

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

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our newsletter and your membership
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Call the Alliance at 707.543.8151 for
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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	
HS Student	\$25
French Teacher	\$30
Individual Member	\$40
Family	\$50
Friend of AFSR	\$75
Sponsor	\$100
Life Membership	\$500
Additional Donations:	
School Program	\$ _____
Cultural Program	\$ _____
<i>Merci!</i>	
<i>Gifts are tax deductible</i>	



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Le Beaujolais Nouveau est arrivé! Fundraising Event 2009



VENEZ AVEC NOUS CELEBRER
L'ARRIVEE DU BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU !

This event will celebrate the arrival of the latest vintage of Beaujolais Nouveau and brings us together for a special evening of tasting and celebration in the French tradition. This will be a perfect occasion for our guests to mingle while sampling this year's first wine, and indulging in French delicacies such as pâtés, cheeses, charcuterie, and participate in a raffle.



Join us for this festive tradition!

Date: Friday, 20 November, 2009 - 6PM to 8:30PM
Venue: Vista del Lago Club House - 3150 Lakeview Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95405
Ticket Price: \$30 in advance - received by November 16.
Reservation preferred by sending in advance your check to the AFSR, 4525 Montgomery Drive, Suite 2A, Santa Rosa, CA 95409-5358.
Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$35 if space is still available.

Limited space available — Advance tickets recommended

*Déjeuner Mensuel de l'Alliance
Sassafras Restaurant*
Wednesday October 14 at noon.
Choices to be made from menu
distributed before lunch.
Members \$20 - Non-Members \$22
1229 North Dutton Ave, Santa Rosa.
Please reserve by calling Adrena at
823-5539 by Monday October 12

*Pique nique de l'Alliance
Chateau St-Jean Winery*
When: October 11, from 1pm to 4:30pm
Where: 8555 Sonoma Hwy, Kenwood, CA 95452
Bring your food and beverage and enjoy the
beautiful Sonoma County Fall in French!

Causeries in Healdsburg
Wednesdays at 4 to 5pm only in French
and 5 to 6pm bilingual
Lots of talk en français!
Please call Myrna Greene for the address
at 707-433-3677.

Causeries du jeudi
French conversation at the Foyer of the
Alliance from 4 - 5pm
avec Daphne Smith et
Marina Velichinsky



*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
pm at Sassafras restaurant (1229 North
Dutton Avenue, SR.
Contact Evelyn Anderson:
sonprov@sbcglobal.net or 707-576-1124

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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 mot de la Présidente

En tant que nouvelle présidente de notre chapitre de l'Alliance Française, je tiens à vous remercier de votre confiance en moi que je vais m'efforcer de mériter, entourée d'une excellente équipe. En effet, outre les personnes qui renouvellent leur mandat, le comité exécutif comprend quatre nouveaux membres que nous accueillons avec gratitude. Nous avons aussi une nouvelle directrice à la tête de notre Ecole de français. (Voir la liste complète dans l'encadré).

Comme vous le verrez en lisant ce bulletin, nous avons projeté un certain nombre d'activités pour l'automne 2009. Venez nombreux au pique-nique familial du 11 octobre, venez nombreux aussi à la Fête du Beaujolais Nouveau le 20 novembre. "Plus il y a de fous, plus on s'amuse!"

Alors à bientôt.

Jacqueline Lindenfeld

Cercle littéraire

ENTRE LES MURS de François Bégaudeau	15 octobre
L'ECRIVAIN de Yasmina Khadra	19 novembre
Pas de reunion au mois de décembre	
CAHIERS DE LA GUERRE de Marguerite Duras	21 janvier
LE BLE EN HERBE de Colette	18 février
HISTOIRE DE LA FEMME CANNIBALE de Maryse Condé	18 mars
NO ET MOI de Delphine de Vigan	15 avril
TOTAL KHEOPS de Jean-Claude Izzo	20 mai

Le cercle réunit le 3ième jeudi du mois.

Raymond Lemieux

**OFFER OF HOUSE EXCHANGE TO GASCONY, IN SOUTHWEST FRANCE**

Bay Area professional couple retired to Gascony looking for Bay Area house exchange partners for 2010 and beyond. We have a beautiful home in the countryside between Agen and Condom. More pictures are available by consulting <www.homeexchange.com> and searching for listing #71292. We retired here from San Francisco in 2006 and are very pleased with the move. Everyone who has exchanged with us has greatly enjoyed the experience. We can provide references to prior Bay Area exchangers. We return to the Bay Area primarily to visit our aging parents.

Our large, five-bedroom home (4,000 sf perimeter, 3,300 sf living area) is in a private rural location and offers excellent views in all directions. The décor is one of rustic elegance. The house was built in the early 1980's but was built with 19th century stone and timber that was already on the site, where a two-story house was in ruins. It has all modern comforts, DSL Internet, a modern kitchen, good stereo and video systems, and a private unheated swimming pool (5 X 10 meters). Grounds of close to two acres include a large orchard and vines. There are plenty of things to see and appreciate within easy driving distance. Gascony truly offers an ideal combination of being somewhat off the beaten tourist track, while still having many beautiful medieval towns and villages to visit. Gascony is famous in France for its cuisine, which features foie gras, duck, plums, and armagnac, and there are



many fine restaurants in our vicinity that are not expensive by San Francisco standards, even with a relatively low dollar.

Our preferred exchange times are April-May and September-October, and our preferred length of stay is 3-4 weeks. We require a parking place.

If interested, please contact Harvey Scodel at hscodel@yahoo.com

French Language School

www.afsantarosa.org

For registration please contact the Director at
lise@afsantarosa.org or 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	6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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School Sessions 2009-2010

August 31 to October 31 (9 weeks)
November 2 to December 19 (7 weeks)
January 4 to March 6 (9 weeks)
March 8 to May 8 (9 weeks)
May 10 to June 10 (9 weeks)

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

THURSDAY	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.

CHILDREN and CONVERSATION Classes available

Call for more information.

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.

Let's all sing!

(to the tune of "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon")

Around her neck she wore a double gold medal, she wore a double gold medal from the So Co Harvest Fair, Harvest Fair, Harvest Fair, She wore a double gold medal from the So Co Harvest Fair!

(an old song from the John Wayne movie of the same name)

Okay, that was about as corny as Kansas in August, but, Yes, it's true! **Your beloved Caramel Macaroon earned a double gold medal at the 2009 Harvest Fair judging.** Woo hoo!!! Items judged at the Harvest Fair are judged against standards in the category, not against other entries. Sometimes there are no golds, or any medals awarded at all in a given category if the entry does not meet the standards. Hence the unbridled happiness of your friendly baker!!

Here are the items we entered and the results:

Gravenstein Apple Pie – silver medal
Russian River Blackberry Pie – silver medal
Lemon Macaroons – silver medal
Caramel Macaroons – DOUBLE gold medal (I'm so thrilled, I can't get over it)

Dominique's Sweets were at the Harvest Fair awards gala, September 26, serving samples of what we entered in the competition. We will also be at the Harvest Fair on Friday, October 2 serving samples of Caramel and Chocolate Macaroons and on Saturday serving Caramel, Rose, Chocolate and Lemon macaroons.

Check out the events page on our website, www.dominiquesweets.com, for information on tickets to the Gala and the other events where our macaroons can be found. The Harvest Fair website, www.harvestfair.org has more information on one of the most delicious fairs around.

Thank you for indulging me in my 1940's movie references and being my supporters. If you have any other songs in which *double gold medal* can be easily incorporated, let me know!! Maybe I'll come out with a CD I'm so filled with enthusiasm!

Yours in golden dreams,

Dominique