



Alliance Française de Charleston
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between Americans and French speaking people.

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January 2012 Activities
Meilleurs voeux, bonne année et bonne santé !!!!



Epiphany Party

At the home of Sam and Pat Caldwell

29 Bainbridge Drive, Charlestowne Estates, West Ashley

January 7, 2012 at 7:00 pm

\$20 per member and \$30.00 per guest

Wine \$3.00 per glass or \$5.00 for 2 glasses

Make reservations by January 3, 2012

Contact Pat Caldwell at caldpat.net or 843 556-8458

At Epiphany, people eat the *gâteau des Rois* in Provence (made of brioche) or the *galette des Rois* (puff pastry with almond cream) in the northern half of France and Belgium. This is a kind of king cake, with a trinket (usually a porcelain figurine of a king) or a bean hidden inside. The person who gets the piece of cake with the trinket becomes "king" for a day.

Language Center – Adult and Children Classes- Anne-Laure 's adult classes start Jan 3,
Marie Laure's adult classes Jan 10, Children's school starts Jan 14

Beginner French taught by Anne-Laure Viellard –Mondays at 8 am location 237-A Rutledge Avenue. For class information contact Anne-Laure Viellard at al.vieillard@gmail.com.

Beginner French taught by Anne-Laure Viellard Tuesdays at 9:30 am location the Charleston Library Society French Room.

French Around a Glass of Wine –Tuesday Evening Class held from 6:30-7:30 pm!!! Classes are held at Marie- Laure Arnaud's home, 1990 Belair Court, Enclave Subdivision, and Mt. Pleasant. For class information contact Marie-Laure Arnaud at marielaurearnaud@hotmail.com.

Advanced Beginner taught by Marie-Laure Arnaud –Classes are Tuesdays at 12:30pm at the Charleston Library Society, 164 King Street, and Downtown. Curriculum: what you will learn- alphabet, numbers, colors, weather, name and address, frequently used verbs, phrases of introduction reading and grammar. For class information, email Marie-Laure at marielaurearnaud@hotmail.com.

Intermediate 1:30 pm and 230pm, taught by Marie-Laure Arnaud –Classes are on Tuesdays at 1:30 pm and at 230pm at Charleston Library Society, 164 King Street, Downtown. What you will learn- build on what you have learned in beginner's class, reading and grammar and learn everyday expressions to have a simple conversation about the house, garden, shopping, traveling and reading? For class information, email Marie-Laure at marielaurearnaud@hotmail.com.

Children's Class Start January 14 - La Petite École de l'Alliance Française de Charleston meets from 9:30 am to 11 am on Saturdays at the Rabbit Hole, the Charleston Library Society, and 164 King Street, Charleston, SC, 29401. Saturday morning French classes are available for children (les Boutchous) ages 3 to 6 years.

Native and non-native speakers are welcome! Small class size offers a minimum of five students per class. Playful, interactive immersion classes are taught by a native French speaker. Contact Dr. Katherine Galvagni, director of La Petite Ecole, frenchschoolcharleston@gmail.com. Also check out La Petite Ecole's page at <http://www.afusa.org/af/charleston>.

Private Lessons: If you are interested in more intensive and specific instruction, we offer private classes tailored to your needs. The lesson rate is \$ 35.00 per hour for members only. Semi Private – 2 students the rate is \$40.00. For more information, contact Corinne Mills at cgm_51@hotmail.com or Marie-Laure Arnaud at marielaurearnaud@hotmail.com.

Class Prices: Classes are for members only. (Please join us if you are not yet a member!) The price is \$50.00 for four 1 hour class or \$15 per class. The class term is three months. Specialized classes are \$35.00 per student per class. Classes held for less than 3 students will be considered as semi-private classes at \$20.00 per student. Mail checks to Alliance Française de Charleston, Attn Corinne Mills, 1432 Wellesley Circle Mt Pleasant sc 29466.

