



ALLIANCE FRANCAISE de CHARLESTON



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Mot de la Présidente

September 7th was our Annual Meeting and the attendance was amazing. It was such a great pleasure to start this meeting in front of such a large and friendly audience.

It has also been a pleasure and an honor for me to serve the Alliance Française de Charleston one more year. It is a great satisfaction to see our organization growing and getting stronger. For that we need to thank each member of the Board for their splendid work and their endless devotion.

This year I want to focus on one issue: to develop the concept of working with different partners according to our activities. This concept will help the diversity of our action.

We are currently in contact with Ashley Hall, the College of Charleston, the School of Building Art and the Gibbes museum of Art. We have been linked for ever with the Consulat Général de France in Atlanta and the Federation of Alliances Françaises USA. This gives an international dimension to our Alliance.

Thanks to Gigi Sireyjol we are more informed of the events planned by the French Embassy and we are able to join our efforts to their effort and be part of a bigger picture. Programs such as Lire en Français, La fête de la musique and Asterix aux Jeux Olympiques are going to be diffused everywhere in the World : Russia, China, South America....

We are also increasing our teaching programs: we need more teachers. Please let us know if you are interested.

We also need members interested to serve on our Board of Directors and on our committees. It is a great way to engage new friendships and to meet new people. WE need your suggestions for programs and venues. We love to have your input. It is your Alliance.

Let's have a great year.

Marie Arnaud



La BOUTIQUE

Alliance française SILK SCARF	\$120
Book of 12 Monet bookmarks	\$1, 50
French notes book	\$5
Sel de Camargue	\$5
Haricots tarbais	\$10
Bérets basques	\$10

Contact Gigi at gsirey@hotmail.com or 843.276.5797

PETITES ANNONCES

This from Corinne:

Want to spend a week or two in a quiet corner of the South of France, 15 minutes from the Riviera but in the foothills? Check this address out: <http://monsie.orange.fr/lourelambi/>

This is my brother's and his wife's website, they rent the little house behind their domicile at a great rate, speak fluent English and French and will be delighted to have Charlestonians visit as he spent 4 years at the Citadel in the 70's and absolutely loves Charleston.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bob Waggoner who is the executive chef at Charleston Grill will have a signing of his cookbook just for us on Sunday, September 23rd at Susan Bass'and Tom Bradford's house, 18 State Street, downtown from 5 to 7pm .

Bob's cookbook is absolutely wonderful, not only are the recipes delicious but they are each accompanied by gorgeous pictures he took himself. This cookbook is just out and cannot be found in bookstores.

The price is \$30. Think Christmas presents.

Come and meet Bob and his family and have a glass of wine on us.



Mayor Riley has proclaimed September "Lafayette Month" in a proclamation ending: "Whereas the friendship between the City of Charleston and the French Republic has not diminished; and continued relationships between Charleston and the French Republic are important to the success of our global partnership; and Whereas 2007 is the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of Lafayette's birth.

"The Charleston Museum and the South Carolina Historical Society will be presenting a talk on "Lafayette and Charleston" at the Charleston Museum on Thursday, September 20, at 7 P.M., open free to the public. The Museum and the Library have displays of Lafayette memorabilia for the public to see. Robert Crout is also teaching a course on "Lafayette and the Atlantic Age of Revolution" at the College of Charleston on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Maybank Room 206 from 3 to 4:15 P.M. Seniors of course may take the course free. Others are free to visit Bon anniversaire, Lafayette!

Robert Crout Editor The Lafayette Papers Project, Cornell University

French Through Films (Le Francais par les films)

will meet on Friday, September 14 at 7:00pm in the Auditorium of the Psychiatry Institute at MUSC for the new season. We are reserving a surprise we hope you will enjoy. This is a great film which has received many nominations at the Cesars.

Our next two movies will be on the following dates: October 12 and November 9th.

French classes

Beginners: Thursday evenings at 7pm at the West Ashley Barnes and Nobles. Please, contact Nicole directly at 843.797.7242

Marie-Laure will gladly start a new beginners' class every other Monday (10th-24th) at 3pm at the Library Society. Please contact Marie if you are interested at Marie_Arnaud@S5A.com

Intermediate: at the Library Society at 4pm on the 10th and 24th, at Beaner's Café (Publix Shopping Center-17N) 6:30pm, on September 17th and October 1st. Contact Marie-Laure 884-5228 or Corinne at 856-2787.

Advanced class: at the Library Society on the second and fourth W. Contact Gigi at 768-7368 or gsirey@hotmail.com

Private lessons: \$25 Call Marie-Laure at 884-5228 or Marie_arnaud@S5A.com

Classes are for members only. The fees are \$95 for 8 lessons. Sign up by sending your check to John Green or bring it to the first class.

CLUB ACTIVITIES



Knitting Club

September 12th 2pm to 4pm in the back room of the Library Society at 164 King Street:

Call Gigi at (843)276-5797 or email gsirey@hotmail.com



Pétanque

September 30th at 4:00pm at the Hampton Park Gazebo located off Rutledge. Coming from downtown, turn left on Cleveland Street and then right. Follow up to the parking lot on your left: you will see the gazebo a few steps away. Contact Louis Herodote at louis_a_herodote@comcast.net



Cooking class

The class will be at Marie-Laure at 6:30 pm on Sunday, September 16th!

Members \$25 per person, non-members \$35. **Please, call Marie-Laure ASAP at 843-884-5228 to make your reservation.**



BOOK CLUB

Will be on September 21st at Linda's
Contact Brigitte Codron 766-2673 or codronb@cofc.edu if you are interested in joining.



Bridge Club

Afternoon Club: 2pm, on Tuesday September 18^h at Mireille's.

For all information contact Vicky Oakley at vmgoakley@yahoo.com

Evening Club: Thursday, September 27th at the Fralix'.
Please, contact anthonybassett@bellsouth.net for all information.

We plan to have 3-4 tables. Contact Tony if you want your name to be added to our list.



Le Français par les Films

7pm Auditorium of Psychiatry at MUSC (parking across the street). **You are in for a treat as Josette will start this new year with a detective movie. A must see! It's a surprise!**

If you wish to contribute to the newsletter or share information of interest to our members, please contact Corinne at corinnemills@yahoo.com

All information must be forwarded at least ONE week before the first of each month.

A LAST WORD

THANK YOU to Gigi and her committee for a wonderful and successful BASTILLE DAY. Every year it gets better! Will they be able to top the French Cancan next year?

Thank you also to Gigi and her public relation committee for their never ending dedication to the Alliance. As you all know, we have never before experienced such outright publicity in the local media!