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L'ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE SANTA ROSA

presents

LA FÊTE DU BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU

Friday, November 17, 2006
6:00 p.m - 9:00 p.m.

Silent Bidding 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Live Auction 7:30 p.m.

Paradise Ridge Winery, Santa Rosa
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Members \$25 (Advance) \$35 (@ Door)
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AUCTION!
FOOD & WINE!
DESSERTS!
LIVE MUSIC!

You're invited!

Please attend our exciting fundraising event presented annually by the Alliance Française of Santa Rosa. This festive evening aims to raise money to support our non-profit organization which dedicates itself to promoting French-American understanding and friendship, as well as providing cultural events and language studies. Join us for great food, wine, desserts, live French music and an auction!

Visit our website www.afsantarosa.org to download an invitation, or to find out more information on becoming an Auction Donor or Sponsor.

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Volunteer Committee

We need your help and expertise
to organize upcoming events

Please contact us by calling at 707.543.8151 or
email us at info@afsantarosa.org

We look forward to meeting you!

Petite Exposition...

A la fête du Beaujolais Nouveau on aura l'occasion de regarder une petite exposition sur un sujet peu connu : les étiquettes anciennes de fromage de chèvre.

Présentés par Lewis Baer, ces morceaux de papier décorés de dessins charmants et colorés, démontrent les changements de l'industrie française et de la publicité au cours du 20e siècle.

Réception de Noël

au Sonoma County Museum

Connecting Sonoma County's rich history with contemporary artistic and cultural currents

Friday, December 8 2005 from 6pm to 8pm

(date to be confirmed next month)

Free Parking available across the street in Macy's garage

Executive Director fera une présentation du Musée

There will be a reception and holiday refreshments immediately following.

Nous nous réjouissons de vous y voir!

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Our newsletter *Ici L'Alliance* appears monthly along with our calendar of events. This newsletter is mailed to over 350 local addresses, and is given out to anyone who might be interested in the activities of the Alliance and in the classes offered by our French Language School.

Get in touch! Merci.

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Send all correspondence regarding the newsletter, advertising and the website to:

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613 Fourth Street, Suite 200
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Voulez-vous parler français?*French Chat*

Our monthly French Chat will take place at Sassafras on Friday, November 3rd. Please join us for convivial conversation in French beginning at 6:15 p.m. at Sassafras restaurant.

Dinner and beverages are available for purchase all evening. Each person is responsible for their own order. Sassafras is located at 1229 North Dutton Avenue, Santa Rosa (College Avenue heading west, right onto Dutton, left into large parking lot of Santa Rosa Business Park; www.sassafrasrestaurant.com). It is always helpful to the restaurant if we know approximately

how many will attend. Please let me know if you can but don't worry if you decide at the last minute. Hope to see you for November's French chat. A bientôt, Evelyn Anderson - 576-1124

Causeries in Sebastopol

Tuesdays, 6 to 8 pm, at 176 Main N. Street. For information, call Madeleine at 526-5257. Advanced conversation.

Causeries in Healdsburg

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Wine and cheese and a lots of talk en français! Call Myrna Greene for the latest location at (707) 433-3677.

Le Cercle littéraire

Attention les lecteurs du cercle littéraire: pour les deux réunions prévues avant la fin d'année 2006 nous passons du jeudi au mercredi soir. Ainsi la date à retenir est le 29 novembre (*Etoile errante* de P.M. Le Clézio). Pas de réunion en décembre.

Sans doute aurait-il été plus convenable de lire Regain au printemps puisqu'il s'agit du VENT de cette saison où tout recommence à pousser (à revivre si l'on veut bien dire). Dans ce roman ce sont les forces de la nature qui jouent le beau rôle; les quelques personnages ne sont, en comparaison, que des fantômes. Il est question d'un temps, d'un lieu, une façon de vivre et d'un monde révolus. Comme tant d'autres dans cette région isolée de la Provence, Aubigname est un hameau agonisant, en train de disparaître sous les herbes sauvages et le sable que le vent emporte et entasse contre les vieux murs en ruine. Comment peut-on croire que l'homme puisse triompher contre cette force panique, furieuse et incessante, qu'est la Nature? C'est à voir. Après tout, l'homme aussi est une puissance qui demande à vivre, revivre et survivre.

