



# ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE FRESNO

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SEPTEMBRE 2008



## FRENCH CLASSES: Fall French Classes are Forming

Courses are offered at all levels and for all ages. All instructors are native French speakers. Proposed schedule is given below; additional classes will be added to meet demand.

**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

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

Beginners I (7-9 yrs)	Tuesdays 3:45-4:45 PM	12 weeks, Sept. 9 – Dec. 2
Beginner I Ados (11-13 yrs)	Tuesdays 4:50-5:50 PM	12 weeks, Sept. 9 – Dec. 2
Beginners II (7-9 yrs)	Thursdays 4:00-5:00 PM	12 weeks, Sept 11 –Dec. 4
Intermediate II (8-11 year-old)	Thursdays 4:00-5:00 PM	12 weeks, Sept 13 –Dec. 4
Intermediate Ados (10-13 yrs)	Tuesdays 4:45-5:45 PM	12 weeks, Sept 11 –Dec. 4
No classes November 24-29 (Thanksgiving week)		

**PLEASE NOTE: The Annual Membership Meeting of the Alliance Française de Fresno, Inc. will be held on October 6 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> .**

**The Alliance Française de Fresno and the Fresno County Public Library are pleased to present:**



**Melanie Halstead, Une Américaine Au Sénégal**

**Souvenirs of the colors and contrasts of a year spent teaching in Sénégal**

**Sept. 22, 2008 7:00 p.m. Woodward Park Library**

**944 E. Perrin, near Champlain (In English with some French)**



Melanie, a native of Fresno, graduated from Bullard High, and spent a year in Tunisia. Upon her return, she majored in French and Plant Science at CSU Fresno with the hope of one day returning to help a developing African country. She became a French teacher in Fresno Unified where she has taught for the past 21 years - never forgetting Africa's call. Finally, she got a chance to explore Africa further through the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program during the 2007-08 academic year. Having returned to teaching at Bullard, she is anxious to share the colors and contrasts of this incredible country.



## CAFÉS DE L'ALLIANCE

**Jedi, 11 septembre, 9 octobre de 16:30h à 18h à la Boulangerie. Votre rendez-vous mensuel avec vos amis francophones. (Occurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month).**

## 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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Cardella | <input type="checkbox"/> Florence Cassel  | <input type="checkbox"/> Richard Erganian | <input type="checkbox"/> John Freitas     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donna Hudson | <input type="checkbox"/> Françoise Kinzel | <input type="checkbox"/> Diana List       | <input type="checkbox"/> Colleen Mitchell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> David Ross   | <input type="checkbox"/> Larry Roselle    | <input type="checkbox"/> Linda Scambray   |   |

Please detach and return by October 1 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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**Tombola Tickets Now Available: Contact Any Alliance Board Member**

**FIRST PRIZE:** \$2000 toward two flights to Paris

**Other Prizes:**

Two tickets, Fresno Philharmonic Concert  
Two season tickets, Keyboard Concerts,  
Two tickets, Fresno Grand Opera *Faust*  
Six tickets, Fresno Film Works  
Tuition, Alliance Française French Course  
Dinner for two, Café Rousseau

Gift basket, Trader Joe's  
2 spa treatments from Tatiana,  
\$50 gift certificate, Ripe Tomato  
\*Gift basket, Sephora French beauty products  
\*Gift Basket, Campos Bros. Farms

The Alliance was invited to present French culture and language at diversity celebration at Pelco, a French-owned company.. Rebecca Caraveo narrated a travel PowerPoint of Paris. Odette Cohen taught an entertaining French lesson enjoyed by a large group of American workers. John Freitas and the Petanque group worked at a French booth giving out Alliance literature, recruiting members, and demonstrating petanque. Melissa Josserand, a native of the San Tropez area, was our Pelco contact.

### Tentative Calendar of Events for 2009-10

- Sep. 22 Melanie Halstead, *Une Américaine au Sénégal*, Woodward Park Library, 7 PM
  - Oct. 15 Céline Meyet, Japanese Influence on French Decorative Arts, Woodward Park Library, 7 PM
  - Oct. 28 Ceremony and Luncheon: Visit of French Consul General, Monsieur Mourier, 12:00 Noon  
Acknowledgement of Merci Train, Legion Post 509, Luncheon at Café Rousseau, 1 PM
  - Nov. 23 Beaujolais Nouveau Wine Tasting, La Boulangerie, 6:30 PM
  - Jan. 25 La Chandeleur & Tombola. La Boulangerie, 6:30 PM
- Dates to be announced:**
- Feb. Yannick Himer, A Chef's Tour of Alsace
  - Mar Monique Giroux, Eternal Charles Aznavour et Edith Piaf
  - Apr. David Ross, The Plot to Undermine the Old Regime in France
  - May Christophe Laudamiel, Fact and Fiction of French Perfume,
- July 12 Bastille Day Festivities



**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.

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ANNUAL FEES:

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

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS:

Scholarship program: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Cultural program: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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