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## Le Beaujolais Nouveau est arrivé! Fundraising Event 2007

### Festin pour célébrer le Beaujolais Nouveau

This event will celebrate the arrival of this most amazing wine.  
We will celebrate with wine, sumptuous food and your great company!

**Don't Miss This Year's First Wine!**

**Paradise Ridge Winery - Thomas Lake Harris Drive, Santa Rosa - Friday, 16 November, 2007**



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### Cercle littéraire

5 décembre 2007

#### Un long dimanche de fiançailles de Sébastien Japrisot

MMM: Mathilde aime Manech. Une belle histoire d'amour, des plus belles parce que profondément triste et déchirante. Il est vrai, les amours heureux, bien que peu nombreux, n'intéressent guère. Cette histoire-ci, devant son fond de guerre, la guerre de 14, la grande guerre, la guerre des tranchées, la guerre à mettre fin à toutes les guerres, nous ravage en nous forçant de mettre le nez, avec les protagonistes, en plein dans la boue, le sang et la mort. Ce groupe de cinq hommes est condamné à mort, "tués à l'ennemi" parce qu'ils ont fini par en avoir assez de se battre pour rien sans jamais voir la fin. Loin d'être des héros dans le bon sens du mot, ils nous portent tout de même à vouloir qu'au moins un d'entre eux sera épargné. Peut-être le Nino de Valentine Lombardi, une Corday moderne. Sûrement le bleuete Manech que Mathilde aime aussi à la folie et dont l'amour est inscrit à perpétuité dans la chair du platane parmi les mimosas au bord du lac Honegar. Aussi s'agit-il de leurs fiançailles du début jusqu'à la fin. C'est leur amour qui fait cible: MMM. Pourtant, on voudrait presque voir Célestin Poux, "La terreur des armées," remplacer Manech.

Raymond Lemieux

### Déjeuner Mensuel de l'Alliance Sassafras Restaurant

Wednesday **November 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.

Please reserve by calling  
**Adrena at 823-5539 by Monday 9**  
at the latest.

We will collect at the door.

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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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**Voulez-vous parler français?***Causeries in Sebastopol*

Tuesdays, 6 to 7:30 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.

*French Chat*

A monthly French Chat takes place at Sassafras on the first Friday of each month. Please join us for convivial conversation in French beginning at 6:15 p.m. at Sassafras restaurant (1229 North Dutton Avenue, Santa Rosa); dinner and beverages are available for purchase all evening. Each person is responsible for their own order. It is always helpful to the restaurant if we know approximately how many will attend. Please let Evelyn Anderson (sonprov@sbcglobal.net, 576-1124) know if you can, but don't worry if you decide at the last minute.

**Mot de la Présidente**

« *Le Beaujolais Nouveau va arriver!* »

As many of you know, the Event Committee has been busy getting ready for the biggest event of the season, "La Fête du Beaujolais Nouveau" coming up on Friday November 16th at Paradise Ridge Winery. The annual celebration of Beaujolais Nouveau has become one of the most exciting and lively wine events in Sonoma County, especially because our festivities have a "purpose" along with the celebration, the "fête" has also become our "fundraising event" of the year.

As a non-profit organization, our Alliance's goal is to promote the French language and culture through different events, and the Beaujolais Nouveau has taken a special place in our hearts as "l'événement de l'année!"

This light and "jovial" red wine is meant to be consumed while young, whilst most other Beaujolais wines can generally be kept for up to five years. The celebration of the arrival of the Beaujolais Nouveau began as a local phenomenon in bars, cafes and bistros in the French cities of Beaujolais and Lyon and soon became an international phenomenon.

The official release of Beaujolais Nouveau is the third Thursday of November. Wherever the Beaujolais Nouveau goes, importers agree not to sell it before midnight, local time, on the third Thursday of November, thus our celebrations every year at the same time!

Mark your calendars and reserve for this event early as space is limited and the company and food unsurpassed!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Jacqueline Lindenfeld for her fabulous conference on *La France au pas de course avec le Président Sarkozy en tête* last Thursday October 18th at the Alliance.

