

Novembre 2007



**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.



UN GRAND MERCI!

It was a pleasure to attend Rose Marie Kuhn's lecture the other evening. The topic was French Guyana-Heaven or Hell? Dr. Kuhn presented her material in a dynamic Power Point show, which detailed the fascinating French Guyana. Subjects covered were the diverse population, consisting of many different Ethnic groups, large number of languages and dialects spoken, and the colorful variety of cultural variations in life-style, clothing and habits of the peoples. Reference was made to the amazing history of the area, including all the scandalous prisons, together with some pretty shocking anecdotes. Although these problems may have been solved, today's problems include a large number of serious diseases, and financial hardships. The talk ended with some beautiful views of the tropical country, including its flora and fauna, and finally, the laying of many eggs by the huge turtles. The audience thoroughly enjoyed this lecture, and we would like to thank Dr. Kuhn for her enormous efforts. *Submitted by Diana List.*

Our local branch of the Alliance Française appreciates Dr. Kuhn's willingness to always volunteer her services. She is donating her \$200 lecture fee to the CSUF French Club. Bravo!

CAFÉS DE L'ALLIANCE, Jeudi, 8 novembre, 13 décembre de 16:30h à 18h à la Boulangerie. Votre rendez-vous mensuel avec vos amis francophones. (Occurs 2nd Thursday of each month).



FRENCH CLASSES

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.



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 bowling 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: Call Françoise Kinzel at 224-0419 for tickets or more information.

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



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

September – January
November 18
January
January 27
February 20
March 4
April
May
July



Tombola Sales
Beaujolais Nouveau
Sale of Galettes, La Boulangerie
Chandeleur and Tombola Drawing
Adama Gueye: *Le Sénégal*
Lydia Kuhn, *The Titanic, The French Connection*
Thirza Vallois, *Aveyron: A bridge to French Arcadia*
Christopher Thompson, *Le Tour de France*
25th Anniversary Celebration and Bastille Day