

Alliance Française de Charleston

May 2010 Activités

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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: May 4, 11, 18 and 25 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: May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 9:30pm at Charleston Library Society, 164 King Street, and 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 May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 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: May 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 1:30pm at Charleston Library Society, 164 King Street, and 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: May 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 2:30pm at Charleston Library Society, 164 King Street, and 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 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 – May 5- 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- May 17- 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@bellsouth.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- May 15- Pause Café(Summerville groupe de conversation) at 1pm. Last meeting until August– Pause Café will be closed June and July and reopen in August.. 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- May 20 Evening Bridge at 630pm will be hosted by Ila Rose and Ken Walls . 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- 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.

LE FRANÇAIS PAR LES FILMS Class- FRENCH THROUGH FILM-

Registration for the last sessions of the class is 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, 67 President St, downtown Charleston.

Monday – 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 –May 30 - 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

Due to vacations Le Cercle Littéraire will not meet again until either August or September. Notification of next meeting date will be sent.

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 –Cooking Class -Date to be determined on demand- If you are interested in attending a cooking class in May let Marie know. Call Marie at 843 884-5228 or email or Marie_Arnaud@S5A.com.

Cooking Classes are held at 7:00 pm. 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 (Limited to Teachers of French and students –under 25 years old)	\$25.00
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.**

Histoire de l'AF

Here is a little history of the Alliance Française that we also call in France "la Vieille Dame" (the Old Lady).

This unique organization is in fact more than 117 years old. The Alliance Française, founded in July 1883 by a handful of prominent individuals, is now a cultural network of global scale. It is also 1,300 chapters, meeting places for people who, though they may be far from Paris, are sentimentally attached to France for one reason or another... Whatever their nationality, whatever their race or religion, they all have found something in French culture that speaks to them.

"To maintain and spread the influence of France by promoting the French language," such was the original mission assigned to the nonprofit association christened the Alliance Française.

Deeply concerned by the effects of Prussia's 1870 victory over France, many of the great names in the arts, sciences, and politics rallied to the cause: Louis Pasteur, Ernest Renan, Ferdinand de Lesseps, Hippolyte Taine were members of the first board of administrators.

One of the most distinctive traits of the Alliance Française is that all of its 1,300 chapters are independent. They adopt the host country's nationality and are established in accordance with the laws of that country.