Wednesday January 4 –Le Française par les jeux at 1pm. Please contact Pat Caldwell via email caldpat@bellsouth.net or tel. 843 556-8458 to confirm you are coming. The location is 29 Bainbridge Dr, Charlestowne Estates No 1, West Ashley. Learn French and French history, culture, geography etc. Learn and practice French through games! Play Taboo, Devine Tête, Trivial Pursuit, Scrabble etc. RSVP to Pat at 556-8458 or caldpat@bellsouth.net

Wednesdays January 11, 18 25 –Autour de la table - Mercredi Groupe de Conversation - Group meets for 1 hour of French discussion at 1 pm on Wednesdays Pat Caldwell's 29 Bainbridge Dr, Chas, 29407. Topics decided by those in attendance. **RSVP to Pat at 556-8458 or caldpat@bellsouth.net to be the group will be meeting.**

Monday Jan 23 Rendez Vous L'heure de Conversation . This month we will have L'heure de Conversation at O'Hara and Flynn at 225 Meeting St, Downtown from 7:00 pm -8:00 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 January 21 at 1pm Pause Café- Practice French. The group meets at 116 Limehouse Drive, Summerville 29485, near Applebee on Trolley Road in Summerville. RSVP to Dr. Lisette Luton via email at mluton@csuniv.edu or tel. 821-1928. Practice your French for an hour. Are you interested in a French conversation group in Summerville? Pause Café will allow people to speak French in a relaxed atmosphere over a cup of coffee and cookies. **Children welcome to attend the Pause Café in Summerville with their parents. (Cookies are served.)**

Cultural Events

Thursday January 19 Bridge - Chez Marie-Laure and Philippe Arnaud at 6:30pm. The session is limited. . Contact Tony Bassett at Tony3541@gmail.com for the confirmed date, time, and location.

Friday – January 13 Ciné Club at 7 pm. The Ciné-Club Program for January will be *Crime d'amour (Love Crime) (2011)* with Kristin Scott Thomas and Ludivine Sager. The film will be shown at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium of the Institute of Psychiatry, MUSC. When Christine, a powerful executive (Scott Thomas) brings on a naive young ingenue, Isabelle (Sagnier), as her assistant, she delights in toying with her innocence and teaching her hard lessons in a ruthless professional philosophy. But when her protégée's ideas become tempting enough for Christine to pass one as her own, she underestimates Isabelle's ambition and cunning--and the ground is set for all out war. In this devilish propulsive thriller, Corneau sets up the scenery expertly for a deliciously twisted tale of office politics that turn, literally cutthroat. Brian de Palma is doing a remake, due to be released in 2012 under the name "*Passion*".

The film for the February 10 Ciné-Club will be *Les Emotifs Anonymes (Romantics Anonymous) 2011*

Because we are paying public performance rights, there will be an admission fee: \$3.00 for members, \$5.00 for guests.

Monday – January 16 – Lunch get together – Check with Alma for details 2-4pm -Tricot Group – Meetings are at the Charleston Library Society, 164 King Street – Charleston Library members may park behind the library. 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!! Contact Alma Brown at almab@bellsouth.net pr 843 243-9888 for meeting details.

Sunday - January 29 at 2pm - Petanque weather permitting- RSVP to Corinne Mills at cgm_51@hotmail.com or 843 817-4967. Meet at Hampton Park at 2pm by the Gazebo. All are invited from novice to expert. We provide the "boules".

Alliance Library

Friday January 20 at 7:30 pm - Le Cercle Littéraire The literary group will meet at 7:30pm at Chantal's home. 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.

Workshops

Sunday January 22 Cooking Class - Cassoulet, desert, wine. Cooking class begins at 6:30pm chez Alwynn and Christine Rogier-Chapman on Kiawah Island. Reservations needed for access to Kiawah, call or email Alwynn crougierchapman@aol.com or 843 768-0917 so your name will be on the gate's admission list.

Classes are \$25 per member and \$30 per guest.

Cooking Classes are held at 6:30 pm. Call Marie at 843 884-5228 or email MarieLaureArnaud@hotmail.com. Demonstration and Participation class with mini dinner plate tasting. Registration Information: Where: 1990 Belair Cour Enclave Subdivision, Mt Pleasant. Who: Taught by Marie-Laure Arnaud.

Other Francophone Activities in the Community

Macaroon Boutique will start French pastry classes in 2012 for more information call 843 577-5441.

Dani Manilla, one of our newer Alliance Française members. Dani will be teaching Mediterranean and Moroccan cooking classes in January. Email Dani at danimanilla2@aol.com if you have questions. All classes include recipes, a meal and wine tasting. Prices vary by location.

Membership Dues - Membership Renewal began in September. You can send in your dues now if you have not already. Thank you for your support and participation!

Your membership is vital to carrying out the many French programs and social opportunities provided through our a, SC 29464. Thank you for your membership.

Alliance. Membership is essential to our success. 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. Membership is renewed annually, each September. For more information about membership, please email John Green at johnagreen.comcast.net.

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

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