

## French toast in H'w'd

**HOLLYWOOD** The City of Lights, City of Angels French film fest partied even more than usual during its eighth Hollywood edition with a Standard hotel poolside soiree adding to the traditional Director's Guild opening reception.

Faithful French film supporters **Julie Delpy**, **Lambert Wilson** and **Jacqueline Bisset** turned out March 26 at a DGA opening to fete the eclectic film series. **Sharon Stone** introduced **Francis Veber's** opening night film "Ruby & Quentin," while son **Jean Veber** was there with his first film, environmental thriller "The Pharmacist."

Francophile honcho **Jack Valenti** said he hopes to continue working with

organizations like City of Lights when he steps down as MPAA prexy.

Two nights later, Wilson, who appears in series film "Not on the Lips," director **Claudia Durnat** and French consul general **Jean-Luc Sibide** toasted the series on the roof of the Downtown Standard hotel—with champagne and French fries, *bien sur*.

— Pat Saperstein



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**GALLIC GALAS:** From top, helmer Jean Veber and father, Francis; Jack Valenti and scribe Fay Kanin; left, fest director Claudia Durnat and Sharon Stone opening night.



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