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La Collection DVD de l'Alliance

We are happy to announce that we have been renewing our videotheque and have been purchasing DVDs that you will be able to borrow at no charge.

Our selection so far includes more than 60 films, from "La bête humaine" and "Drôle de Drame" to "Le festin de Babette" et "Monsieur Ibrahim" (see list). We intend to continue purchasing new movies every month to eventually replace the aging videos you have been enjoying.

In order to check out movies, the rules will be simple – just like at Blockbuster's or Hollywood Video's! After registration, you will be able to take home two DVDs at a time for a period of one week.

We will ask you to leave a credit card number with us. Should you decide to keep the movie, we will charge your card accordingly. So feel free to come see us and start watching those classic or contemporary French movies that you like so much!

Hervé Boblet

New Titles:

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| Le festin de Babette | Ridicule |
| L'enfant sauvage | Cartouche |
| Jeux interdits | La Balance |
| Diva | L'appartement |
| Les enfants du Paradis | L'aventure c'est l'aventure |
| Les Patriotes | L'horloger de Saint-Paul |
| Les 400 coups | La bonne année |
| Bleu | La meilleure façon de marcher |
| Blanc | L'enfant |
| Rouge | La vie et rien d'autre |
| Le magnifique | Trois hommes et un couffin |
| La bête humaine | Les Poupées russes |
| La grande illusion | L'auberge espagnole |
| Monsieur Ibrahim | Clara et moi |
| Ma femme s'appelle Maurice | Après vous |
| Quai des Orfèvres | Borsalino |
| Pas sur la bouche | Ma vie en rose |
| Flic story | Deux homes dans la ville |
| Chocolat | Balzac |
| Camille Claudel | Van Gogh |
| Un homme et une femme | La petite Jérusalem |
| Le diner de cons | Inspecteur Lavardin |
| L'homme qui aimait les femmes | Cop au vin (Poulet au vinaigre) |
| Un flic | La gloire de mon père |
| Un long dimanche de fiançailles | Le château de ma mère |
| L'histoire d'Adèle H. | Mes nuits sont plus belles que vos jours |
| C'est la vie | Le placard |
| Le genou de Claire | The swindle (Rien ne va plus) |
| Drôle de drame | Le Samourai |
| Délicatesse | Les temps qui changent |
| Intimate strangers | La vie de château |
| Playtime | |

Déjeuner Mensuel de l'Alliance at Sassafras Restaurant & Bar

Wednesday February 14 at noon

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

Members \$20 -- non-members \$22

1229 North Dutton Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Please reserve by calling Adrena at 823-5539 by Monday

12 at the latest. We will collect at the door.



Causeries du jeudi

French conversation et croissants?

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At

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On Brookwood and Fourth

4:00-5:30 pm

avec Daphne Smith et Marina Velichinsky

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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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Alliance Française de Santa Rosa,
613 Fourth Street, Suite 200
Santa Rosa, CA 95404
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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

Message de la Présidente

Chers membres,

Another year has come and gone! Our School is going stronger than ever led by Hervé's maintained effort to insure classes of high quality taught by our excellent teachers. We are constantly looking for new ideas and programs for our membership. With the support of our Board, my goal for this year is to make the Alliance a more welcoming place for socializing, dropping by to borrow a movie from our new collection or simply having a coffee and chat with friends. The Alliance should be open at least two to three days a week in order to cater to the growing needs of our members, from families with small children to working individuals and those with more time for leisure.

At a popular request we are reinstating the monthly publication frequency for *Ici L'Alliance*. Like before, you will be receiving a new issue every month, except for the three bi-monthly issues of June-July, August-September, and December-January.

In the meantime, enjoy this month's *Ici l'Alliance* and bask in the wonders of the Californian winter.

Upi Struzak

Bonne Saint-Valentin à tous!

La St-Valentin, c'est la fête des amoureux, mais c'est aussi le jour où les oiseaux sont sensés choisir leur compagne. Par contre, cette fête tirerait plutôt ses origines des "Lupercales", fêtes romaines de printemps consacrées au dieu Pan, dieu des bergers d'Arcadie. Le pape Gélase 1er interdit ces fêtes en 496 et les remplaça par la commémoration du martyr de Saint-Valentin.

**Volunteer Committee**

We need your help and expertise to organize upcoming events, find speakers for the monthly luncheons, organize our library, welcome members, and much more!

