceful, loyal—Davis exemplifies these traits in her compelling story. Readers of all ages will be inspired to do what is right and good, despite personal risk and sacrifice, while learning the life-changing history of World War II.

— Emily Z. Wagner, 2008 Northeast Conference Teacher of the

Year,

2007 Educator of the Year, PSMLA, 2002 Dorothy S. Ludwig Teaching Award.

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Deluxe DVD *The Author Highlights Her Book*. 30 mins. in English with optional subtitles—French/English/none—plus 30 mins. in English with the same options. Period music.

DVD *The Author Highlights Her Book*. 30 mins. in Eng. \$8.95

Book: GIRL IN THE BELGIAN RESISTANCE: A Wakeful Eye in the Underground 2nd Edition, **Fernande K. Davis**; foreword, Hanna Diamond. Softcover, 5.5 x 8.5 ins., 160 pp., 38 photos, 56 general & content-directed questions, references.

26 pages of lesson plans in French by Emily Wagner, available with DVD or book purchase.

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