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Fête du Mardi Gras

Friday, February 20 at 6:30 PM ~~~ RSVP by 2/17

Music by Cabaret Crème ~~~ Crêpes by Christine Piccin ~~~ Outrageous masks and costumes by all of you!

Yes it's that time again! Please join us to celebrate Mardi Gras with great music, food, and costumes.

For the first time, we are welcoming Cabaret Crème to entertain us with their lively French music. Cabaret Crème is a group of performers who love the French language. They sing French songs, perform scenes from French plays, and even dance to French music. Some of their members were born in France, others have lived and studied there, most of them have visited many times, and a few have taught French.

And of course we are welcoming back chef Christine Piccin and her students to spoil us with their delicious savory and sweet crêpes. Christine teaches French cooking and "Why We Love Paris," a food and travel class. (See **Announces** on page 3.) She also trains student-chefs in the Culinary Arts program at SRJC.



The fête takes place at Vista del Lago Recreation Center, 3150 Lakeview Drive, Santa Rosa. **Entrance fee is \$15 if received by February 17, \$20 at the door, \$10 for children under 16.** Entrance fee includes two servings of crêpes and a glass of wine. **Mail check by February 14** to: AFSR, 182 Farmers Lane, Suite 200, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. No tickets will be sent to you, but your name(s) will be on the reservation list

To pay using Paypal or a credit card, go to www.paypal.com. Send your fee to treasurer@afsantarosa.org using the "Goods or Services" option. In the Notes field, enter your name and the number of adults and children you are paying for. No tickets will be sent to you, but your name(s) will be on the reservation list.

If possible, please bring an unwrapped toy to donate to a needy child. (See related article on page 2.)

Causeries du jeudi

French conversation at 4pm at the Foyer
avec Daphne Smith & Marina Velichinsky



Causeries à Sebastopol

Lundi de 5-6pm chez Berkeley Malm
Tel: 823-3794

Causeries à Healdsburg

2e et 4e mercredi du mois
Please call 433-8074 for details

Déjeuner Mensuel de l'Alliance

Chloé's Company
C'est si bon! 

Second Wednesday - February 11
Landmark Executive Center, 3883 Airway Dr.
Come Early (11:30) to avoid the rush.
Please call Christiane at 542-5411
by **Monday February 9** to confirm

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Le mot des co-présidents

Chers tous,

Après les attentats survenus à Paris, célébrons la Liberté dans tous ses états. Quelques pensées....

Je peux dire même si Autrui reçoit mon message de façon gênante!

Je peux poser des questions, même si Autrui n'est pas prêt à entendre mon questionnement!

Je peux Etre même si je suis différent!

Je peux vivre même si je n'entre pas dans quelle que norme que ce soit!

Alors, en cette occasion de Liberté, venez comme vous êtes au Mardi Gras organisé par L'Alliance Française de Santa Rosa... Au menu: Crêpes, fromage, fruits frais, vin et jus de fruits pour les plus jeunes!

Vous pourrez aussi profiter de Cabaret Crème qui fera l'ambiance musicale et le Spectacle (en français)!

On vous attend nombreux!!!

Olivier et Marina Bertrand, Co-présidents de l'Alliance Française de Santa Rosa

Thank You from Memorial Hospital

As you may know, we collected a large number of toys and gifts for children at our Fête de Noël. Below are excerpts from the thank you letter we received from Kathleen Exelby, Volunteer Services Manager at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital. We plan to continue to collect gifts at many of our events.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand and Board Members:

I wanted to thank your group very much for the very generous donation of stuffed animals, beanie babies and dog toys. On Christmas Eve, our Volunteer Monique and I went around the hospital and handed out the gifts.... We went to Pediatrics first and there were four patients there. The smaller three were happy to choose their own stuffed animal. But there was an older boy of about 15 who was a little hesitant.... I squeezed one of the dog toys and he laughed and said he would take that for his dog at home.

After Pediatrics we went to our Telemetry and Oncology units.... No one turned us down -- male or female. Several said that they hadn't had time to go shopping yet and this animal would be perfect for their niece, grandchild, etc.

On our way through the Medical/Surgical area, we saw two little girls coming out of a patient room. They had been visiting Grandma. We asked if they would like an early present from Santa and they got very excited and looked over everything very carefully, before making their selections.

We saved some of the Beanie Babies for our children in the Emergency Department because they are the perfect size to store there and give out to hurt and frightened children.

Please thank your whole group and let them know that they cheered up many, many patients. Happy New Year!

ANNONCES

In addition to the weekly and monthly events listed on page 1, which are sponsored by AFSR, a local group of francophones meets for dinner the first Friday of each month at the Crepevine Restaurant in Montgomery Village. For more information, contact Evelyn Anderson at 576-1124.