Please contact us by phone at
707.543.8151
or email at info@afsantarosa.org
We look forward to meeting you!

**Bienvenue
à nos nouveaux membres!**

Alexia Underwood
Suzanne Stewart & Christian Gerike
Tim Coates
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Sydney Griffin
Laura & Greg Malone
Renate McLelland
Barbara Medaille
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Dans la cuisine avec Christine Piccin

February 2, Candlemas or Chandeleur in French, celebrates the day Jesus was presented in the temple 40 days after his birth. It falls midway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox and in many traditions is considered the beginning of spring, a celebration of light, purification, and renewal. One tradition was that people went to the church to have their candles blessed on that day. Hence the name, Candle Mass, Candlemas, or Fêtes des Chandelles.

Pancakes or crêpes are served on February 2 (alternatively, the first Sunday in February), as wheat is the symbol of this celebration. If you hold a coin in your hand while tossing a crepe, it's suppose to bring money for the whole year. Crêpes are incredibly resilient, can be made ahead and reheated, even frozen. Spread them with butter and sugar or jam and serve with cider or champagne. Bon appétit!

François' Grand Marnier Crêpes

makes 4 servings (2 crêpes per serving--the batter will make enough for 9 or 10 crêpes; your first crêpe will often be an "oops".)

Batter

- 2/3 cup milk
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 large egg
- 1 Tbl. orange-flavored liqueur, (Cointreau, Triple Sec or Grand Marnier, optional)
- 1 Tbl. melted butter
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 1/8 tsp. salt

Place first 7 ingredients in blender and blend 10 seconds, or whisk vigorously in a medium mixing bowl, until smooth. Refrigerate at least 1 hour so the batter can relax, and so the crêpes will be tender. (This can be prepared up to 2 days ahead and refrigerated.)

Batter should be thin, like cream. Stir in a tablespoon or more water if necessary. Heat a 7-8" skillet or crêpe pan over medium high heat. Brush pan quickly with a small amount of melted butter and heat a few seconds more.

Use a 1/4 cup measuring cup as a ladle, measure about 3 tablespoons batter into center of hot pan, quickly lifting, tipping, and shaking pan to swirl batter over entire surface. Cook 30 seconds to 1 minute, until edges of crêpe are crispy and light brown. (If the crêpe cooks faster than 30 seconds, reduce heat.) With the tip of a spatula or butter knife lift up crêpe and with the help of your fingers, peel it from pan and flip it over. Cook 15-20 seconds more, remove, and stack on a plate.

Wipe any crumbs from pan with paper towel and cook remaining crêpes. (Crêpes can be made the day before, cooled completely, then wrapped and refrigerated. Bring to room temperature then warm gently before filling.)



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Le mois de février...

est le deuxième mois des calendriers grégorien et julien. Son nom vient du latin februiarius, en l'honneur de Februa. À l'époque antique, il fut le dernier mois de l'année dans le calendrier romain ; à l'époque, l'année débutait le 1er mars.

C'est le mois le plus court de l'année, et le seul à compter moins de 30 jours. La raison est historique, et vient du calendrier julien : pour rendre hommage à Jules César et à l'empereur Auguste, un jour supplémentaire a été ajouté de façon permanente aux mois de juillet et août, et retiré en fin d'année, portant le mois à 28 jours au lieu de 30. Jusqu'à Jules César, les mois du calendrier romain suivaient en effet des variations désordonnées de durée en fonction des ajustements avec les cycles lunaires et des vœux des empereurs et consuls ou pour des raisons festives et politiques.

C'est aussi le seul mois de l'année à avoir un nombre de jours variable selon les années :

- 28 jours le plus souvent durant les années non-bissextiles ;
- 29 jours les années bissextiles ;
- 30 jours historiquement, pour certaines années dans quelques pays de tradition orthodoxe, pour rattraper des décalages calendaires