Aussi, et fort à propos, disons-nous à notre feu compagnon Jean-Pierre, non pas adieu, mais au revoir. Entretemps, certes, il va nous manquer.

Raymond Lemieux

Message de la Présidente

Chers membres,

How much interest the French language seems to attract! Our school is in its second session and thanks to Hervé Boblet the school is doing splendidly with 46 students, an average of 5.1 students per class.

L'excellente conférence d' Anne Prah-Perochon sur la Tapisserie de Bayeux fut un immense succès. Nous étions plus de 60 participants le soir de la conférence. We really appreciate Anne's generosity to offer us such a great experience.

Carolyn Reed's hard work contributed in enabling us to offer great prizes for 4th of July pique-nique and she is actually coordinating and managing our fundraising for the 4th Beaujolais Nouveau Celebration next month. She is doing a marvelous job. Merci Carolyn!

I am looking forward to the New Year and I thank you for your support and your active participation in all the activities of l'Alliance Française de Santa Rosa.

At the risk of repeating myself, I would like to reiterate our need for additional help, whether through physical participation, or by offering new ideas for your Alliance to implement; do not hesitate to stop by or drop us a line.

Je souhaite à vous et à votre famille de bonnes fêtes de fin d'année et mes meilleures vœux pour la nouvelle année 2007!

Upi Struzak



Causeries du jeudi

French conversation and BBQ?

Bien sûr!

The BBQ is optional, but the back room of this place on Summerfield Road is big and quiet with many tables for small group conversations.

Come and join us!

Black Bean BBQ 557 Summerfield Rd
707.539.6100
4:30-6:00 pm
avec
Daphne Smith
et Marina Velichensky

Sixty Years of Haitian Art

Slide lecture (in English) given by Patrick Jamieson, a local collector November 16, 2006

Sonoma State University, 1801 E. Cotati Ave., Rohnert Park - Schulz 3001 - 1:15pm-2:45pm

Biographical information on the artists, external influences and cultural context, the rich symbolism of Haitian art and practical considerations in buying works of Haitian art.

For more details, please email suzanne.toczyski@sonoma.edu or 664-4177 .

**Bienvenue
à nos nouveaux membres!**

- Cindy Gillease
- Paula Kovars & Johnn Quinn
- Blanche Lenine-Cruz
- Sylvie Brisbois
- June de Trey
- Kathleen Devereaux
- Courtney Dyar
- Arleen Glenn
- Neil Johnston & Madeline McFeely
- Susan McGuire
- Scott C. Nevin & Linda McCabe
- Jocelyne Paisnel
- Girish Parakkal
- Matt A. Schwiegeraht
- John William Steele
- Ralene Stine
- Matthew J.Everson
- Herber & Charlotte Ginsberg
- Natalie Timm
- Lee Perron
- Sabine Chareyre & Jean-Claude Soleil
- Tim Coates
- Albert Finn
- Amy Levack
- Jennifer Walters



Nouveau

*Déjeuner Mensuel de l'Alliance at
Sassafras Restaurant & Bar*

Wednesday November 15

Join us for food, conversation, and fun!

Choices to be made from menu distributed before lunch.
Some changes may be made periodically.

Bar service extra

\$20 members -- non-members \$22
1229 North Dutton Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Please reserve by calling 829.7708 by Monday 13 at the latest.
We will collect it at the door.

Mark your calendars with the following date

December 12.



1229 North Dutton Avenue, Santa Rosa

Dans la Cuisine avec Christine Piccin

Potatoes Roasted in Sea Salt
makes 6 servings

Fall is upon us and there are wonderful local potatoes at the markets now. Here's a simple way to roast them, which seasons the potatoes while they cook. Bon appétit!

