

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SEPTEMBRE 2009

FRENCH CLASSES ARE FORMING NOW: All instructors are native French speakers. See proposed schedule below; additional classes will be added to meet demand.



Information on adult French classes: contact School Directress Odette Cohen, 435-3285.

Beginners I: Monday 7:00-9:00 PM	Intermediate II: Wednesday 1:00-3:00 PM
Beginners II: Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM	Intermediate II: Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 PM
Beginners III: Thursday Noon-2:00 PM	Intermediate III: Thursday 9:00-11:00 AM
Intermediate I: Tuesday 10:00 AM-Noon	Advanced: Wednesdays 9:30-11:30AM

Children's classes begin the week of September 6. Please contact Micheline Curnyn for details at mcurnyn@comcast.net.



Alliance Française de Fresno, Inc Annual Membership Meeting will be held on October 5 at 7:30 PM, Richard Erganian's home, 100 W. Shaw, west of the Farmers Market, 222-0182. All members/guests are welcome. Year-end financial statements available at <http://www.affresno.org> (mid-October).

CAFÉS DE L'ALLIANCE

Jeudi, 10 septembre, 8 octobre de 16:30h à 18h à la Boulangerie. Votre rendez-vous mensuel avec vos amis francophones. (Occurs 2nd Thursday of each month).



Tombola Tickets Available in September: Contact Any Alliance Board Member
FIRST PRIZE: \$2000 toward two flights to Paris, many additional prizes.

ELECTION: It is time for the annual election of the eleven members of the Alliance Board. 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.

<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Cardella	<input type="checkbox"/> Florence Cassel	<input type="checkbox"/> Celeste DeMonte	<input type="checkbox"/> Richard Erganian
<input type="checkbox"/> John Freitas	<input type="checkbox"/> Donna Hudson	<input type="checkbox"/> Françoise Kinzel	<input type="checkbox"/> Colleen Mitchell
<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Roselle	<input type="checkbox"/> David Ross	<input type="checkbox"/> Norman Stokle	

Please detach and return by October 1 along with your dues (form on opposite side) to: Colleen Mitchell, 3785 E. Holland Ave, Fresno, CA 93726.



**Lecture in English: Kao-Ly Yang, Journey of the Hmong to French Shores
Wednesday, September 23, 7:00 PM Smittcamp Alumni House, CSUF**

New parking procedure: Get a free ticket from the machine. Enter the code which will be sent by email. If you do not have email, call Colleen for the code (221-1531). Park near the Smittcamp House in the yellow or green lot. No charge for the lecture. Dr. Kao-Ly Yang specializes in Southeast Asian Studies, especially in Hmong Studies. She obtained her Ph.D. in anthropology in 1999 at University of Provence, France, her *Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies* and Masters in Sciences of Language, and her BA in Teaching French as a Foreign Language at the University Paul Valéry in Montpellier. Since 1992 Dr. Yang has been studying the reproduction and the reinvention of the Hmong culture, language, literature, and beliefs in France, French Guiana, Laos, Thailand, and the US. She has published in *Hommes & Migrations*, *Hmong Journal Study*, and *Bulletin de l'Ecole Française d'Extrême-Orient*. She worked at UCSF and taught at University of Wisconsin-Madison. She currently teaches French and Hmong at CSUF and Fresno City College. Dr. Yang received two awards from the France Foundation, Recognition Award of *Hmong National Development*, and CSUF Outstanding Faculty Publication Award (2009). Visit her website: www.hmongcontemporaryissues.com

The City Council has approved an application to make Nîmes a Sister City for Fresno. The mayor must agree and make a formal approach to Nîmes, a city with a strong agricultural sector located between viticultural areas (Languedoc & Cotes du Rhone). Contact Colleen to join a committee: Arts, Music, Education; Business/Professions; Agriculture/Wine; Sports (221-1553, colleen@csufresno.edu)



L'Alliance de Fresno wishes to give a special thanks to Oran McNeil, CPA, of McNeil and McNeil CPA accounting firm for his invaluable assistance in preparing required reports to the California Registry of Charitable Trusts. Oran also prepares the annual state and federal tax returns for L'Alliance pro bono.

Tentative Calendar of Events for 2009-10

Sep 23	Dr. K-L Yang, Hmong Journey to French Shores,	Jan 31	Chandeleur
Oct 5	Annual Membership Meeting	Feb	Jean-Louis Bruguiere, France and Terrorism
Nov. 8	Craig Hamilton Arnold: Chagall & Matisse, Fresno Metropolitan Museum	Mar 12	Application Deadline, Alliance Scholarships
Nov 22	Fête du Beaujolais	Mar	Norman Stokle, William the Conqueror
Jan.	Galette and Tombola Sales	May 12	Alliance Française Scholarships Results
Jan-Feb	Serge Tisseron, Tintin et les secrets de famille	May	Robert Boro, The Gardens of France
		Jul 11	Fête de la Bastille



The Alliance Française de Fresno is proud to co-sponsor this month's Fresno Film works' presentation: Friday, September 11, 2009, 5:30 PM and 8:15 PM, Tower Theatre, 815 E. Olive Avenue, Fresno. Z is a 1969 French language political thriller directed by Costa Gavras, with a screenplay by Gavras and Jorge Semprún, based on the 1966 novel of the same name by Vassilis Vassilikos.

Il est temps de renouveler. Membership renewals are due. Donations toward the cultural or scholarship funds are welcome. Dues support our program of lectures and films, scholarships, and excellent parties. Mail your check to Alliance Française de Fresno, Inc., 3785 E. Holland Ave, Fresno, CA 93726. We encourage all teachers of French to become personal members; this will entitle you to enter your students in our scholarship competition. Call 221-1531 or 227-9850 for information.



ANNUAL FEES:

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

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS:

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

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