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SPRING SESSION CLASS SCHEDULE

10 Weeks
March 30-June 13
(Break April 6-12)

Monday

A2: 6-8pm

B1: 6-8pm

Tuesday

A1: 10-12am

B1/2 Conversation: 12-

1:30pm

A2: 6-8pm

C1: 6-8pm

Wednesday

B3 Conversation: 12-

1:30pm

Saturday

A1: 10am-12pm

Course Pricing

Course and Materials

AFC Membership

Info and Pricing

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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!

Le Printemps Arrive!

Despite the recent snow, Spring is just around the corner, and with it comes AFC's new calendar of events and a new session of classes! See on the left column the time slots that are tentatively planned for each course. Also, on page 2 you will find details about the events we are planning for the next few months.

Spring Class Session Begins March 30th: **ENROLL NOW**



Find out your level: Take the quick [test](#) on the AFC web site!

Choose a course (see left) that corresponds to your level.

Contact us to enroll or download the [web registration form](#).

Save the Dates ...

AFC is already planning some special events for the Fall! To encourage maximum participation of our members, we are giving as much advanced notice as possible. Every other year, a Delegation from AFC takes a **trip to our sister city in France, Besancon**. Last year, Besancon Delegates had an eventful visit to Charlottesville and surrounding areas. Now, in 2009 it's C-ville's turn to travel! Planning for le voyage is well under way and AFC members and friends are more than welcome to join. The core program will take place from **Monday, September 7 thru Friday, September 11**, followed by at least two days and nights in Paris. This visit promises to be very exciting since we expect that we will be joined by several local C'ville officials.

The number of participants is limited and we expect available slots to fill quickly. If you are interested in joining the group, please add your name(s) now. We are asking for a deposit of \$ 100 per person to accompany your reservation. This deposit will be refunded if the trip is cancelled, or you cancel by the end of June and are replaced by individual(s) from the waiting list. We are currently working on the most economical air and ground reservations and are required to make deposits to lock them in. If you are planning to make your own travel and hotel reservations, rather than travel with the group, please so indicate when you apply.

We are also planning a **Black Tie Charity Event, for Friday, November 13th** at the Farmington Country Club. Proceeds from our "Fete de Champetre" will be donated to offering free-of-charge French classes at interested schools in Charlottesville. In the past, AFC has offered grants for study to individuals, but this will be the first time that we will be offering something to the community that will benefit many children at once. Learning a new language opens so many doors, and everyone should have the opportunity. A formal mission statement for the event will be communicated by May.

AFC's monthly French speaking lunches have been a grand success. Native French speakers and French students alike enjoy this laid back opportunity to converse in French. Our "get together" is more and more widely attended and very lively indeed! And the food is always excellent. So come and join us!



BITS & BLURBS



Join us this month at the Festival of the Book featuring AFC Board Member, *Roulhac Toledano*



AFC plans to offer trial "French in Action" courses downtown at *Café Milano*, 406 West Main St. Inquire if interested



The *Kluge Estate Winery* (photo above), site of AFC Lunch and Wine Tasting (photo below) April 27.



The View the Draft AFC Events Calendar March-December '09 [CLICK HERE](#)

AFC Calendar of Events

March 2009

- 03/16: **Wreath Laying Ceremony** at 1:30 pm at the Cemetery at **Montpelier**, Home of James Madison, Orange County Virginia, located on Route 20, 4 miles south of town of Orange. Followed by free public reception. No RSVP necessary.
- 03/16: In collaboration with UVA, **Ambassador of France, S.E. Pierre Vimont will offer a conference to the francophone community** at 2pm in the Dome Room of the Rotunda. Immediately following his remarks, he will hold a short meeting with local French community. No RSVP necessary.
- 03/19: **Virginia Festival of the Book** with Carol Burnell, author of *Divided Affections*. Mrs. Burnell will speak about the life of Maria Hadfield Cosway, daughter of an innkeeper who rose to prominence in English society, was loved by Thomas Jefferson, pioneered women's education, and was given the title of Baroness by the Austrian Emperor Franz I. At the New Dominion Bookshop, 404 East Main Street (on the downtown mall) from 10:00 am-11:30 am followed by a book signing. Free Admission. RSVP to AFC.
- 03/22: **Virginia Festival of the Book** with Roulhac Toledano, co-author with Elizabeth Coty, of *François Coty: Fragrance, Power, Money*. Mrs. Toledano will speak about the financial successes and setbacks of Coty, the creator of the La Rose Jacqueminot perfume, a multi-millionaire in two years and France's first billionaire. At the Charlottesville Central JMRL Library, 201 East Market Street, from 3:00-4:00 pm followed by a book signing. Free Admission. RSVP to AFC.
- 03/28: **French Film Festival in Richmond** sponsored by the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). 11:00 am Visit to Ginger Levit's art gallery. 12:30 pm Lunch at the Can Can Brasserie, 3120 West Cary Street, Richmond, VA 23221. 4:00 pm. Film screening of "Client" at the Byrd Theatre, 2908 West Cary Street, Richmond, VA 23221. Cost is \$12 at the door for unreserved seats (arrival 40 minutes early to avoid crowds). Film schedules and multi-event passes available at www.frenchfilm.vcu.edu. Rendez-vous time and location upon RSVP to AFC.

April 2009

- 04/02: First Thursday **French Speaking Luncheon** at 12:00 pm at **Savour**, 1250 Emmet Street North. RSVP Annette Hollo at (434) 977-1338 or annettehollo@earthlink.net
- 04/05-12: **Easter Break from Classes**.
- 04/13: **Jefferson Anniversary at Monticello**. Wreath laying ceremony from 12:45-1:30pm with Amb. Nat Howell.
- 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 the Alliance Francaise. 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. RSVP to AFC.