Deadline Extended!
AFSR members and guests are invited to attend the Discovery Open Rehearsal on Saturday, November 3. The program features French pianist Jean-Philippe Collard, plus the music of Saint-Saens and Berlioz.

There will be a private reception immediately following the performance with Maestro Bruno Ferrandis and a guest artist.

Please send in your check (special price of $10 per ticket) to the AFSR, 4525 Montgomery Drive, Suite 2A, Santa Rosa, 95409 by Friday, October 26.

Parking for the event is $5 per car, paid at the parking lot entrance. The concert begins at 2:00 PM at the Green Music Center on the Sonoma State campus. Come early to pick up your tickets at the "Will Call" desk (no reserved seats for this concert).

Celebrate le Beaujolais Nouveau with the Santa Rosa French-American Charter School

Friday, November 16th -- 6:00 to 9:00 PM
Agatha Furth Center
8400 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA

Tickets are $35.00 each in advance or $45.00 at the door. You can purchase advance tickets at the school, or online at www.srfacs.org. (The Alliance is not handling ticket sales for this event.) All proceeds benefit SRFACS.

Mark your calendars!
Sunday, December 9 from 4 to 7 PM
Annual Holiday party at Vista del Lago

All members are invited to come and celebrate the end of the year! More details in next month’s newsletter.

Causeries du jeudi
French conversation at 4pm at the Foyer avec Daphne Smith et Marina Velichinsky

Causeries à Sebastopol
Lundi de 5 - 6pm chez Berkeley Malm
Tel: 823-3794

Déjeuner Mensuel de l'Alliance
Chloé's Company
C'est si bon!

Second Wednesday - November 14
Landmark Executive Center, 3883 Airway Dr.
Come Early (11:30) to avoid the rush.
Please call Christiane at 542-5411 by Monday November 12 to confirm

Causeries à Healdsburg
2e et 4e mercredi du mois
Please call 433-8074 for details
Dans cette seconde partie, "Un grand homme de Province à Paris" des ILLUSIONS PERDUES de Balzac, notre pauvre Lucien passe pour ainsi dire d'un monde à l'autre, de rien à tout, et puis à plus rien du tout, d'un inconnu au favori de la haute société, de la pauvreté crue à l'aisance la plus grandiose. Aussi va-t-il, avec une insouciance méprisable, du mal au bien, du bien au mal, comme d'ailleurs il s'apprête, sans la moindre hésitation, de prendre le nom de famille maternel pour celui du père. Au besoin, il laissera tomber les purs du Cénacle pour se joindre à une confrérie de journalistes malhonnêtes qui lui montrent la voie à suivre pour une réussite rapide et profitable.

A sa grande surprise Lucien apprend qu'il ne faut jamais écrire ce que l'on pense et qu'il est toujours possible de dire le contraire de ce qu'on a écrit afin de gagner la faveur de l'un ou de l'autre quand les circonstances l'exigent. (Non, non, nous ne sommes pas en 2012! mais en 1822... ) Il ne sait pas pour autant la différence entre le vrai amour et les faux sentiments des grandes dames. Il finira par abandonner la gloire du poète de génie à laquelle on arrive d'arrache-pied pour le dieu de la richesse. C'est à se demander si Lucien n'est pas tout simplement un pitoyable ambitieux plutôt qu'un homme à idéal; il est sûr qu'il met son génie en balance au cours de ce passage du roman.

Raymond Lemieux
Coin Ecole

Kolik jazyků znáš, tolikrát jsi člověkem.
You live a new life for every new language you speak. If you know only one language, you live only once.
(Czech proverb)

How long will it take to learn French?

It depends on how much time you're able to put into your studies, how often you practice using the language, and the degree to which you are immersed in it. It is possible to acquire basic conversational fluency, i.e. the ability to understand and participate in ordinary conversations, in 6-12 months or even more quickly if you are immersed in the language and focus on speaking it.

If your aim is to read a new language, you could learn to do so within a few months, if you are able to do plenty of regular study and practice. However acquiring the ability to read the new language as comfortably as your own will probably take quite a while longer.

To acquire native-like abilities in understanding, speaking, reading and writing a language, as well as an understanding of the culture of those who speak it, could take anything from five years to a lifetime.

At AFSR, we offer classes for students of all levels from total beginners to fluent. Some of our students just want enough French to prepare for an upcoming trip while others are lifelong learners.

For more information, please consult: http://www.omniglot.com/index.htm

Lise Melin
Directrice de l’école de l’Alliance

Schedule of Upcoming Classes, October 29th to December 14th
All classes take place in the Foyer and continue for eight weeks

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- Our group classes are $14.00 / hour. Most classes are two hours per week.
- Materials are available for purchase or rent from instructor.
- Our schedule is affected by enrollment and may change accordingly.

We also offer private lessons: Tutoring is tailor-made to suit small groups or individuals. For more information, please contact the school Director: lise@afsantarosa.org
Is your Alliance membership expiring soon?

Now you can find the expiration date of your AFSR membership right above the address label on your newsletter. Use the form below to renew. Nous apprécions nos membres!

Is your Membership Renewal Due?

Please Check One: ☐ New member ☐ Renewal

Name______________________________________________Date_______________

Address_____________________________________________________________________

City________________________________________________State__________  Zip_____________

Phone_______________________________Email_________________________________________

How did you find about the Alliance? ☐ Relative ☐ Friend ☐ School ☐ Phone Book
☐ Other_________________________________________________

I would like to volunteer: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Areas of interest ☐ Conversation Group ☐ Literary Group ☐ Classes ☐ Children’s Activities

Amount of enclosed check:__________________________________

Mail to: Alliance Française de Santa Rosa, 4525 Montgomery Drive, Suite 2A, Santa Rosa, CA 95409-5358

--- or pay by credit card ---

☐ I hereby authorize the Alliance Française de Santa Rosa to charge the following credit card for the amount of $________________

☐ I also authorize the Alliance Française de Santa Rosa to charge the same card for the same amount every year at time of renewal.

A receipt will be sent to you in the mail as proof of your payment.

Type: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard  (American Express is not accepted)

Number:__________________________________Exp. Date:_________Security Code________________

Annual Fee
(12 month period)
Please circle your membership level

HS Student ..................... $25
French Teacher ............... $30
Individual Member ......... $40
Family .............................. $50
Friend of AFSR .............. $75
Sponsor .......................... $100
Life Membership ............. $500

Additional Donations:

School Program $ ________
Cultural Program $ ________

Merci!

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