

Octobre 2007



Lecture by Professor Rosemary Kuhn: *Discovering French Guyana, Heaven or Hell?*
Thursday, October 25, 2007, 7:30 p.m. (In English with some French)

Smittcamp Alumni House, CSUF, Shaw and Maple, Park in Lot C to avoid ticketing.

There is no charge for the lecture and the public is invited. A reception will follow.

Born in Brussels, Rose Marie Kuhn is fluent in English, French and German, with a working knowledge of Dutch, a reading knowledge of Spanish and a literary knowledge of Latin, Greek and Gothic. She received a B.A. in German and Dutch from Facultés Universitaires Saint-Louis in Brussels (1971), an M.A. in German from Université Catholique de Louvain (1974), an M.A. in French, from Catholic University in Washington, DC (1977), and a PhD. in comparative literature from Catholic University (1988). Dr. Kuhn began her teaching career at National Cathedral School in Washington, D.C. In addition, she has taught at Oberlin College, Catholic University, Hope College, Rhodes College and Christian Brothers University. Since 1988, she has been at California State University, Fresno, as a Tenured Professor of French. Her areas of teaching expertise include Twentieth Century and Contemporary French and Francophone Literature, specializing in the Modern Novel, the Post Modern Novel, Twentieth Century French Drama, Women in Twentieth Century Literature and the Francophone Literature of West Africa, the Caribbean and the Maghreb. She has published extensively and given presentations on such literary topics as: *L'imaginaire dans l'œuvre romanesque de Jean Echenoz, Folie, violence et langage dans Le procès-verbal de J. M. G. Le Clézio, Destination Dakar: A Cultural Voyage to French-Speaking Sub-Saharan Africa, The Other French Speakers of Europe: A Language Odyssey into Belgium, Switzerland and Luxembourg.* She is one of the early pioneers in distance learning, an area in which she continues to publish: *Globalisation et enseignement à distance: Les voix de l'Afrique aux Californiens et les voix de la France aux Africains* and *Télévision et communication... ou de l'art de dialoguer à distance.* Recently she served as a guest panelist for *The Future of Web Publishing: Hyper-text Reading, Cyber texts & Meta-Publishing, Interdisciplines*, featured on-line by the Centre Jacques Cartier, Paris. Dr. Kuhn, a past president of the Alliance Française de Fresno, enjoys her frequent trips to Francophone countries. This past summer she visited French Guiana: she is happy to share her experiences and impressions as she discusses: *Discovering French Guiana: Heaven or Hell?*

Interested in learning or improving your French? Contact Alliance School Directress Odette Cohen at 435-3285 for information on adult classes and Micheline Curnyn at 435-5532 for children's classes.





**ANNUAL BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU TASTING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2007, 6 TO 8 PM
LA BOULANGERIE, FIG GARDEN VILLAGE
(AT PALM AND SHAW IN FRESNO)**

Join Alliance Française de Fresno for our annual Beaujolais Nouveau celebration. Sample three different wines from *Wine Styles* at Fig Garden Village. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres hosted by La Boulangerie and Alliance board members. Cost is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members. RSVP by Nov. 13 2007 to Linda Scambray at 431-3110 or Diana List at 225-6257.

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).



Fresno Pétanque Club



The Fresno Petanque Club is now playing each week in its temporary location at Holmes Playground, 222 S. First St. The Club meets every Tuesday, 6 p.m. and on Saturday at 9 a.m. and plays until they get tired. Plan on bouling with them soon. Beginners are welcome! Free, secure parking is available. All the pétanque equipment is provided so just show up. For more information, contact Tim Channell: 352-4142 or 264-0695. See you on the Piste!

Tombola Tickets Now Available: 1st Prize, 2 Airline Tickets To Paris

Additional Prizes: 2 tickets Grand Opera production, 2 tickets Fresno Philharmonic concert, 2 season tickets Keyboard Concerts, 5 tickets Fresno Film Works, Alliance Française French Course Tuition, Dinner for two at Café Rousseau

More Prizes: Gift basket from Sephora French beauty products, Complimentary wine tasting at WineStyles, Gift basket from Trader Joe's, French Champagne from Costco, Basket of almonds from Campos Brothers Farms, Framed archival print of photo of Montmartre by Rebecca Caraveo. Call Françoise Kinzel at 224-0419 for tickets or more information.



The Alliance Française de Fresno would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Roxie Jizmejian for her donation to the cultural and scholarship funds in memory of her grandfather, Nazareth Danayan, who taught French in a Franciscan boys' school in Turkey 100 years ago. We appreciate her support.

Thanks to everyone who promptly paid their Alliance dues for 2008. In case you have forgotten, please mail your check to Colleen Mitchell, 3785 E. Holland Ave., Fresno 93726-3602 (\$30 individual, \$40 family).



2007-2008 Schedule

Sept-Jan Tombola sales	Feb Adama Gueye: <i>Le Sénégal</i>
Oct 25 Rose Marie Kuhn, <i>Summer in French Guyana</i>	Mar 11 Lydia Kuhn, <i>The Titanic, The French Connection</i>
Nov 18 Beaujolais Nouveau	Apr Thirza Vallois, <i>Aveyron: A bridge to French Arcadia</i>
January Sale of Galettes, La Boulangerie	May Christopher Thompson, <i>Le Tour de France</i>
Jan 27 Chandeleur and Tombola Drawing	July 25 th Anniversary Celebration and Bastille Day