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Where else to celebrate Bastille Day in Charlottesville other than with the Alliance Française? The Kluge Estate and Vineyard will provide a fitting atmosphere for the party!

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More than 75 guests enjoyed the Cognac Tasting by Cognac Ferrand at Rockland's Estate. A superb evening for all!

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The Jefferson lecture by Catherine Hermary-Vielle at Edgemont Farm was also a great success. Join the fun at a future event!

Que la Fete Commence!

Come one, come all as we celebrate **Bastille Day**, or "le Quatorze Juillet"! Bastille Day is the national holiday of France and commemorates the storming of the Bastille prison in 1789, during the French Revolution. It symbolizes France's independence from the monarchy.

While the celebration normally takes place on the 14th of July every year in France, we will be having our party on **Saturday, July 18th** for maximum turnout! The event will take place **rain or shine** at the Pavillion of the Kluge Estate and Vineyard. Directions can be provided upon RSVP. This year's Bastille Day Celebration promises to be AFC's biggest event of 2009!

For those of you who do not already have a membership with the AFC, we encourage you to become members at this event as you will gain free entry!! Download the membership form from our web site www.avenue.org/afc/Benefits.html and bring it on the 18th, or just sign up when you arrive.

A free commemorative tea towel will be provided by Yves Delorme (a beautiful French shop located on the downtown mall) **as a gift for the first 50 families.** Good food and wine...live French music...activities for children...all in a picturesque setting...It doesn't get any better!



For more information, please refer to the calendar on page 2.

September Trip to Besançon Cancelled

The Alliance Française of Charlottesville has reluctantly cancelled the visit to Besançon planned for September, 2009. The Sister City Committee began work on the proposed visit last Fall, after hosting a Besantin delegation in Northern and Central Virginia. Initial informal exchanges were positive and, in January, the Committee was advised of the two individuals in Besançon responsible for sister city activities, but no response has been received to the communications which were sent to them. As a consequence, at its meeting on June 10, 2009, the AFC Board decided to cancel the trip as insufficient time remained to make the necessary logistical and programmatic preparations.

No June AFC Picnic This Year

This year we will not be having our annual picnic, originally scheduled for June 27, as we are going to focus all our efforts on the Bastille Day Celebration.

Advertise Here!

If you have a French-related business in the area and would like to promote it, please contact us. There are many ways we can work together for mutual benefit!

Calling All French Nannies!

Are you a French Nanny and want to meet with other Nannies? Do you want to be a French Nanny? Let us know, maybe we can help.

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The Kluge Estate and Vineyard for July 18th

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**It's not too late to register for Summer Classes!**



Download class registration form:  
[www.avenue.org/afc](http://www.avenue.org/afc)

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Become an AFC Member
See the following web page for details:
www.avenue.org/afc/enefits.html

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AFC Calendar of Events

July 2009

- 07/02: First Thursday **French Speaking Luncheon** at 12:00 pm at Copacabana, 400 Shoppers World Ct. RSVP Annette Hollo at (434) 977-1338 or annettehollo@earthlink.net
- 07/18: **Bastille Day Celebration** from 11:00 am-5:00 pm at the Kluge Pavillion, 100 Grand Cru Drive. Admission includes live music by "Jean-Jacques", fun activities for children, one glass of wine (or cider for children) plus a cheese sampler. Free parking. AFC members \$10.00. General admission \$20.00. Children \$5.00. Food and refreshments available for purchase at concession stands hosted by Hot Cakes and L'Etoile. Kluge wine tastings and bottles available for purchase. Bring your picnic chairs and blankets, but no foods and beverages please. 50% of the proceeds will be donated to St. John Baptist of the Woods charity. RSVP no later than one week before the event to AFC.

August 2009

- 08/06: **First Thursday French Speaking Luncheon** at 12:00 pm at Wild Greens, Barracks Road North, 2162 Barracks Rd. RSVP Annette Hollo at (434) 977-1338 or annettehollo@earthlink.net
- 08/16: **Last day of Summer Session** of Classes.

September 2009

- 09/03: **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
- 09/17: **Open House at Alliance Francaise**, at 7:00pm at 1119 Fifth Street South West. Admission free of charge. Wine and hors d'oeuvres offered by AFC. Meet members of AFC's Board of Directors and Staff. Register for Classes. Join the Alliance Francaise! RSVP to AFC.
- 09/28: **First Day of Fall Session** of Classes.

Would you be interested in...
Etiquette lessons?
Painting classes?
Cooking Classes?

Now is the time to let us know as we are working on our Fall Calendar