



Alliance Française de Charleston –April 2010 Activités

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Héroïnes françaises, 1940-1945 Courage, force et ingéniosité

Monique Saigal visits the Alliance Française

Friday, April 9 at 7:30p.m. at Chantal Rousselin's home, 1986 Treebark Drive, West Ashley (presentation in French)



Saturday, April 10 at 3:00p.m. at Waccamaw Higher Education Center, Pawleys Island

Sunday April 11 at 3:00 p.m. at the Yom HaShoah at Charleston Music Hall, Downtown

Monday, April 12 at 5:15 p.m. at CoC Randolph Alumni Hall, 66 George Street, Downtown

Monique Saigal, Professor of Romance Languages and Literature at Pomona College in Claremont, California, will discuss, in English, on Saturday April 10th at 3:00 pm her recently published book, *Héroïnes Françaises, 1940-1945: Courage, Force et Ingéniosité*, a collection of interviews with women who served in the French Resistance. A reception will follow the discussion.

About the Book

The stories of the 18 French women who resisted the Nazi occupation in *Héroïnes Françaises* are tied to Dr. Saigal's own story as a Jewish child hidden with a Catholic family during the Second World War.

Dr. Saigal conducted interviews with these women, among others, in France, Switzerland, and California and recorded their stories: Lucie Aubrac, who freed her husband from a Nazi prison three times during the war, once by coordinating an attack on the prison van transporting him; Jeanne Bohec, who enlisted in the French free army in Britain where she invented explosives, parachuting into France to teach resisters how to make them for sabotage; and Brigitte Friang, who joined the Resistance while in high school, later decoding aerial operation transmissions.

While *Héroïnes Françaises* serves as a historical record, the book's deeper purpose honors the courage of these women, the sacrifices of Dr. Saigal's own family members who risked their lives in the Résistance, and the memory of her grandmother who died at Auschwitz. Their stories of courage and strength will serve to inspire.

Language Center

New Night Class offered in North Charleston. Register now with Nicole McCauley at 843 330-4139 or 843 797-7242 and notify Corinne Mills at cgm_51 or 843 817-4967.

If you have not registered for classes, contact Corinne Mills ASAP.

OUR CLASSES – Check Classes and Dates: For questions or registration, contact Corinne Mills at cgm_51@hotmail.com or 843 817-4967.

Beginners, taught by Marie Arnaud Tuesdays: April 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 3:30pm at Charleston Library Society, 164 King Street, Downtown. Intermediate is for those who read, speak and write moderately well. For class information, email Marie-Laure at marielaurearnaud@hotmail.com or Marie_Arnaud@S5A.com or call 843 884-5228.

Beginners taught by Marie-Laure Arnaud. Saturdays: April 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 9:30pm at Charleston Library Society, 164 King Street, Downtown. For class information email Marie-Laure at marielaurearnaud@hotmail.com or Marie_Arnaud@S5A.com or call 843 884-5228.

Advanced Beginners, taught by Nicole McCauley. Mondays April 5, 12, 19 and 26 class time 7 to 8pm at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 7620 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston. **You must call Nicole and advise you are coming.** Contact Nicole at Buford.mccauley@comcast.net or tel 843 797-7242 or 843 330-4139.

Intermediates, taught by Marie –Laure Arnaud Tuesdays: April 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 1:30pm at Charleston Library Society, 164 King Street, Downtown. Intermediate is for those who read, speak and write moderately well. For class information, email Marie-Laure at marielaurearnaud@hotmail.com or Marie_Arnaud@S5A.com or call 843 884-5228.

Intermediates, taught by Marie –Laure Arnaud Tuesdays: April 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 2:30pm at Charleston Library Society, 164 King Street, Downtown. Intermediate is for those who read, speak and write moderately well. For class information, email Marie-Laure at marielaurearnaud@hotmail.com or Marie_Arnaud@S5A.com or call 843 884-5228.

Advanced, taught by Marie-Laure Arnaud. Advanced is for those who are almost fluent. For class information, please contact Marie -Laure Arnaud at marielaurearnaud@hotmail.com or or tel 843 884- 5228.

Private Lessons - If you are interested in more intensive and specific instruction, we offer private classes tailored to your needs. The lesson rate is \$ 30.00 per hour for members only. For more information, contact Corinne Mills at cgm_51@hotmail.com or Marie-Laure Arnaud at marielaurearnaud@hotmail.com.

Classes are for members only. (Please join us if you are not yet a member!) Price is \$100.00 per eight-week session. Classes held for less than 3 students will be considered as semi-private classes. Mail checks to Alliance Française de Charleston, Attn Corinne Mills, 1432 Wellesley Circle Mt Pleasant sc 29466.

French Children Play Dates

Lisette Luton is raising her two year old daughter to be bilingual in French and English and is looking for parents who speak French and raising their children to speak French. She is interested in play dates with preschool- aged French children. She is working toward possibly offering a class in the future for 3-5 year olds for learning French.”

Anyone who is interested, please contact her at 821-1928. French children are also welcome to attend the Pause Café in Summerville with their parents. (Cookies are served.)

