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Register Now for Summer Classes!

Classes Start
June 15th

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Stay Tuned!

AFC has just produced a **new episode of our television show, "Tout en Français"**. The first episode of the new series is hosted by AFC Board President, Marijke G. Ford and includes guests Claude Batson, AFC Head Teacher and Michele Stengl, AFC Director of Operations. The three describe what the Alliance Française de Charlottesville has to offer in the way of classes, conversation and culture, and discuss all the recent changes at the association. Future episodes will be hosted by Guy Domingo, a bilingual AFC member and regular attendee of our monthly lunches. The show will air on Charlottesville Public Access, Channel 13, every Friday and Saturday from 1:30-2:00 pm, beginning May 29th.

Last Chance to RSVP...

Many AFC members and guests will attend the **Cognac Tasting** May 29th at the Rocklands Estate in Gordonsville, home of AFC members, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gupton. Admission for members \$20 and Guests \$25 (more details page 2). If you would like to join us, please respond by email to AFC no later than Tuesday, May 26th to allow for preparations.

A Venir Prochainement:

On June 6th, we will host a lecture by well-known French author, **Catherine Hermary-Vieille**. Longtime AFC member, Mrs. Hermary-Vieille has written numerous well received novels and biographies and was recently a nominee for the very prestigious Academie Francaise! The lecture on the 6th will be about Jefferson in Paris. This event will take place at the beautiful, historic Edgemont Farm, home of AFC member, Mrs. Arlette de Barros. Intellectual discussion, good company, wine, cheese, and beautiful surroundings!

Learn French This Summer!

If you can't make it to France for vacation this summer, but you would love to learn or brush up on your French, **join us for a class**. There is no time like the present to begin! If you would like to try but aren't sure, try a class as a guest free of charge. Registration is now open for the Summer Session beginning June 15th and ending August 15th. Interested in a one-day immersion class for \$100? Ask us for information.

Save the Date: Bastille Celebration July 18th

It will be an **authentic Bastille Day**, just like in France, with French food, wine and live music with a sing along. Enjoy panoramic views and the lovely lake at the Kluge estate. You can bring the entire family, as there will be fun activities for children too. In our efforts to be more active in the community, 50% of the proceeds will be donated to St. John Baptist of the Woods, the charitable foundation of which Mrs. Kluge is a founder.

Volunteers Needed

- Volunteer as a part-time **Office Assistant/Librarian** and get a discounted or free course!
- Volunteer to assist us at our **events** and get free entrance!

Inquire by email



BITS & BLURBS



Don't miss an opportunity to meet celebrated author, Catherine Hermary-Vieille for a lecture on June 6th and Happy Hour on June 11th



Happy Hour at Fellini's is always lively, whether you speak English or French!



Take a break mid-day for a French speaking (or practicing!) lunch every first Thursday of the month.



Join us for our Bastille Day Celebration and transport yourself to a vineyard in France for the day!

AFC Calendar of Events

May 2009

- 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 \$20.00, Guests \$25.00. 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 \$20.00, Guests \$25.00. RSVP to AFC.
- 06/10: **Annual Membership Meeting** at 6:00 pm at Cafe Milano's, (110 W South Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902). Refreshments served. 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.**
- 06/29-07/05: **Mid Session Break from Classes.**

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**