Fête du Mardi Gras

Tuesday, February 16, 6:30p.m. ~ RSVP by Feb. 12

Sing Along ~ Xavier de la Prade and his accordion
Crêpes by Christine Piccin and her students

Join us for crêpes and a sing along with Xavier de la Prade and his accordion. Be sure to wear your outrageous masks and costumes.

This year the fête takes place at the Odd Fellows Hall, 545 Pacific Avenue, Santa Rosa. **Entrance fee is $20 (children under 12, $15) if received by February 12, or $25 (cash or check only) at the door.** Two servings of crêpes and a glass of wine or cider are included.

To rsvp, go to our website or send in a check.

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**Causeries du jeudi**
French Conversation 5-6 p.m. at the Foyer avec Daphne Smith & Marina Velichinsky. Venez pratiquer!!

**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!

Temporarily on hold
Déjeuner mensuel seeks new location.
See article on page 2
Le mot des co-présidents

Février, mois des amoureux avec la Saint Valentin qui nous rappelle Paris, ville Lumière mais aussi celle de l'Amour...
Février, le mois, aussi, des sports d'hiver tant attendus par de nombreux Français se ruant dans les différents domaines de ski qu'offre la France: les Vosges, le Jura, les Alpes, l'Auvergne et les Pyrénées.

Février, c'est aussi Mardi Gras avec ses crêpes et beignets savoureux, une tradition célébrée partout en France pour le bonheur des petits comme des grands.
Aussi, nous vous invitons donc à venir passer un chaleureux moment avec nous afin de savourer les délicieuses crêpes du chef Christine Piccin (voir toutes les informations nécessaires à la page 1).

Bonne lecture à tous et à très bientôt.

Marina et Olivier Bertrand, Co présidents de l'AFSR

Déjeuner Mensuel Seeks New Location

For several years, our Déjeuner Mensuel has been held the second Wednesday of the month at Chloe's in Santa Rosa. Recently, attendance has fallen off, and we think it is primarily due to the fact that the acoustics in the room where we meet make it difficult to hear people unless they are sitting right next to each other. It's really a shame, because we love the food!

We are looking for suggestions for a relatively quiet, reasonably priced, centrally located restaurant to resume meeting monthly. We need a place to seat 12-16 people, preferably at a single table. (However, it's possible that spouses who don't speak French could sit at a table next to that of the French speakers.)

Also, if you would like to attend but can't make it on Wednesdays, please let us know what days would work for you. In the meantime, Déjeuner Mensuel is on hold.

For more information or if you have a suggestion, please call Christiane at 542-5411.
The next session of classes at the Alliance will start February 29th and run through April 22nd. Please consult our schedule: [http://www.afsantarosa.org/school/group-classes](http://www.afsantarosa.org/school/group-classes)

- 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.
- For more information, please contact the school director: [mireille@afsantarosa.org](mailto:mireille@afsantarosa.org)

Mireille Pfeffer
Directrice de l’école

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**ANNONCES**

In addition to the 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.

Read and sign up for the weekly **Bay Area Francophile List** at [http://www.sonoma.edu/users/t/toczyski/BAFLHomepage.shtml](http://www.sonoma.edu/users/t/toczyski/BAFLHomepage.shtml)

**World Debut Concert of SonoMusette** - mid-20th century Parisian music. Saturday, February 20, Occidental Center for the Arts, 3850 Doris Murphy Court, Occidental. 8 p.m. Advance $15, at the door $20. See page 4 for more details or visit the [web site](http://www.sonoma.edu/sfi/).

The Sonoma Film Institute will present a new **documentary, Hitchcock/ Truffaut**, about Truffaut’s book-length appraisal of his filmmaking idol, Alfred Hitchcock Friday, March 4 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 6 at 4 p.m. [http://www.sonoma.edu/sfi/](http://www.sonoma.edu/sfi/) for details and trailer.

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**Cercle Littéraire**

Le cercle littéraire discutera *Couleur du Temps*, un roman de Françoise Chandernagor, mardi, le 16 février à 3h30 au Foyer.

Dans ce roman d’un portrait, Françoise Chandernagor raconte l’histoire d’une vie, et, à travers le destin d’un homme, la quête d’une couleur chère à tous les conteurs : la couleur du temps.

Romans futurs:

**Mars:**  *Lettres de mon moulin*, A. Daudet

**Avril:**  *Le flûtiste invisible*, P. Labro

**Mai:**  *La fête de l’insignifiance*, M. Kundera

Le Cercle Littéraire accueillera avec plaisir de nouveaux participants. For more information contact Katy: [kquibell@gmail.com](mailto:kquibell@gmail.com) or Candi: [candi@afsantarosa.org](mailto:candi@afsantarosa.org)
La Fête des Rois

Un petit groupe de membres enthousiastes de l'AFSR s'est réuni le 15 janvier pour la célébration de la Fête des Rois. Outre les conversations intéressantes et les galettes délicieuses de Chloé (ainsi que du chocolat français et du bon vin), notre co-président Olivier a diverti l'assemblée avec une présentation sur l'histoire et le symbolisme de la traditionnelle galette des rois. Cet événement a eu lieu dans notre nouveau lieu charmant pour les événements de l'AFSR, l'Odd Fellows Hall sur l'Avenue Pacifique, à Santa Rosa.

-Robert Dahlstet

March Lecture by Anne Prah-Perochon

Dr. Anne Prah-Perochon, who has been awarded two of France’s highest distinctions, the Legion of Honor and the Palmes Académiques, for her contribution to French language and culture in the U.S., will present a lecture in French March 24 titled Pissarro's Finale: From Paris With Love.

Camille Pissarro (1830-1903), often referred to as “The Father of Impressionism”, was born in the West Indies but came to Paris in 1855 and lived there until his death. Concentrating for years on scenes of landscapes near Paris, for serious health reasons (he suffered from an eye infection preventing him to paint outdoors) had to find pictorial themes seen from his windows. For the last ten years of his life (from 1893 till 1903), living in different parts of Paris, he painted views of the city that are considered nowadays among the most outstanding Impressionist works.

This lecture will show his journey from Gare St-Lazare to the Boulevard Montmartre, from the Avenue de l’Opéra to the Louvre and the Pont Neuf in an array of extraordinarily beautiful paintings showing Paris as it looked at the turn of the 19th Century.

The lecture will be conducted in French but the Powerpoint presentation has English captions.

SonoMusette - World Debut Concert

The world debut concert for SonoMusette will be February 20 in Occidental at 8 p.m. SonoMusette recaptures the moody, melancholic sound and spirit of mid twentieth-century Paris. French chanteuse, musette accordion, gypsy-jazz guitar, upright bass, and drum kit combine to revive the enchanting songs of that era. This music has retained it’s power to charm and transport listeners, and SonoMusette taps that nostalgia with artistry in both vocals and instrumentation. Inspired by the great performers of that era, such as Edith Piaf, Jacques Brel, and Django Reinhardt, along with contemporary artists such as Zaz, SonoMusette brings bal-musette to the “moderne” era. For details, of the performance, see the web site.

Mimi Pirard( vocalist), Robert Lunceford (accordion),
Jason Briggs (guitar), Jan Martinelli (bass), Richard Andrews (drums)
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