

Mars 2010



THANK YOU, AFF MEMBERS: After the earthquake in Haiti, AFF patron Roxie Jizmejian suggested that our organization take up a collection at our January and February events. Because of the generosity of those attending the Chandeleur as well as the Tisseron and Bruguière lectures, the AFF was able to send a check for \$496 to Médecins sans Frontières. We wish to thank all who contributed.

SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER TO EDUCATORS OF FRENCH

The Alliance Française de Fresno is offering up to five \$500 scholarships for high school students and up to three \$1000 scholarships to college students. Please remember that the deadline to apply for these scholarships is March 12, 2010. To download these applications, go to <http://www.affresno.org/8901.html>



NOT TO BE MISSED! NORMAN STOKLE PRESENTATION

Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at 7:00 PM

CSUF Smittcamp Alumni House,

Avoid ticketing. Obtain a parking coupon from dispensers using Parking Code: 16100008

Norman Stokle: *WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR: THE TOTAL PICTURE*

A polemical debate still rages over William the Conqueror. It is no exaggeration to say: never in the history of human conflict has so much praise or blame been showered so persistently on one man. Many questions remain unanswered: What kind of a guy was the real William? How did he manage to win the Battle of Hastings when the odds were stacked so hugely against him? After the battle, did the English keep resisting or simply quit? Whatever happened to the English ruling class? What were William's strategies for controlling a hostile population? What was his permanent legacy to the English and how much is the very language we speak today due to him? Or, when all is said and done, should we really give a royal hoot about this corpulent medieval bastard? Come to the lecture and find out!

Please be sure to pay your 2010 dues by March 20. We will remove from the membership list those who have not paid by that date. Each person who has not yet paid will receive a reminder letter. We do hope you will pay; we would hate to lose you as members.





Maurice Cohen, husband of Alliance School Directrice Odette Cohen, was decorated with *la Croix d'Or*, the highest distinction given annually at a luncheon at the *French Senate* by *Mérite et Dévouement Français* for his contributions to art and science. Previous honorees include members of *l'Académie Française*, President of the *Académie de Médecine* and others. His name was inscribed in the *Livre d'Or* at a ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Arc de Triomphe the previous evening.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FRENCH CAMP

Once again the Central Valley French teachers are hard at work providing a unique experience for students of French. Students will spend the weekend doing a variety of camp activities – all in French. Gao Her, Camp Coordinator, says that this year's camp theme is Le Moyen Age. The French Camp will be held on April 16-18/10 at Green Meadows, in Fish Camp. **PLEASE NOTE:** Volunteers are needed to help lead sing-alongs, teach a cooking class, referee a basketball game, help with conversation groups, etc. Also, a generous AFF member might want to offer to help a needy student meet the \$150 camp fee. Please contact Gao Her at either Gao.Her@fresnounified.org or at 559-470-4639.



ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE FRESNO, 2010 TOMBOLA WINNERS

PRIZE	WINNER
\$2,000 for 2 Round-Trip Tickets to Paris	Virginia Meltickian, Fresno, CA
Elegant Gift Basket, Campos Bros.	Clare Statham, Fresno, CA
One Spa Treatment, Tatiana's The Spa	Vie Armas, Caruthers, CA
Tuition, Alliance Française French Course	Neal Howard, Fresno, CA
2 Tickets to Fresno Philharmonic Concert	Cathy Benko, Fresno, CA
2 Tickets to Fresno Grand Opera	Paul Kaser, Fresno, CA
2 Season Tickets, Keyboard Concerts	Donna Devlin, Fresno, CA
2 Season Tickets, Orpheus	Judy Teague, Fresno, CA
6 Tickets, Fresno Film Works	Sally Eatherly, Fresno, CA
Gift Basket, Trader Joe's	Mary Graves, Fresno, CA
French Beauty Products, Sephora	Dianne Hanzlicek, Fresno, CA
\$50 Gift Certificate, Ripe Tomato	Nancye Pond, Firebaugh, CA
2 Dinners at Café Rousseau	Jean Pickering, Fresno, CA
\$25 Gift Certificate, Chef's Table	Celeste DeMonte, Fresno, CA
\$25 Gift Certificate, Chef's Table	Steve Nitta, Fresno, CA

French Classes

Interested in learning or improving your French? Contact School Directress Odette Cohen for adult classes (435-3285) or Michelene Curnyn for Children's classes (435-5532).



CAFÉS DE L'ALLIANCE: Jeudi, 11 mars et 8 avril de 16:30h à 18h à la Boulangerie.
 Votre rendez-vous mensuel avec vos amis francophones. (2nd Thursday of each month).

Calendar of Events for 2010

Mar 12 Deadline, Alliance Scholarships	May 12 Alliance Française Scholarships Results
Mar 24 Norman Stokle, William the Conqueror	May 12 Robert Boro, Gardens of France
April 23 Messiaen's Monumental Work	July 11 Fête de la Bastille