

**Alliance Française de Santa Rosa
French Language School**

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DVD.....\$5

Books.....\$1

Call Jean-Marie Deschamps
for more information.

707-935-7655

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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.

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Name _____ Date _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

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I also authorize the Alliance Française de Santa Rosa to charge the same card for the same amount every year at time of renewal.

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Annual Fee (12 month period) Please circle your membership level	
HS Student	\$25
French Teacher	\$30
Individual Member	\$40
Family	\$50
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Sponsor	\$100
Life Membership	\$500
Additional Donations:	
School Program	\$ _____
Cultural Program	\$ _____
<i>Merci!</i>	
<i>Gifts are tax deductible</i>	



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An evening with Cara Black

Friday May 1, 2009

San Francisco's mystery author, Cara Black, shares her latest novel, 'Murder in the Latin Quarter'. The winding cobblestones of rue Mouffetard set the stage for Aimée Leduc's newest adventure. Set in the aftermath of Princess Diana's death in Paris, the complex plot involves Haitian politics, history and culture as well as world trade and geopolitical corruption.

Her talk will cover why she writes about Paris, why detective stories and insights into her 9th mystery, MURDER IN THE LATIN QUARTER, an IndieNext Bookseller Pick for April that debuted at #1 on the SF Chronicle Bestseller list. MURDER IN THE LATIN QUARTER takes place in September 1997 two weeks after Princess Diana's death in a car crash in Paris. Her talk will be followed by a Q&A discussion.

Cara Black's love affair with Paris and all things French stem from her Francophile family; a father who loved gastronomy and an uncle who studied with Georges Braque in Paris and meeting the Prix Goncourt winning author Romain Gary on her first trip to Paris. She's a member of the Marais Historic Society and the Historic Society of the 10th arrondissement. She writes the bestselling and award nominated Aimée Leduc Investigations set in the different arrondissements of Paris. Her website is www.carablack.com

Vista del Lago Club House - 3150 Lakeview Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Friday May 1, 2009 at 6pm

Members: free - Non-Members: \$8 - Reservation preferred

Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Une soirée avec Jean Claude Zambelli

Vendredi 22 mai 2009

Jean Claude Zambelli est le représentant des Français de l'Etranger et nous parlera du fonctionnement et de l'animation des associations francophones aux USA. Son rôle est de permettre aux Français, malgré l'éloignement, de participer à la vie nationale et de faire entendre leurs voix.

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Causeries du jeudi

French conversation

Join us at the Foyer of the Alliance

4pm to 5pm

avec Daphne Smith et Marina Velichinsky

Déjeuner Mensuel de l'Alliance Sassafras Restaurant

Wednesday May 13 at noon
Members \$20 -- Non-Members \$22
1229 North Dutton Ave, Santa Rosa.

Please reserve by calling Adrena at 823-5539
by Monday 11

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Our newsletter *Ici L'Alliance* appears monthly along with our calendar of events. This newsletter is mailed to over 250 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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Le Cercle Littéraire

Le **21 mai** le cercle littéraire va savourer La Gourmandise de Muriel Barbery. En effet, il faut bien dire ce qui est. Il s'agit d'une gourmandise "divine" qui vaut toutes les autres, celle qu'on a oubliée depuis longtemps et qu'à l'arrêt de mort l'on voudrait bien savourer une dernière fois. Cette recherche à la dernière heure évoque, à rebours (et beaucoup plus brièvement), celle du petit Marcel qui débute à partir d'une madeleine trempée dans son thé. Juste à temps, suivant une longue quête, le roi des gourmets se souvient d'une jouissance sans pareille de son enfance, un délice... de supermarché. C'est celui-là qu'il veut, qu'il ne veut même plus maintenant, ayant retrouvé -- dans sa mémoire -- le plus grand plaisir de toute une vie. Ainsi est-il que souvent le mets le plus apprécié est celui qu'on dévore en imagination, un peu comme la vie, les plus beaux moments étant ceux qu'on n'a pas vécus mais ceux qu'on a rêvés vivre. C'est peut-être là aussi où se trouve le vrai Dieu des dieux.

