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Alliance Française de Santa Rosa presents....

Fête du Mardi Gras

Food, fun, and fundraising for AFSR

- ▶ Crêpes
- ▶ Main dishes, cheese, dessert
- ▶ Cider and wine
- ▶ Raffle and Silent Auction

Saturday, February 23, 2013

6-9 pm

Vista del Lago Clubhouse, 3150 Lakeview Drive, Santa Rosa
Come in costumes and with masks!

Any person under 21 must be accompanied by an adult



Buy tickets early and save!

\$35 if received by February 15, \$45 at the door
\$20 for SSU/SRJC students, \$10 for children under 16

Mail check by February 12 to:

AFSR, 4525 Montgomery Drive, Suite 2A,
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

No tickets will be sent to you, but your name(s) will be on the reservation list.

*Christine Piccin and Santa Rosa JC
Culinary Arts students*

Madame de Fromage

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Le mot de la présidente

La nouvelle année sera déjà entamée quand vous lirez ce message, et puisqu'il n'est jamais trop tard pour bien faire, je vous adresse mes meilleurs voeux pour 2013! J'espère que vous aurez passé de bonnes fêtes de fin d'année. Pour ma part j'ai "enterré" 2012 en famille le soir du 31 décembre dans une petite ville bien tranquille de l'Orégon. J'avais profité tout d'abord du décalage horaire pour participer virtuellement aux célébrations de fin d'année en France. La nuit de la Saint Sylvestre (31 décembre) les Français font joyeusement la fête chez eux ou en public. Cette année il y avait environ 300.000 personnes sur les Champs Elysées et le champagne coulait à flots. Les traditions gastronomiques séculaires ont la vie dure en France, même en période de crise économique. Le réveillon de la Saint Sylvestre, qui dure souvent une bonne partie de la nuit du 31 décembre, a attiré comme d'habitude beaucoup de monde dans les restaurants ou les boîtes de nuit, et ceux qui ont décidé de faire la fête chez eux en famille ou avec des amis ne se sont pas privés de bien manger et bien boire, en s'embrassant sous le gui à minuit.

Le repos du Jour de l'An a permis de se remettre des crises de foie - un mal si typiquement français! - avant l'apparition dès le dimanche 6 janvier (Epiphanie) des galettes des Rois. A noter que les Français se permettent de "tirer les rois" tout au long du mois de janvier. En février il y a la Chandeleur avec ses crêpes traditionnelles, suivie de la fête des amoureux (Saint Valentin) et du Mardi-Gras qui donne lieu à des réjouissances culinaires et des bals costumés. Comme vous l'aurez vu "à la une" de ce bulletin, nous allons nous aussi célébrer la fête du Mardi Gras. Venez donc vous joindre à nous pour cette joyeuse soirée le 23 février, et notez bien que les costumes et les masques seront les bienvenus!

Jacqueline Lindenfeld

Mark your calendars!

March 21, 7 PM at Vista Del Lago

Art historian and AFSR board member Dr. Anne Prah-Pérochon presents (en français) "De Versailles à Rodeo Drive: *luxe à la française* conquiert le monde."

Cercle littéraire se réunit au Foyer le 19 février à 4hrs

A lire: "Ensemble, c'est tout" d'Anna Gavalda

Ce roman est long (on en discutera seulement la première moitié en février) et déroutant. Cependant ce n'est pas tous les jours qu'un des personnages principaux est grande-mère et qu'un petit-fils soit aussi attentif à ses besoins.

Raymond Lemieux

Causeries du jeudi

French conversation at 4pm at the Foyer
avec Daphne Smith & Marina Velichinsky

Causeries à Sebastopol

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

Causeries à Healdsburg

2e et 4e mercredi du mois
Please call 433-8074 for details

Déjeuner Mensuel de l'Alliance

Chloé's Company

C'est si bon!



Second Wednesday - February 13
Landmark Executive Center, 3883 Airway Dr.
Come Early (11:30) to avoid the rush.
Please call Christiane at 542-5411
by **Monday February 11** to confirm

Coin Ecole

Americans who travel abroad for the first time are often shocked to discover that, despite all the progress that has been made in the last 30 years, many foreign people still speak in foreign languages. --Dave Barry

Schedule of Upcoming Classes, January 7 to March 8, 2013 All classes take place in the Foyer and most continue for nine weeks

DAY	TIME	CLASS	LEVELS
Monday	4:00 to 6:00	Cours à thème	Fluent
Monday	6:00 to 8:00	A2	Beginner Level 2
Monday	6:30 to 8:30	Cours à thème	Fluent
Wednesday	3:30 to 5:00	Grenadine 1	Children
Wednesday	3:30 to 5:00	Grenadine 2	Children
Wednesday	6:00 to 8:00	A10	Intermediate Level 10
Wednesday	6:00 to 8:00	B4	Advanced Level 4
Thursday	10:00 to 12:00	Conversation	Advanced/impromptu Level high
Thursday	6:00 to 8:00	Conversation	Advanced/impromptu Level high
Thursday	4:30 to 5:30	SRFACS	Parent & tot
Saturday	10:00 to 1:00	French cinema <i>See description & dates below</i>	Intermediate & advanced

- ▶ 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 Melin: lise@afsantarosa.org

Cinéma Français at the Alliance: Join in the culture and the fun! February 9th, 16th & 23rd, 10 am to 1 pm

This class will meet on three consecutive Saturdays in February (the 9th, 16th and 23rd) from 10AM to 1PM. Watch a great film with us! Bring your coffee and a croissant will be waiting for you! Kick back, watch, and discuss. Conversations will take place in French before and after the movie. Vocabulary will be provided to help students appreciate the film. Information about the movie will be provided. This course is interesting in terms of history and culture, but first and foremost, as a means to promote French conversation among intermediate and advanced students. The cost is \$14.00 per hour or \$42.00 per meeting.

*Even more French
Cinema in February
at the
Sonoma Film Institute*

Two classic French films from the 1940's, REMORQUES and LUMIERE D'ETE, will be presented in the coming weeks by the Sonoma Film Institute.

For more information, see <http://www.sonoma.edu/sfi/schedule.html>.

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There are no longer regular office hours at the Foyer, but if you want an appointment please send a message to J. Lindendorf at jlind@afsantarosa.org, or leave a message at 543-8151. Merci beaucoup!

Christina Heinlein, who has been cleaning at the Foyer twice a month since November 2011, is looking for additional customers for house cleaning. Excellent references, reasonable rates. Please call her at (707) 703-7027 or send her an e-mail at [<heinlein1972@gmail.com>](mailto:heinlein1972@gmail.com)

Is your membership renewal due? Check the date above your address label!

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

Do not print my name in the list of New Members in the next issue of *Ici L'Alliance*

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 _____



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(12 month period)
Please circle your
membership level**

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- French Teacher \$30
- Individual Member \$40
- Family \$50
- Friend of AFSR \$75
- Sponsor \$100
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Merci!

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