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de Charlottesville

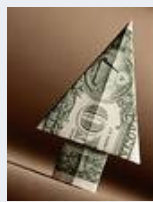
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Want French
Classes for your
children? Ask us
to organize after-
school classes at
your child's school!

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Per our summer  
newsletter, AFC  
will be raising  
membership fees  
beginning October  
1<sup>st</sup>. In addition to  
close management  
of the budget, the  
increase in fees  
will help to cover  
operating costs.

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Enjoy a tasting of
Calvados, an apple
brandy from
Normandy, October
24th

C'est la Rentrée!

Class registration is well underway for the Fall Session. Public scheduled classes begin on Monday September 28th. If you would like to take classes but don't see what you're looking for on our public schedule (see our web site under "Classes"), just let us know and we can try to arrange something.

AFC Open House Thursday, September 17th

So much has changed at the Alliance Française in the past year! Come and see our updated premises and our library. Meet our Board of Directors, Staff and other Francophones and Francophiles. As always, enjoy wine and cheese with us. Learn about what we offer and what we plan to do in the coming year. For details and RSVP information please see Page 2.

NEW OFFICE HOURS!

AFC's Office Hours will be changing slightly to accommodate students coming for classes. Before dropping by, call the office to hear the current open office hours.

*Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays
10am-3pm*

AFC's Fall Writing Contest!

We would like to invite local high school and university French students to write an essay in French: "What Can Alliance Française de Charlottesville Do For You?" Students can either develop their own ideas or choose to address one of the following specific questions:

1. How can AFC help immerse students in French Culture while remaining in Charlottesville?
2. How can AFC facilitate each individual's French language learning process?
3. How can AFC help students meet local French people or fellow Francophiles of similar age?

The final essays should be one typed page for high school students, two typed pages for university students and must be submitted by November 1st. The winners in each category will receive \$50, and if a French teacher assisted in the process, he or she will receive the same amount! Essays will be reviewed by members of AFC's Board and Staff, and winners will be announced in the December newsletter. *Give it a try!*

Coming in October...

As usual, we will be having our **French Speaking Luncheon** on the first Thursday of the month. Conversations are always lively! Don't miss our **Happy Hour at Fellini's**. The atmosphere is always great and most people stay for dinner!

At the end of the month, we will be starting a new series of "soirées": "**A Taste of the Good Life.**" Periodically, we will host a party at a member's home featuring the cuisine and wine pairing of a different region in France. AFC Board of Directors President, Marijke G. Ford, will be hosting the first evening in her home on October 24th. We will begin with Normandy and enjoy wonderful foods and a Calvados Tasting. Early next year we will continue the series with a champagne tasting!

BITS & BLURBS



Check our new web site for the latest class schedule and download a registration form: www.afcville.org

Become an AFC Member!

See our web page for more details

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AFC Calendar of Events

September 2009

- 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 Française! RSVP to AFC rsvp@afcville.org
- 09/28: **First Day of Fall Class Session.**

October 2009

- 10/01: First Thursday **French Speaking Luncheon** at 12:00 pm at **Tastings** of Charlottesville, 502 East Market Street. RSVP Annette Hollo at (434) 977-1338 or annetehollo@earthlink.net
- 10/15: **French Conversation Happy Hour** at 5:00 pm hosted by Catherine Hermary-Vieille, at **Fellini's** Restaurant. Cash bar. Live music. RSVP to AFC rsvp@afcville.org
- 10/17: **Lafayette Commemoration** with Wreath Laying Ceremony 10:30am, UVA Jefferson Hall. Alliance Française luncheon afterwards at Keswick Hall (Buffet \$22.95 per person). RSVP to AFC rsvp@afcville.org
- 10/24: **"A Taste of the Good Life"**: Enjoy a Calvados tasting with food and wine from Normandy at the home of AFC President, Marijke G. Ford. \$25 for members and \$30 for guests. Details to follow.

November 2009

- 11/05: First Thursday **French Speaking Luncheon** at 12:00 pm at **Savour Restaurant**, 1250 Emmet St N (Route 29 North) Charlottesville, VA 22903. RSVP Annette Hollo at (434) 977-1338 or annetehollo@earthlink.net.
- 11/TBD: **Beaujolais Nouveau Party**. Details Pending.
- 11/23-29: **Thanksgiving Break.**