Cette réunion sera aussi notre dernière discussion avant la pause estivale.

Raymond Lemieux

New in town... **Dominique's Sweets**

Dominique's Sweets is a small, local bakery. They sell their products at farmer's markets, at festivals and by special order. All of their products are made from scratch using wholesome local ingredients. They specialize in handcrafted French macarons and pastries

Phone: 707.843.9765 - dominique@dominiquesweets.com

You can find Dominique's at the Saturday morning Santa Rosa farmers market.
Please stop by and say hello.

Board of Directors – Alliance Française de Santa Rosa

Our general election, 'l'Assemblée générale', will take place September 2009. For this election we need candidates for Board of Members and Officers for one-year terms. This includes separate nominations for each of the Officers: President, Treasurer, two Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary, plus five regular Members. Our Nominating Committee is ready to receive written nominations. Please include related information concerning your interests, professional activities, etc. Indicate also in what capacity you wish to help the Board of Directors of l' Alliance Française de Santa Rosa.

Positions and Duties of Officers:

President: The President shall perform all duties incident to the office of President such as: preside at Board meetings, set the Agenda, assume all responsibilities pertaining to the position of President as well as other responsibilities entrusted to him/her by the Board of Directors.

First Vice-President: The Vice-President shall perform such duties as the President of the Board of Directors may prescribe and shall preside at Board meetings in the absence of the President.

Second Vice-President: Shall act as Program Chairman and perform such duties as planning and coordinating programs of the various committees of the Alliance as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Recording Secretary: The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors, the Annual Meeting and any special meetings of the membership and shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive all dues and income and deposit the same in such a bank or depository institutions as the Board of Directors shall designate. The Treasurer is in charge of bookkeeping, membership dues, fiscal returns and bank relations. The Treasurer shall submit a report of all receipts and expenditures at each regular meeting of the Board of Directors and at the Annual Meeting of the entire membership.

French Language School

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For registration please contact the Director at
herve@afsantarosa.org or call 707.543.8151

School Sessions 2008-2009

Mai 11 - July 10 (9 weeks)

Besides group classes, the AFSR also offers private one on one classes / tutoring at a time to accommodate your schedule. The cost is \$55 an hour. Just email our School Director for more information.



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

MONDAY	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Discussion of various texts on French language, culture and society.

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

Special interest Classes:

CHILDREN Classes

CONVERSATION Classes

One on One Classes available

Call for more information

Dans la Cuisine avec Christine*Crème Vichysoise*

Here's an easy soup that takes advantage of the season's wonderful leeks. Bon appétit!

pour 4-6 personnes

- 300 g de blanc de poireau
- 1 oignon
- 1 c à soupe de beurre

- 500 g de pommes de terre
- 1 litre de bouillon de volaille ou de légumes

- 2,5 dl (250ml) de lait
- 100 g de crème fraîche
- sel et poivre du moulin
- une grosse pincée de noix de muscade moulue
- ciboulette hachée

1. Eplucher les poireaux et les oignons, les laver et les couper en fines lamelles. Faire revenir dans un fait-tout avec le beurre en remuant; ne pas laisser colorer.

2. Eplucher les pommes de terre et couper en tranches fines. Ajouter le bouillon et les pommes de terre au fait-tout, saler et poivrer bien. Laisser frémir à découvert pendant 30 mn.

3. Passer au mixeur. Ajouter le lait, la crème fraîche et la muscade moulue.

4. Peut-être servir chaud ou froid.

(Réchauffer sans faire bouillir.) Vérifier l'assaisonnement. Saupoudrer de ciboulette hachée avant de servir.

- Upcoming Class at the Finley Center -**Quick Simple Sauces on June 24**

Please email me for more info:
christine@piccin.com, or check www.SantaRosaRec.com.

Voulez-vous parler français?*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); 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.