

Fevrier 2009



The Alliance would like to extend an enormous THANK YOU to Patrick Bourrel for hosting the annual Chandeleur event. The crowd was very large and the crêpes were delicious. We also thank Patrick for his contributions to the Alliance for the sale of Galettes and Françoise Kinzel for organizing this event. All proceeds go to our scholarship fund. The Tombola was also held; lucky winners are listed below

Prize

1st Prize, \$2,000 for 2 Flights to Paris
Two tickets Fresno Grand Opera *Faust*
2 tickets Fresno Philharmonic concert
2 season tickets Keyboard Concerts
6 tickets Fresno Film Works
Alliance Française French Course Tuition
Gift Basket, Campos Brothers Farms
Gift basket from Trader Joe's
Gift Certificate, Ripe Tomato
2 Dinners for two at Café Rousseau
2 Gift Certificates for massage, Tatiana
Gift Certificate, Sephora French beauty products
Crêpes and Use of La Boulangerie

Winner

Oran and Carol McNeil
Helen Rael
Florence Cassel
Pat Sorenson
Diane DuBois
Nancy Baker
Larry Roselle
Barbara Bilderback
Françoise Kinzel
Diane Buckalew, Pat Sorenson
Noemi Hernandez, Larry Roselle
Lois Dellavalle
L'Alliance Française de Fresno



CAFÉS DE L'ALLIANCE, Jeudi, 12 fevrier, 12 mars de 16:30h à 18h à la Boulangerie.
Votre rendez-vous mensuel avec vos amis francophones. (Occurs each 2nd Thursday).

FRENCH CLASSES: The Winter Session for adults and children is now in progress. Courses are offered at all levels and for all ages. Call Odette Cohen at 435-3285 for adult classes or Micheline Curnyn at 435-5532 for children's classes.



Roland Mesnier, French pastry chef and author of *White House Merigues and Memoirs*, will speak at the San Joaquin Valley Town Hall at 10:30 AM on February 18. Information at 444-2180 or www.valleymtownhall.com.



Lecture: Chef's Tour of Alsace, A Tasty Evening
 Yannick Himber, General Manager, Sodexo at San Joaquin Gardens
 Thursday, February 19, 2009, 7:00 PM
 San Joaquin Gardens Fellowship Hall, 7:00 PM
 5555 N. Fresno Street (north of E. Barstow), Fresno

There is no charge for the lecture. The public is invited to attend. Since there will be a sampling of food items, we would like to have a pre-count of the people in attendance.

PLEASE! RSVP by Feb. 17 to Linda Scambray, 431-3110, scam4@comcast.net

Parking is available in doctors' offices just south of the SJG south driveway (SE corner of their campus) as well as near the health center and along the north wall off the north driveway.

Born in 1974 in Alsace, Yannick grew up in the small country town of Rosheim in Northeastern France where his father was a charcutier (butcher) and caterer and his mother a schoolteacher. They lived with his grandparents on a small farm, where they raised cattle and chickens, grew corn, wheat, and grapes, and produced whey. His interest and education in food began in childhood when his grandfather taught him about winemaking and he worked at the butcher shop with his father. He also helped his grandmother and mother in the kitchen preparing daily meals and gathering herbs and vegetables from their garden. At 13 he attended the Lycée Hotelier of Strasbourg, completed his last internship at 20, and earned several degrees in culinary arts and hospitality management. In 1994 Yannick began an internship in the US sponsored by Westin Hotels and Resorts. He was then employed by Westin Santa Clara where he became lead cook. In 1997 he joined Hotel Sofitel in Redwood City as sous chef and was later promoted to executive chef. In 2001, he joined Aramark B&I at Intel in Santa Clara as an Executive Chef, outside the hotel industry. He decided that Business Services would be beneficial for both his professional and personal life. In 2005 Yannick embarked on another career and personal change and joined Sodexo Senior Services as a General Manager at San Joaquin Gardens Retirement Community. Yannick recently stated: *“Moving over to Senior Services has allowed me to excel in the field that I love. I enjoy working with seniors and I take pride in what I do for them everyday. I also enjoy working with the other team members and senior managers because we share the same passion in providing excellent quality of service to our residents. I have found my true niche.”*

In Memoriam:

Two of our Alliance Française members recently passed away:

Carmen Farr Gregory, an accomplished writer and a dedicated teacher, taught French for many years in middle schools in Fresno.

Dorothy Petesch, a patron of the arts and a contributor to the community, attended many of the Alliance lectures throughout the years.

March 17 Monique Giroux, Eternal Charles Aznavour et Edith Piaf, CSUF Alice Peters Auditorium, PB 191, 7:30 PM (Lecture in French)

April 3 Pascal Rogé, Philip Lorenz Memorial Keyboard Concert, CSUF Concert Hall, 8:00 PM

April 30 David Ross, The Plot to Undermine the Old Regime in France, CSUF Smittcamp Alumni House, 7:30 PM

May TBA Christophe Laudamiel, Fact and Fiction of French Perfume

July 12 Bastille Day Festivities, 5:00 PM



Thanks to everyone who promptly paid their Alliance dues for 2008-09. In case you have forgotten please mail your check to Richard Erganian, 100 W. Shaw, Fresno CA 93704-2817 (\$30 individual, \$40 family, \$15 students).