



ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE FRESNO

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SEPTEMBRE 2007



FRENCH CLASSES

Courses are offered at all levels and for all ages. All classes are small in order to give individual attention. All instructors are native French speakers. The proposed schedule is given below. Additional classes at other times will be added to meet demand.

Adults (Classes begin the week of September 24)

For information on adult French classes contact School Directress Odette Cohen at 435-3285.

Beginners I: Tuesdays 7:00-9:00 PM	Intermediate II: Tuesdays 2:00-4:00 PM
Beginners II: Mondays 7:00-9:00 PM	Intermediate IV: Wednesdays 9:00-11:00 AM
Beginners III: Fridays 2:00-4:00 PM	Advanced: Wednesdays 9:30-11:30AM
Beginners III: Thursdays 11:00-1:00 PM	Advanced: Wednesdays 7:00-9:00 PM

A special orientation for the adult courses will be held on September 20 at 7 PM at San Joaquin Gardens (See directions below). The purpose is to provide detailed information regarding opportunities to learn French at all levels from the Alliance. Beginners through advanced are all encouraged to attend.

Children

For information on children's French classes contact Micheline Curnyn at 435-5532.

Beginners I (7-9 year-old)	Thursdays 4:00-5:00 PM	Sept. 13-Dec. 6 (no class, Nov. 22)
Intermediate II (8-11 year-old)	Thursdays 4:00-5:00 PM	Sept. 13-Dec. 6 (no class, Nov. 22)
Intermediate III (10-12 years)	Tuesdays 4:00-5:00 PM	Sept. 11-Dec. 4 (no class, Nov. 20)

PLEASE NOTE: The Annual Membership Meeting of the Alliance Française de Fresno, Inc. will be held on October 8 at 7:30 at San Joaquin Gardens. All members and guests are welcome. The year-end financial statements will be available on the website: <http://www.affresno.org> .

NEW LOCATION FOR ALLIANCE EVENTS

San Joaquin Gardens has kindly agreed to host Alliance Française de Fresno events at their facility. They are located at 5555 North Fresno Street (just north of Barstow Ave.). Events will be adjacent to the main dining room (first room on the right).

Parking is available. See http://www.sanjoaquingardens.com/about/Map_SJG for a map.

CAFÉS DE L'ALLIANCE

Jeudi, 11 octobre, 8 novembre de 16:30h à 18h à la Boulangerie. Votre rendez-vous mensuel avec vos amis francophones. (Occurs 2nd Thursday of each month).



Mark you calendars: October 25: Dr. Rose Marie Kuhn: Discovering French Guiana: Heaven or Hell, Smittcamp Alumni House, 7:30 PM, More details in the next newsletter.

ELECTION

It is time for the annual election of the Alliance Board of Directors. The Board has eleven members. Although the attached ballot contains only eleven names, it is important for you to vote since the Board must be confirmed by the membership in accordance with our bylaws. Vote for up to eleven candidates.

Rebecca Caraveo Jim Cardella Florence Cassel John Freitas Donna Hudson
 Françoise Kinzel Diana List Colleen Mitchell David Ross Larry Roselle
 Linda Scambray

Please detach and return by October 4 along with your dues (form on opposite side) to: Alliance Française de Fresno, Inc., 3785 E. Holland Ave., Fresno 93726-3602.



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The Alliance Française cordially invites you to a talk in English & French:
PATRICK BOURREL: The Journey of a French Baker

**Tues., Sept. 25, 2007, 7:30 p.m., La Boulangerie, Fig Garden Village, Palm & Shaw
Members: No charge, Non-Members: \$5.00, Refreshments will be served.**

Born in Paris in 1949 in the 14th arrondissement, Patrick Bourrel was an apprentice printer between 1964 and 1968 in the town of Morez, situated in the Jura Mountains. He did his military service between 1968 and 1970 in the division of Geographic Service in Badden-Baden, Germany. While working as a printer in Paris, he took night classes to finish his Secondary Education in 1972. He continued his education in Combourg (Ille-et-Villaine, Brittany. He received his diploma (the B.T.S. – Degree of Advanced Technician) in Anger in Technology and Business Administration in 1975. From 1974 to 1980, he worked at many diverse jobs. Since 1980, he has been the owner, manager and baker of La Boulangerie. French teachers in the area are very grateful for all that Mr. Bourrel has done for promotion of French culture. He makes Galettes, not only for French students but also for the Alliance, which uses the profits from the sale for its cultural and scholarship programs. Mr. Bourrel opens the doors of La Boulangerie for the cafés of the Alliance Française, an afternoon of French conversation. He serves as host each year for our celebrations such as Chandeleur and Beaujolais Nouveau. Patrick Bourrel represents for Californians the best that France has to offer.



Tombola Tickets Now Available: Contact Any Alliance Board Member

FIRST PRIZE: Two Round Trip Air Tickets to Paris

Other Prizes:

- Two tickets, Fresno Philharmonic Concert
- Two season tickets, Keyboard Concerts,
- Two tickets, Fresno Grand Opera production
- Five tickets, Fresno Film Works
- Tuition, Alliance Française French Course
- Dinner for two, Café Rousseau

More Prizes:

- Gift basket, Sephora French beauty products
- Complimentary wine tasting, WineStyles
- Gift basket, Trader Joe's
- French Champagne, Costco
- Basket of almonds, Campos Bros. Farms
- Framed archival photo print: Montmartre, R. Caraveo



IL EST TEMPS DE RENOUELER. Membership renewals are due this month: Additional donations toward the cultural or scholarship funds are welcome, but remember that all your dues support our program of lectures and films, scholarships—and several excellent parties during the year. If you send your check (to Colleen Mitchell, 3785 E. Holland Ave., Fresno 93726-3602) this month, we will thank you in the October newsletter. If we don't receive your check, we'll send you a reminder in October. We encourage all teachers of French to become personal members; besides supporting the programs, this will entitle you to enter your students in our new scholarship competition. We will continue to send the newsletter to your school if you are not a member, and we welcome all teachers and students to our programs.

ANNUAL FEES:

Student:	\$ 15	Family:	\$40
Individual:	\$ 30	Patron:	\$100

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS:

Scholarship program:	\$ _____
Cultural program:	\$ _____

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ (including 9-digit ZIP please)

TELEPHONES: _____

EMAIL: _____ Check for email newsletter _____