

NCCSS 42nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE --- SPECIAL GUESTS



Sue Blanchette

President, National Council for the Social Studies

Sue Blanchette is a veteran K-12 classroom teacher, now retired, with 32 years of experience in both middle school and high school with the Dallas Independent School District. Her teaching assignments have included World History, US History I and II and Advanced Placement U.S. History. She has written curriculum and done professional development for Dallas, sponsored Mock Trial teams for 15 years, and served as chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee at her schools.

Sue has served as president of Dallas CSS three times, chaired the Texas CSS state conference when it was held in Dallas, and was president of Texas CSS in 2002-2003. She has served on district and state textbook committees, provided professional development presentations at both Texas CSS and NCCSS. She has served as Co-Chair of the NCCSS Nominations Committee and is currently president of the National Council for the Social Studies. She has received numerous awards in teaching, including the Texas Excellence Award given by the University of Texas, TCSS and NCCSS Teacher of the Year, and the Teaching Excellence Award from American Councils for International Education, a State Department program, which resulted in a teacher exchange in Kyrgyzstan. She has received two Coe Fellowships, several NEH Fellowships and a Fulbright Hayes to India.

Hank Brodt Holocaust Survivor

They came with scythes and sickles,
slaughtering 200 Jews within 24 hours.

It was June 22, 1941, and the Holocaust
had arrived in Boryslaw, Poland.

In the small village, houses were lighted
with kerosene lamps, and workers

walked barefoot to town. Russian troops arrived in 1939, but little changed for the village's 1,200 Jews. Thirteen-year-old Hank Brodt found work as a lathe operator, using the money he made to support his mother, a widow with two older children away from home.

In 1941, Germany broke its accord with Russia. German troops handed over control of Boryslaw to the village Ukrainians, standing by as the Ukrainians murdered their Jewish neighbors.

Toward the end of that year, German and Ukrainian troops began to round up Jews. "They were sent someplace, and no one knew what happened to them," Brodt said. He was one of the lucky few. He survived the roundups and the ensuing horrors of five concentration camps.

Now 82 and a proud father of two daughters, he lives in High Point with his second wife.

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