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Discover the Racy Side of the Impressionists



Dr. Anne Prah-Pérochon, historian and contributor to the journal *France-Amérique*, will present her lecture in English on **January 30th at 6:30 PM** at Vista del Lago. Dr. Prah-Pérochon was invited to present this lecture at the Museum of Legion of

Honor in San Francisco last year, as part of their "Impressionists on the Water" exhibition. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to hear this presentation locally.

Refreshments, including Galette des Rois, will follow Anne's presentation. **RSVP by January 27** to Marcelle at 707-794-0554. More information at www.afsantarosa.org.

AFSR Fête du Mardi Gras

Food, fun, and fundraising February 28

Sweet and savory crêpes, good wine, excellent company... what more could you ask for?

Reservations and pre-payment recommended.

\$15 if received by February 22, \$20 at the door, \$10 for children under 16. **Mail check by February 20 to:** AFSR, 182 Farmers Lane, Suite 200, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Fête takes place at Vista del Lago. No tickets will be sent to you, but your name(s) will be on the reservation list.

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

Help AFSR Go Green!



Due to ever-increasing paper and postage costs, along with a desire to "do our part" for the environment, AFSR is proposing that *Ici l'Alliance* will soon be available only in electronic (PDF) format. We will

send an email announcement when each newsletter is available. Current and past newsletters are always available at www.afsantarosa.org/newsletter.

Last year, approximately 15% of our total annual expenses (not including our language school) was used to print and mail monthly newsletters. We would rather put our limited funds into events and other services that provide fun and educational experiences for our members. And of course, if you want a paper copy, you can easily print one at home.

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Déjeuner Mensuel de l'Alliance

Chloé's Company

C'est si bon!



Second Wednesday - Feb 12
Landmark Executive Center, 3883 Airway Dr.
Come Early (11:30) to avoid the rush.
Please call Christiane at 542-5411
by **Monday Feb 10** to confirm

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Le mot des co-présidents

Bonne année, bonne santé et prospérité à tous en cette nouvelle année qui commence.

Et si pour 2014, la seule résolution à prendre était d'être heureux et de tout faire pour y arriver, en tirant à la fois parti de nos réussites mais aussi de nos erreurs au fil des jours. Le bonheur n'est qu'une vision subjective et personne à part nous-mêmes ne peut savoir comment le définir. Offrons simplement des sourires et de la joie, toujours pleins de bonnes intentions, en remerciant la vie de ce qu'elle nous apporte chaque jour. Notre quête du bonheur sur terre est et restera à travers les générations le seul objectif pour tout être humain.

Afin de contribuer, ne serait-ce qu'un peu à votre bonheur, l'Alliance française de Santa Rosa mettra tout en œuvre pour partager avec sa belle communauté: culture, passion et festivités.

En attendant de vous retrouver très prochainement...

Carpe diem!

Les co-présidents, Olivier et Marina BERTRAND

Cercle littéraire -- Mémoires d'une fille dérangée

Bianca Lamblin n'avait jamais demandé d'être la maîtresse ni de Sartre ni de de Beauvoir à l'âge tendre de 17 ans. Mais à la mort de celle-ci, elle ne pouvait pas rester silencieuse sur l'interprétation de ce qui est arrivé entre les trois. Venez discuter avec nous mardi, le 18 février, ce moment intéressant et inoubliable, juste avant la deuxième guerre mondiale.

David Brautman

Mark Your Calendar! AFSR Soirée de "Slam" le 28 mars



Bring your stage presence to the first AFSR talent slam on March 28. What's a slam? In this case, a few minutes on stage reading poetry, dancing, singing, telling a story -- whatever you like! We provide the microphone - you provide the rest.

Voici des détails:

- ★ Chaque acte doit être en français, et durer entre 1 et 5 minutes
- ★ C'est comme une répétition -- vous n'êtes pas obligé de le faire par coeur
- ★ Il faut apporter ce dont vous avez besoin, comme le "boom box," des "props," etc.
- ★ Il faut contacter David Brautman (zizanie@comcast.net) ou Kathleen Devereaux (kd9156@icloud.com) avec vos idées avant le 8 mars

Coin Ecole

AFSR is known as the best institution in Sonoma county for providing high quality French courses in a friendly, and relaxed atmosphere. Our curriculum is dynamic enough to provide instruction for total beginners as well as fluent speakers. Emphasis in all courses is on communication achieved through active student participation.

- ▶ Our curriculum is dynamic enough to provide instruction for total beginners as well as fluent speakers.
- ▶ Small classes are standard to facilitate communication.
- ▶ Our group classes are \$15.00 / hour for 2 consecutive hours per week.
- ▶ Our schedule is affected by enrollment and may change accordingly.
- ▶ We offer private lessons: Tutoring is tailor-made to suit small groups or individuals.
- ▶ We also have an interesting program for children.
- ▶ Please consult our schedule: <http://www.afsantarosa.org/school/group-classes>
- ▶ For more information, please contact the school Director: lise@afsantarosa.org

Class Schedule Now Online

Beginning this month, we are no longer printing the schedule for group classes in the newsletter. The schedule often changes after we go to print, and we want prospective students to have the most current information at all times. You can find the schedule here:

<http://www.afsantarosa.org/school/group-classes>

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In addition to saving money and helping the environment, moving to an online newsletter has several other advantages.

- ★ First of all, it's in color!
- ★ We will be able to expand the newsletter to as many pages as we like. We often have more material than we can squeeze into just a few pages, and would like to be able to include more articles and material provided by you, our members. So you can expect to see more content in the newsletter over time.
- ★ We won't have to prepare it several weeks in advance, which means we'll be able to include more details about upcoming events in a timely manner.



We will continue to print a number of paper newsletters to have on hand at the Foyer. If you don't have access to a computer or printer, you can always pick up a copy there.

If we don't have a current email address on file for you, we will be contacting you in the near future to ask you where to send the newsletter announcements.

We would like to hear your feedback on this idea. You can send your comments to us via "snail mail" or email us at newsletter@afsantarosa.org

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*Mark your calendars for the
AFSR Mardi Gras fête
on February 28.
Masks are welcome!*



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 *Ici L'Alliance*

Amount of enclosed check: _____

Mail to: Alliance Française de Santa Rosa, 182 Farmers Lane, Suite 200, Santa Rosa, CA 95405-4761

--- 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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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 \$ _____	
<i>Merci!</i>	
<i>Gifts are tax deductible</i>	