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Fête du Mardi Gras

Feb 28 -7:00 PM
RSVP by 2/24

Food & Fun
Outrageous masks and
costumes are welcome!

We are thrilled to have Chef Christine Piccin and her students joining us again to cook up delicious sweet and savory crêpes. Christine has cooked in fine restaurants for 10 years (Hotel la Rose, Madrone Manor, Mixx). She has paired food and wine and has written for various food and travel magazines. A confessed "fanatique de la cuisine française," her past articles for France magazine have allowed her to taste her way through Cognac and make Comte cheese in the French countryside. She is a past president of the Sonoma County Culinary Guild and a Harvest Fair Sweepstake winner, a competition she now helps judge. Christine teaches French cooking and "Why We Love Paris," a food and travel class. She also trains student-chefs in the Culinary Arts program at SRJC.

Entrance fee is \$15 if received by February 24, \$20 at the door, \$10 for children under 16. Entrance fee includes two servings of crêpes and a glass of wine.

Mail check by February 22 to: AFSR, 182 Farmers Lane, Suite 200, Santa Rosa, CA 95405.

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

Come Slam With AFSR on March 28

Join us for the first annual swinging soirée of slam of the Alliance Française of Santa Rosa. Mark your calendars now for Friday, March 28, 7 PM at Vista Del Lago.

Some of your fellow performers are: Davida, Kathleen, Jacqueline, Christiane, Marlyse, Hank, Lise, Barbara, Jean-Michel, Mary Kay, Anne, Robert, and Marcelle. We will be singing, reciting poetry, and doing sketches. Please cheer us on; better yet - perform too! **You don't need to memorize it. Just feel it!**

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 cœur
- ★ Il faudra apporter ce dont vous avez besoin, comme le "boom box," des "props," etc.
- ★ Il faut contacter Davida Brautman (zizanie@comcast.net) ou Kathleen Devereaux (kd9156@icloud.com) avec vos idées avant le 8 mars

Local Group Hosts Dîner Mensuel

In addition to the weekly and monthly events listed below, which are sponsored by AFSR, a local group of francophones meets for dinner the first Friday of each month at the Crepevine Restaurant in Montgomery Village. For more information, contact Evelyn Anderson at 576-1124.

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 - Mar 12

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

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Le mot des co-présidents

"La vie est comme un arc-en-ciel: il faut de la pluie et du soleil pour en voir les couleurs".

-- A. Ramaiya

Elle est enfin arrivée en ce début de Février, la pluie que tout le monde attendait.

Mais alors, que faire par temps de pluie?

Rien de tel que de prendre le temps de lire un bon livre, inviter des amis pour partager un bon petit plat, ou simplement enfilez des bottes et une veste et saisissez un parapluie pour faire une ballade et aller à la rencontre de la nature...

La vie se doit d'être une fête de chaque jour et cela ne dépend que de nos propres décisions et de nos perceptions de chaque situation. J'ai faim? Je peux manger. J'ai soif? Je peux boire. Je ne sais pas? Je peux apprendre. Je m'ennuie? Je peux rencontrer des amis.

C'est pour ces raisons que nous vous invitons à prendre connaissance du prochain événement de l'Alliance Française, car il vous permettra de répondre à tous ces besoins d'amitié et de joie en partageant de délicieuses crêpes dans une ambiance festive et chaleureuse.

A très bientôt.

Les co-présidents, Olivier et Marina BERTRAND

AFSR Goes Green



As mentioned in last month's newsletter, AFSR will no longer be mailing printed copies of *Ici L'Alliance*. Instead, it will 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. You can also pick up a printed copy at the Foyer, and we generally have copies available at our events. And of course, if you want a paper copy, you can easily print one at home.

Vivent les arbres!

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.
- ▶ Please consult our schedule: <http://www.afsantarosa.org/school/group-classes>
- ▶ For more information, please contact the school Director: lise@afsantarosa.org
- ▶ 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.

A Note About Private Lessons

We wish to inform you that from March 1st, 2014 our rate for private lessons will be increased to \$50.00 per hour. This increase is unavoidable because of recent increases in expenses. In preparing for this increase, we compared our rates to others in California, and we determined we would still be very competitive. We are hoping for your understanding, and we thank you for your business.

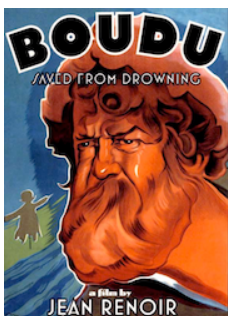
Lise Melin, School Director

Cercle littéraire

Venez nous rejoindre mardi, 18 mars, à 3h.30 discuter un polar de Philippe Georget qui s'appelle L'été tous les chats s'ennuient. Un retraité qui découvre le cadavre d'une jeune touriste; une jeune fille retenue prisonnière dans une cave; la disparition d'un chauffeur de taxi; la tentative enlèvement d'une troisième fille: les affaires sont-elles liées ? Y a-t-il un psychopathe dans la région? A l'inspecteur Sebag de le découvrir...

David Brautman

Upcoming French Film



Boudu Saved From Drowning
Sonoma State University
7 pm March 14
4 PM March 16

Stars legendary French actor Michel Simon as a Parisian tramp who takes a suicidal plunge into the Seine and is rescued by a well-to-do bookseller.

<http://www.sonoma.edu/sfi/schedule/>

"Despite the problems of sound recording in 1932, Jean Renoir went out of the studio and shot this film on the streets of Paris and along the banks of the Seine, so it is not only a lovely fable about a bourgeois attempt to reform an early hippie (Michel Simon is the shaggy bearded tramp who spills wine on the table and wipes his shoes on the bedspread) but a photographic record of an earlier France." – Penelope Gilliatt (1932, 87 min., in French w/English subtitles)

[Boudu Saved From Drowning - Trailer](#)

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*Mark your calendars for the
AFSR Soirée de Slam
on March 28!
See page 1 for info.*

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: _____

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--- 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)

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