Ten reasons to learn French

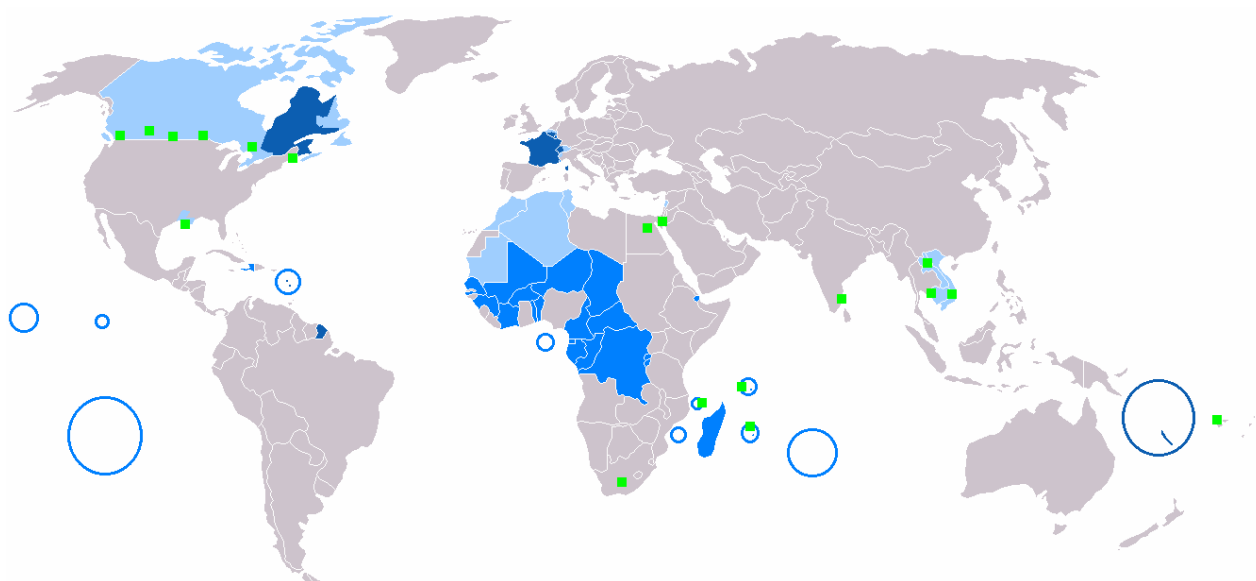
1. You will find French speakers on all continents around the world. French is the native language of some 200 million people and is the second language of millions more. In Europe, it is spoken in France, Belgium, Switzerland and Luxembourg. In the Americas, it is an official language of Canada and spoken in the Caribbean.
2. It is the language of the well educated in parts of Southeast Asia, North Africa and much of Western and Central Africa. Being able to speak French is an asset for anyone interested in working in international organizations such as the Peace Corps.
3. French is a key language in the European Union of twenty five nations, the world's largest economic entity.
4. With a population of 350 million and a gross national product larger than the United States, the European Union is an economic superpower.
5. French is a language of business. Today, American companies have over 2,000 subsidiaries in France, and French companies have over 600 subsidiaries in the United States. Major corporations with headquarters or subsidiaries in the United States and France include Du Pont, Hewlett-Packard, Xerox, Apple Computer, Michelin, Renault, Bic and many more.
6. French is a language of technology and medicine. Dr. Luc Montagnier discovered HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. The Chunnel under the English Channel, the TGV high speed trains, and the Concorde are only a few examples of recent French technological advances.
7. French fashion designers, artists, writers, musicians, chefs and filmmakers have had a wide influence in the United States and the rest of the world.
8. Impressionist painters like Monet, musicians like Ravel and Boulez, novelists like Flaubert and Camus have had an influence on world culture. Many recent American films like *Three Men and a Cradle* and *A Baby's Point of No Return* are remakes of French movies. Where would Julia Child be without French cuisine? Who hasn't heard of Christian Dior, Chanel, and Pierre Cardin?
9. French is the language of influential, religious, and intellectual movements. Jean Calvin helped define Protestantism; Enlightenment writers like Voltaire championed human rights; Simone de Beauvoir was a prominent feminist, and Michel Foucault was a founder of postmodernism.
10. French is a language of tourism. Paris is the third most visited international city by Americans. France is the second most visited country in the world, and Quebec offers a taste of Europe in North America.

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Monday 19 February – Thursday 29 March (6 weeks)

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WEDNESDAY	3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

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

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WEDNESDAY	11:30 am - 13:30 p.m.
THURSDAY	12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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THURSDAY	6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
FRIDAY	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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TUESDAY	6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
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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.

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

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Tuition: \$ _____

Membership: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

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2:30pm - 4:30 pm.

Videotheque is open during class hours.
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I would like to volunteer: Yes No

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