Biking in the Pyrénées

Jeudi, 23 mars: de 7h à 9h
Odd Fellows Hall, 545 Pacific Avenue, Santa Rosa

Continuing our active-life exploration of France, Robert Dahlstet will give a presentation in French and English on a joint Franco-American "Tour in France" (or TiF, not to be confused with the famous TdF) that he did last summer with a few members of the Santa Rosa Cycling Club and French friends in the Union Cycliste de Rieux.

Over the course of three weeks, they rode from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean through the Pyrenees, then participated in the largest European "épreuve cyclosportive" in the Ardèche, and concluded their adventure by climbing the famed Mont Ventoux in Provence.

He will show a "diaporama" (with photos and music) of the trip and be joined by two local riders who accompanied him (both of whom took classes at our AFSR in preparation for their trip).

Wine and cheese served. $10/person.

Please RSVP by March 20 by using PayPal or a credit card on the Bike Tour page on our website. After clicking the submit button, continue with the payment form to complete your payment. Or, if you prefer, mail your check by March 16 to: AFSR, 182 Farmers Lane, Suite 200, Santa Rosa, CA 95405.
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Le printemps arrive?

Bien sûr, this has been a very long and wet winter, and everyone is looking forward to storing their rain boots. Perhaps more than in the recent past, this year people will be anxious to "get out", whether that means going to Armstrong Redwoods or Bodega Bay, or a bit farther away. If you are tempted to see the world, now is the time to plan your trip. Have you considered a big adventure, like a bike tour of the Pyrénées? On March 23rd, Robert Dahlstet will be giving a presentation on his recent expedition there. Come to gather helpful advice or just to watch the scenery. Also, our new travelers class has begun for those who want to add practical French vocabulary before their vacation. Now the clouds are diminishing, sunnier days are ahead!

-Andrea Croft
Présidente

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**ANNONCES**

In addition to the school offerings and the events listed above, which are sponsored by AFSR, a local group of francophones meets for dinner the second Friday evening 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

One of our longtime members, Joan Frank, has published a new novel, *All the News I Need*. With her affection for France and French culture, she brings her story to a head in the heart of Paris. Available at Copperfields.

On Monday morning, April 10, Ella Turenne will present "Défilée La Folle: The Mistaken Madwoman of the Haitian Revolution" in Schulz 3001 at Sonoma State University on Monday, April 10 at 10 a.m. This presentation will be given in Suzanne Toczyski's French 314 class on Francophone Literatures of the Caribbean. Suzanne welcomes all to this presentation -- free and open to the public!

KSVY 91.3 in Sonoma has a weekly French radio show by Michel Saga, Mondays from 1 - 2 p.m. Michel plays songs by French and other Francophile musicians. You can also listen online.

Another radio show (on-line)… Justine, anime une émission hebdomadaire sur KSUN le jeudi de 12h à 14h... On peut écouter en direct sur leur site web: http://www.sonomastateradio.com. The show is called "Une Bouteille à la Mer" and is intended to be a message from French-speaking exchange students to the world — people at Sonoma State University, or anywhere in the United States, French Canada or France. The show is Thursdays from 12 to 2 on KSun Radio at www.sonomastateradio.com. All of the information on the music and the poetry can be found at http://www.ubalm.wordpress.com. Check it out.
Coin Ecole

A new session has begun and we’ve experienced a slight drop in enrollment. Many people in the personal services sector seem to be experiencing a similar small decrease in business which they attribute to post-election stress and taxes. We’ll be reminding everyone of the great opportunity learning a language offers to beat back the doldrums, get together with others, and travel.

I am pleased to announce that student members of the AFSR have begun promoting our courses in the Santa Rosa French-American Charter School parent newsletter, and that we are about to obtain the permission of the Santa Rosa School District to distribute AFSR flyers in the city schools for private tutoring.

We’ve welcomed a new teacher onto our team, Kate Levine, a dynamic, native French speaker who will be doing much of our teaching with children.

Rappel : il reste encore des places dans les cours de cuisine de Julia Fornage en avril et mai. Niveau Intermédiare et plus. Pour s’inscrire et plus d’infos : julia@fornage.net

The Hiver/Printemps Session began the 27th of February and goes until the 14th of April. Our next Printemps Session will start up on the 17th of April and go until the 2nd of June. As always, class openings are on a first come, first served basis so remember to either confirm in advance with your teacher, sign up online, or confirm your attendance with the school director at school@afsantarosa.org

Au plaisir de vous (re)voir très bientôt !

-Kimberly McCartney

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Directrice de l’école

AFSR Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for upcoming AFSR events

- March 23, Thursday  Presentation on recent bike tour in the Pyrénées by Robert Dahlstet, in French and English 7:00 - 9:00 Odd Fellows Hall, 545 Pacific Ave., Santa Rosa.
- April & May Events  Date and Time TBD
- June Fête de la Musique  Date and Time TBD
- July  Quatorze juillet  Date and Time TBD
Cercle Littéraire

Pour le 21 mars à 15:30 nous allons discuter le livre de Robert Merle : Fortune de France. C'est la première partie (6 premiers tomes !) décrite à travers les yeux de Pierre de Siorac, jeune nobliau protestant de la région de Sarlat, dans le Périgord. Ses aventures le conduiront de Montpellier à Paris, avec son valet Miroul et son frère Samson. Ils seront témoins de nombreux faits historiques marquants tels que le massacre de la Saint-Barthélemy, le règne d'Henri III et le couronnement d'Henri IV.

Vous êtes les bienvenus !

For more information contact Kati: kquibell@gmail.com or Candi: candi@afsantarosa.org

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Do you have some tech skills and are interested in developing some more? We are seeking a new newsletter editor. Training provided. For more information, please contact us at info@sfsantarosa.org

Mardi Gras

AFSR members gathered to celebrate Mardi Gras in Santa Rosa at the Odd Fellows Hall this year, with delicious crepes by Chef Christine Piccin and her assistant. Lively conversation, music and even dancing were enjoyed as we let the good times roll.
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