Wednesday – April 7 - Le français par les jeux at. 1 pm. Please notify Pat if you are coming. Learn French and French history, culture, geography etc. The games will be at Pat Caldwell's, 29 Bainbridge Dr, Charlestown Estates 1, West Ashley. Learn and practice French through games! Play Taboo, Devine Tête, Trivial Pursuit, Scrabble etc. **RSVP to Pat at 556-8458 or caldpat@bellsouth.net**

Monday- April 12 - Rendez Vous – L’heure de Conversation is at O’Hara and Flynn’s Wine Shop AT 225 Meeting St from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. RSVP to Pat Caldwell at caldpat@bellosuth.net or 843 556-8458. Meet other Francophiles from the Charleston area. Enjoy mingling with others en français. Everyone will practice at his/her level. Wine and menu are available.

Saturday- April 17 - Pause Café at 1pm – Summerville groupe de conversation. Are you interested in a French conversation group in Summerville? Lisette Luton will be hosting a “Pause Café” at her place, which will allow people to speak French in a relaxed atmosphere over a cup of coffee and cookies. Come and help us shape this new group and decide what the format will be. 254 Weathers Court, Summerville, SC 29483. **RSVP: Lisette Luton 821-1928.** French children are also welcome to attend the Pause Café in Summerville with their parents. (Cookies are served.)

Cultural Events

Thursday- April 15 Evening Bridge at 630pm will be hosted by Bill and Vicky Oakley. The session is limited to 4 tables of 4. Contact Tony Bassett at Tony3541@gmail.com for the confirmed date, time, location and information.

Friday- April 16 *New Date due to Easter* Next Class will be May 7 - Le Français par les Films at 7 pm at the Auditorium of the Institute of Psychiatry at MUSC, 67 President Street, downtown Charleston. La fille de Monaco will be the featured film.

LE FRANÇAIS PAR LES FILMS Class- FRENCH THROUGH FILM

Registration for the remaining sessions of the class April 16, May 7 is \$5.00 regardless of the number of sessions attended and can be done at the door or directly to the Treasurer John Green.

The meeting time is 7:00pm in the Auditorium of the Institute of Psychiatry at MUSC.

Monday –Not meeting in April Next meeting will be May 3 -Tricot at 2pm- 4pm. Bring a project or just come to chat. The group is not just for 'tricoteuses' but is open to all who might want to do any sort of handwork or indeed just come to chat! Free Parking at Charleston Library Society, 164 King Street permitted for the time you are in the library. Contact: Alma Brown at almab@bellsouth.net or 843 243-9888 for meeting details.

Sunday –April 25 at 2 pm - Pétanque will if weather permits. Meet at Hampton Park at 2pm by the Gazebo. All are welcome from novice to expert. We provide the “boules”. **RSVP to Corinne Mills at cgm_51@hotmail.com or 843 817-4967.**

Alliance Library

Friday- April 9 - Le Cercle Littéraire will meet at Chantal Rousselin's house at 7:30 pm. Chantal will host the meeting. The April meeting will host Monique Saigal for a special presentation of her book on Friday April 9 at 7:30 pm at Chantal Rousselin's house rousselinc@hotmail.com.

All are welcome; you choose the book you feel like reading. It can be one you purchased or one you borrowed from Le Cercle Littéraire's many offerings. The meeting is conducted in French. Contact Brigitte for more information at codronb@cofc.edu or 843 766-2673.

Upcoming Workshops

Sunday –April 25- Cooking Class at 7:00 pm. *Please RSVP!!!* Menu will be shared at a later date.

Demonstration and Participation class with mini dinner plate tasting. Registration Information: Where: 1990 Belair Court Mt Pleasant, Who: Taught by Marie-Laure Arnaud, How Much: \$25.00 for members, \$30.00 non-members, How to reserve your place: **Call Marie at 843 884-5228 or email or Marie_Arnaud@S5A.com.**

Membership

Thank you for your support and participation! If you have not renewed your membership, you can still do it.

Your membership is vital to carrying out the many French programs and social opportunities provided through our alliance. Membership is essential to our success. Your membership expires in September 2009. Please print, complete and return your membership renewal form with your check to Alliance Française de Charleston, c/o John Green, 636-G 200 Long Point Road, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464. Thank you for your membership.

Membership is renewed annually, each September. Renewals should be submitted beginning in August, but no later than September 30th. Any new membership acquired after May 31st of a given year will be valid through September of the following year.

Annual Membership Dues	
Family Membership	\$60.00
Individual Membership	\$35.00
Academic Membership	\$25.00
(Limited to Teachers of French and students –under 25 years old)	
Patron Membership	\$500.00
Superbe Patron Membership	\$1000.00
Corporate Membership	\$500.00

For more information about membership, please email John Green at johnagreen.comcast.net.

Contact- If you need more information, have corrections, additions or have any questions concerning this information **and the Alliance Française de Charleston; please contact Pat Caldwell at caldpat@bellsouth.net**