

ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE FRESNO NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend of L'Alliance Française de Fresno,



On behalf of the Board of Directors we thank you most sincerely for your support of L'Alliance Française and your participation in our programs and activities during the past year. We hope you found worthwhile experiences and that it responded to your needs.

We have had some major changes over the past year. Board Member and past President Donna Hudson resigned last summer after many years of excellent service to AF. Our Language Program has been in transition due to the resignation of our former Director of Studies, Ms. Odette Cohen, who also served the Alliance well for many years. We thank them both for the many wonderful things they've done for francophones and francophiles in our area.

With the assistance of our new webmaster, Francis Fung, our website at affresno.org has been completely overhauled. If you haven't already, please check it out - we think it compares well to the standards set by our sister organizations in Berkeley, San Francisco and New York. Our able Program Director, Jim Cardella, and the Board continue to develop good presentations and events. Our new School Director, Ms. Diana List, formerly a French teacher and AF Board Member, has worked to broaden the range of our offerings and recruit a new team of highly competent, seasoned teachers, and classes are underway. Please refer to the website - our nonprofit class fees have been subsidized by a patron for the Fall and Winter terms to make them even more reasonable than usual.

We do hope that you will rekindle your participation in our Language Program and all the rest of our activities. With this regularly mailed newsletter we request your membership renewal and endorsement of the Nominees to the 2011-2012 Board of Directors. Please consider increasing your financial support with a Patron membership or providing a Scholarship in your name (or both!). Merci mille fois.

Très cordialement, Larry Roselle: President, Alliance Française de Fresno.

RSVP NOW FOR FRENCH ART AND WINE PAIRING EVENT!
Sunday, October 2 at 6:00 PM at Sierra Nut House. Contact Linda Scambray for details at
(559) 431-3110 or scam4@comcast.net



ELECTION

It is time for the annual Alliance Française Board election. Although the ballot contains only twelve 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 twelve candidates. Include ballot with renewal on opposite side. **RETURN BALLOT BY OCTOBER 15.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> John Freitas | <input type="checkbox"/> Françoise Kinzel | <input type="checkbox"/> Larry Roselle | <input type="checkbox"/> David Ross |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chantal Sagouspe | <input type="checkbox"/> Norman Stokle | <input type="checkbox"/> Kao-Ly Yang | <input type="checkbox"/> Anne Ybarra |

CORNEILLE PLAY AT FCC

The Illusion by French playwright Pierre Corneille is being presented in the Fresno City College Theatre, Oct 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15 at 7:30 PM; Oct 9, 15 at 2 PM, Cost: \$14; \$12 students, seniors. For more information go to <http://www.fresnocitycollege.edu/index.aspx?page=1976>



SAVE THE DATE! THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

Annual Membership Meeting and Reception – 7:00 PM

Membership meeting, introduction of new board members and reception, highlighted by a comedic presentation by Sharon King, *Sermon joyeux et sottie: parody and folly on parade in late medieval France*, (medieval French monologues, parodies and mock-sermons on various topics - couples, marriage, food and lives of saints), Back Room at Revue, 620 E. Olive Ave. (Tower District), meeting 7:00 PM; presentation 7:30 PM; reception 8:30 PM

CAFÉS DE L'ALLIANCE

For conversation in French, join us every Thursday from 3:30 – 6:00 PM at La Boulangerie in Fig Garden Village, Fresno.



Calendar of Activities 2011-2012



OCTOBER

10/2: Event: Prudence Zalewski, Joann Sorrenti, Mark Arvanigian, *French Art & Wine Pairings*, Sierra Nut House in Villaggio, 7901 Blackstone Ave., Fresno, 6:00 PM.

Admission:

AF members-\$20; Non-members-\$30.

10/27: Annual membership meeting, introduction of new board, with a witty presentation in English by Sharon King: *Parody and Folly on Parade in Medieval France*, Revue Back Room, meeting 7:00 PM, presentation 7:30 PM, reception 8:30 PM

NOVEMBER

11/20: Beaujolais, La Boulangerie, 6:30 PM

2012

JANUARY

1/3: Winter Quarter begins in our French language program for children

1/6-1/31: Galette sales

1/12: Winter Quarter begins in our French language program for adults

1/29: Chandeleur and Tombola, La Boulangerie, 6:30 PM

MARCH

3/16: Scholarship deadline

APRIL

4/3: Spring Quarter begins in our French language program for children

4/15: Concert of French composers, Fresno City College

4/9: Spring Quarter begins in our French language program for adults

MAY

TBA Scholarship presentations

JULY

7/TBA: Bastille Day Festivities, 6:30 PM

IT'S TIME TO RENEW!



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. Cut out this renewal form and mail your check to Alliance Française de Fresno, Inc., Membership, P.O. Box 5197, Fresno, CA 93755. We encourage all teachers of French to become a personal member. Call (559) 227-9850 for information.

FOR BALLOT TO BE COUNTED, RETURN THIS FORM AND CHECK BY OCTOBER 15!

ANNUAL FEES: Student: \$ 5; Individual: \$30; Family: \$40; Patron: \$100

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS: Scholarship program: \$ _____ Cultural program: \$ _____

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