“Why We Love Paris,” a class taught by our favorite chef, Christine Piccin, with Steve Rabinowitsh, takes place Wednesday evenings February 4-18 at Santa Rosa Junior College. This is a class for lovers of Paris-- whether you have been there many times or have not yet been there. Visit [the class page](#) for more information or to register.

On Wednesday, February 25th, Dr. Jowel Laguerre, president of Solano Community College, will speak about his native Haiti, its challenges and successes. Talk is at 10AM in Schulz 3030 at Sonoma State University. All are welcome; no tickets necessary.

[Meet Slimane Zeghidour](#), Senior Editor for TV5 Monde, Paris, presenting “The politics of the Middle East viewed by French Media and TV5 Monde.” Event is sponsored by [Alliance Française Silicon Valley](#) on February 3 in Palo Alto. Presentation in French at 7pm followed by Q&A in French and English.

Peg Melnik, who is currently taking the "French for Travelers" class at the Alliance, would like to let members know about a cruise in the Mediterranean this coming June. We think this is a special opportunity because it offers visits to wineries in France, Italy and Spain; wine education of French and California varietals; cuisine served by famous French chef Jacques Pépin; and of course the opportunity to practice your French. For more information, email WineClub@CruiseShipCenters.com or call 877-651-7447.

Read and sign up for the weekly Bay Area Francophile List at <http://www.sonoma.edu/users/t/toczyski/BAFLHomepage.shtml>

[Langue et cultures françaises et francophones LCFF](#) est un magazine dédié aux francophiles. Il s'adresse tout particulièrement aux personnes qui enseignent ou apprennent le français. Lu dans 182 pays, le magazine LCFF bénéficie du soutien de TV5 Monde et de RFI.

- ★ une parution mensuelle (en début de mois)
 - ★ deux formats disponibles : numérique (.pdf) ou papier
 - ★ des articles à partir du niveau A2
 - ★ pour chaque article, les mots compliqués sont expliqués en français dans le lexique
 - ★ des articles audios pour la compréhension orale
 - ★ et bien plus encore!
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Coin Ecole

Bonjour! The Alliance is starting to plan a program for children this summer. Please contact [Lisa Broderick](#) if you have a child who may be interested in a children's summer class/week depending on interest.

The next session of classes at the Alliance will start March 16th and run through May 22nd. The March-May schedule will be available on our website soon.

We are always interested in improving our curriculum to best serve our students. We would greatly appreciate it if you would take a few moments to respond to a [very short survey](#) about our current and future classes. You do not need to be a student to respond.

-- Lisa Broderick, school director

- ▶ Our curriculum is dynamic enough to provide instruction for total beginners as well as fluent speakers.
- ▶ Small classes are standard to facilitate communication.
- ▶ Our group classes are \$15.00 / hour for 2 consecutive hours per week.
- ▶ Our schedule is affected by enrollment and may change accordingly.
- ▶ We offer [private lessons](#): Tutoring is tailor-made to suit small groups or individuals.
- ▶ We also have an interesting [program for children](#).
- ▶ For more information, please contact the school director, Lisa Broderick, at school@afsantarosa.org

Les Cadiens (Cajuns) francophones de Louisiane

Le vendredi 23 janvier nous étions une quarantaine à Vista del Lago pour la conférence d'Olivier Marteau sur les Cadiens (Cajuns) de Louisiane. La présentation verbale et visuelle du conférencier était passionnante, nous avons appris beaucoup de choses sur l'histoire des Cadiens et leur vitalité à l'époque contemporaine. Après la conférence les conversations - pour la plupart en français - allaient bon train autour d'un buffet très bien préparé par les membres du Bureau. Merci à eux et au conférencier de nous avoir fait passer une si bonne soirée!

Jacqueline Lindenfeld

Cercle littéraire se réunit le 17 février à 1530 h au Foyer

Marie Mancini: hautaine, persécutée, mal-aimée, vivant dans son propre monde romanesque - à vous de décider. Venez nous rejoindre mardi, le 17 février à 3h. 30 pour une discussion sur ce premier amour de Louis XIV. Ce roman historique de Françoise Mallet-Joris est passionnant.

Dauida Brautman



Please visit (and "like") our [Facebook page](#) to keep up to date with postings of interest to all.

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Joining or Renewing by Mail

Please Check One: New member Renewal

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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

Do not print my name in the list of New Members in *Ici L'Alliance*

Amount of enclosed check: _____

Mail to: Alliance Française de Santa Rosa, 182 Farmers Lane, Suite 200, Santa Rosa, CA 95405-4761

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I hereby authorize the Alliance Française de Santa Rosa to charge the following credit card for the amount of \$ _____

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Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Security Code _____

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Individual Member	\$40
Family	\$50
Friend of AFSR	\$75
Sponsor	\$100
Life Membership	\$500

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Merci!

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