Cordialement.

Upi Struzak  
Présidente

**Please Donate**

As you all know, the Alliance Française has for mission to promote the French culture and language not only of France but ALL the French speaking nations in the world. We at the Alliance Française de Santa Rosa are proud to be apart of this great "réseau mondial".

**Please make us part of your TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION for the year 2007!**

**Your pledges will make our Alliance a stronger presence in Sonoma County.**

**Please ask us for a list of benefits**

*Causeries du jeudi*

French conversation

*Biensûr, come and join us!*

*At East West Cafe*

557 Summerfield Road

4:00-5:30 pm

### French Language School

www.afsantarosa.org

Session II Monday 22 October - Friday 21 December

For registration please contact our Director Hervé at [herve@afsantarosa.org](mailto:herve@afsantarosa.org) Call 707.543.8151

**BEGINNERS** – Complete beginners, no diagnostic interview. 2 hours/week for 9 weeks - 18 hours of instruction. Tuition \$252

MONDAY	6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	11 a.m. - 1:00 pm
THURSDAY	5:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - <b>\$220</b>

**ADVANCED BEGINNERS** – Beginners with little knowledge of French, no diagnostic interview required. 2 hours/week for 9 weeks – 18 hours of instruction. Tuition: \$252

WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
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THURSDAY	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**INTERMEDIATE** – 2 hours/week for 9 weeks 18 hours of instruction. Tuition \$252

WEDNESDAY	6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
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**CONVERSATION Class** - 2 hours/week for 9 weeks – 18 hours of instruction. Tuition \$252

WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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**ADVANCED** – 2 hours/week for 9 weeks –18 hours of instruction. Tuition \$252

TUESDAY	6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
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**ADVANCED Theme Class** – Fluent level - 2 hours/week for 9 weeks – 18 hours of instruction. Tuition \$252

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.

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

**CHILDREN Class** for 9 weeks – 9 hours of instruction. Tuition \$126

SATURDAY	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m..
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**10 to 13 years old Class** for 9 weeks – 13.5 hours of instruction. Tuition \$189

THURSDAY	3:30 p.m. - 5: p.m.
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### Dans la cuisine avec Christine Piccin

#### Flavors For Fall

Here's a salad with a hearty feel for Fall. Why not try it for Thanksgiving dinner?


#### Spinach Salad with Bacon and Apple Cider Vinaigrette and Fromage de Chèvre - Makes 4 servings

- 1/4 lb. sliced bacon
- dressing:
- 3 Tbl. cider vinegar
- 1 Tbl. frozen apple juice concentrate
- 2 tsp. minced red onion
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp. ground ginger
- 1/8 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 2-3 Tbl. bacon drippings
- 4 oz. spinach leaves, well washed
- 1 med. apple, diced
- 1/3 cup sliced red onion
- 1/3 cup toasted pecans, broken
- 2-3 ounces crumbled fromage de chèvre

Sliver bacon and cook until crisp. Drain on paper towels, reserving drippings.

For dressing, combine the first seven ingredients in a small mixing bowl until salt is dissolved. Whisk in the oil and reserved bacon drippings.

For salad, stem spinach if necessary. Mix diced apple with a bit of the dressing so it won't turn brown. Reserve a tablespoon or two each of chopped apple, chèvre, and pecans for garnish. Toss spinach with remaining ingredients and enough dressing to coat lightly. Serve sprinkled with reserved apple, chèvre, and pecans.




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*-- Geneviève and Lynn, Santa Rosa*

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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.

**Please Check One:**

New member  Renewal

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**I would like to volunteer:**  Yes  No

**Areas of interest**  Conversation Group  Literary Group  Classes  Children's Activities

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

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French Teacher	\$28
Individual Member	\$40
Family	\$45
Friend of AFSR	\$75
Sponsor	\$100
Life Membership	\$500

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*Merci!*

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