- 2 lbs. small potatoes, Yukon Gold or Red Bliss or another, scrubbed
- 2-3 lbs. salt, either coarse sea salt or kosher salt

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Arrange the potatoes in a shallow baking dish and cover completely with salt. Bake until potatoes are tender when pierced with a fork, 45 minutes or longer, depending on size. Brush potatoes off lightly and serve hot.

Cool the salt and store for reuse.

- My Upcoming Classes -

- ◆ Passionate about Pie -- Monday, 11/20
- ◆ Menu for Fall -- Wednesday, 12/13

Visit www.SantaRosaRec.com to enroll or please email me for more info: christine@piccin.com

Holiday closing dates:

The Alliance Française de Santa Rosa will be closed after December 15 and will reopen January 8 2007.

Nous vous souhaitons de très bonnes Fêtes de fin d'années!



Looking for a gift idea?
 Voulez-vous parler français ?
 Why not offer the gift of learning French:
 A session of six classes at l'Alliance Française de Santa Rosa!
Call us at 543-8151

French Films at SSU

All films are put on by the Sonoma State University French Club in Nichols 173 on the SSU Campus: 1801 E. Cotati Avenue, Rohnert Park.

Admission is free; movie is in French with English subtitles. 7pm. *Venez nombreux!*

The remaining movies are:

November 1, 2006. *La vie rêvée des anges* / The dreamlife of angels.

November 15, 2006. *La cité des enfants perdus* / The city of lost children.

November 29, 2006. *Comme une image* / Look at me.



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French Language School
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 Monday 20 November–Thursday 14 December (4 weeks)
 Monday 8 January – Thursday 15 February (6 weeks)

BEGINNERS – Complete beginners, no diagnostic interview. Class to be formed, call for schedule. --Merci!

CONVERSATION Class - 2 hours/week for 6 weeks – 12 hours of instruction. Tuition \$168

WEDNESDAY 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

This class will resume next session in January

ADVANCED BEGINNERS – Beginners with little knowledge of French, no diagnostic interview required. 2 hours/week for 6 weeks – 12 hours of instruction. Tuition: \$ 168

ADVANCED – 2 hours/week for 6 weeks –12 hours of instruction. Tuition \$168

WEDNESDAY 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
 WEDNESDAY 11:30 am - 13:30 p.m.

TUESDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

INTERMEDIATE – 2 hours/week for 6 weeks – 12 hours of instruction. Tuition \$168

ADVANCED Theme Class – Fluent level - 2 hours/week for 6 weeks – 12 hours of instruction. Tuition \$168

The class is a discussion of various aspects of life in France such as France and the European Union, Immigration in France, Work and Leisure in France.

THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.
 MONDAY 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Classes Location:

Alliance Française de Santa Rosa, Fourth St., Kress Building (2nd Floor), Santa Rosa. Public Parking available on 5th St. and at 3rd St. & D Street.

STUDENT INFO **NEW** **CONTINUING**

FEES

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please include membership fee for non-members (Individual \$40, HS Student \$25, Family \$45)

Tuition: \$ _____

Membership: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Please clip and mail this form, along with check payable to "Alliance Française de SR" to:
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I wish to enroll in: _____

I have read and understood - Signature: _____

Alliance Française de Santa Rosa

French Language School

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La Maison de L'Alliance is open
Tuesday: 9:45am - 12:30pm.
2:30pm - 4:30 pm.

Videotheque is open during class hours.
Please call for hours.

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Is your Membership Renewal Due?

IS YOUR MAILING ADDRESS CIRCLED IN RED? TIME TO RENEW!

If you do not renew within 2 months, we will regretfully stop sending you our newsletter and your membership benefits will expire. Call the Alliance 707.543.8151 for address changes. Please note: Bulk mail is not forwarded.

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Please Check One: New member Renewal

Name _____ Date _____

Adress _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Level of Proficiency: None Beginner Intermediate Advanced Native

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, 613 4th Street, Suite 200, Santa Rosa, CA 95404
Gifts are tax deductible

Annual Fee (12 month period) Please circle your membership level	
HS Student	\$25
French Teacher	\$28
Individual Member	\$40
Family	\$45
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Sponsor	\$100
Life Membership	\$500
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<i>Merci!</i>	

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