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SPRING CLASSES ARE UNDERWAY

It's still not too late to register, so contact us!

Become an AFC Member

See the following web page for details:

<http://www.avenue.org/afc/Benefits.html>

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ANY IDEAS?

If you would like to get involved or volunteer, please contact us.

Participation from members will enrich the association and the events we offer to the community!

There will be many opportunities over the next few weeks to enjoy life à la façon française: delicious food, excellent wine and authentic atmosphere! Join the fun!

"April in Paris" at the Downtown Mall

Paris and Besancon are being featured this Saturday, April 18th at the latest Downtown Mall Block Party. Visitors can enjoy French music and dancing, special menus, a Tour de France tricycle race, block prizes, French fashion, art on display and much more! Also, for information about the AFC, come and visit our table in front of Yves Delormes. For details about this event, please refer to the email attached.

Venez Déguster Avec Nous!

- On Thursday, April 23rd at 5pm, AFC members and guests will be meeting at Fellini's for an "aperitif". Our last Happy Hour was a great success and a good time is guaranteed this time around as well.
- AFC will have a special **wine tasting luncheon** at the Kluge Estate Winery on Monday, April 27th. It will certainly be a great experience.
- AFC's monthly **French speaking luncheon** on Thursday, May 7th will be at the lovely Keswick Hall. Since most of our lunches take place in small restaurants around town, this will be a special, luxurious treat.
- Later, on the 29th of May, the AFC will be having a **Cognac Tasting** for members and guests. The event will be hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gupton at their beautiful home in Gordonsville. *Please RSVP as soon as possible* for this special evening to allow ample time for preparation.

For further details and RSVP information, please refer to the calendar on page 2.

Watch French TV and Listen to French Music...For Free!

No need to be in France to have access to local television and music. With a little bit of searching, there really is something for everyone: series, movies, news, documentaries and comedy. Whether you are French and looking for a piece of "home" or you are a student who would like to develop your French skills, have a look. Mainstream shows are of course only available through cable or satellite service, but the internet has something worthwhile to offer as well. Enjoy!

Television:

<http://videos.tf1.fr/> («revoir une emission" or « revoir une series »)

<http://player.canalplus.fr/#/selection-canal/les-incontournables>

<http://www.tv5.org/TV5Site/webtv/thematique-1-Cinema.htm>

Music :

www.listenlive.eu/france.html (a complete list of channels-search "internet only")

www.m2radio.fr/ (for almost all French pop songs try "Discovery")

ESL

Did You Know?

AFC can offer basic ESL Courses. Our instructor, Anne Ferré, is a Certified Teacher of English for Speakers of Other Languages and can offer all levels of group and private instruction.

BITS & BLURBS



Visit us at our table in front of *Yves Delorme* (above) 311 E. Main Street, this Saturday.



Let your children experience *Tour de France* excitement and enroll them in the tricycle race this Saturday. Register at <http://www.downtowncharlottesville.net/>



The luxurious *Keswick Hall* will be the location of our monthly luncheon on May 7th.



Don't miss an opportunity on May 29th to try *premier Cognacs* aged from 35-70 years!

AFC Calendar of Events

April 2009

- 04/18: **Paris/Besancon Block Party** at the Downtown Mall all day.
- 04/23: **French Conversation Happy Hour** at 5:00 pm hosted by Ridge Porter, at Fellini's Restaurant, 200 W Market Street. Cash bar. Live music. RSVP to AFC.
- 04/27: **Luncheon, Wine Tasting** at 12:00 pm at the Kluge Estate Winery and Vineyard, 3550 Blenheim Road. Lunch \$12 and wine tasting \$10. RSVP to AFC.

May 2009

- 05/07: First Thursday **French Speaking Luncheon** at 12:00 pm at **Keswick Hall**, 701 Club Dr Keswick, VA 22947. Buffet lunch with desserts \$19 not including beverage, tax and gratuities. RSVP Annette Hollo at (434) 977-1338 or annettehollo@earthlink.net)
- 05/29: **Cognac Tasting** at 6:30pm at Rocklands in Gordonsville, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gupton. Cognac Ferrand will delve into the mysteries of Cognac. Tastings of five or six premier cognacs, including 2 cognacs aged from 35-70 years, and hors d'oeuvres. Members \$25.00, Guests \$30.00. Two volunteers needed. Directions provided upon RSVP to AFC.

June 2009

- 06/04: First Thursday **French Speaking Luncheon** at 12:00 pm at L'Etoile, 817 W Main Street. RSVP Annette Hollo at (434) 977-1338 or annettehollo@earthlink.net)
- 06/06: **Lecture by Catherine Hermary-Vieille** at 4:00 pm at Edgemont Farm, 3399 Edgemont Farm North Garden, VA. Mrs. Hermary-Vieille will give a lecture in French about Jefferson in Paris. Includes wine and cheese. Members \$25.00, Guests \$30.00. RSVP to AFC.
- 06/11: **French Conversation Happy Hour** at 5:00 pm hosted by Catherine Hermary-Vieille, at Fellini's Restaurant, 200 W Market Street. Cash bar. Live music. RSVP to AFC.
- 06/13: **Last day of Spring Class Session.**
- 06/15: **First day of Summer Class Session.**
- 06/27: **Pique-Nique** at 3:00 pm at the home of John & Marijke Ford, 9 Fletcher's Mill Road, Woodville, VA 22749. (65 minutes by car from downtown Charlottesville, through Madison and scenic route 231) Assorted meats, sandwiches, wine, beer, deserts. Members \$25.00, Guests \$30.00. RSVP to AFC.
- 06/29-07/05: **Mid Session Break from Classes.**