



Alliance Française of Lynchburg Newsletter – September 2009

Welcome Back Party & DelFosse Wine Tasting

Sunday, September 27, 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Wine Tasting – 4:30 pm

At the home of June & Frank Britt

100 Colonial Ct., off Peakland Place

French vintner Claude DelFosse, of DelFosse Vineyards & Winery, will bring a selection of wines for tasting at our annual Welcome Back party. (Wines will also be available for purchase.) The event is free to Alliance Française members, so plan to renew your membership at the party (membership form attached here and available at the door). Fee for non-members / guests is \$10.00. Members are asked to bring bread, cheese or an hors d'oeuvre to share.



Conversation With Solange

Advanced: Sep. 17, Oct. 1, 15, 29, Nov. 12, Dec. 3, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Beginning: Sep. 24, Oct. 8, 22, Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 10, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

This semester there will be two *Conversation With Solange* salons. The first, which begins Thursday, September 17, is an opportunity for intermediate to advanced speakers to practice their French in a conversational, casual setting. The second, beginning Thursday, September 24, is targeted for beginners. Both groups will meet at Macon Bookstore (in the back room), 2480 Rivermont Avenue. Both sessions are free to Alliance Française members, but participants are asked to purchase a beverage or snack since this is a place of business, and we are using their space.



Mme Nicole Yancey, Honorary Consul of France

L'influence de la France dans la formation des US

Thursday, October 22, 7:00 pm,

Lynchburg College, Hopwood Auditorium

We are pleased to announce that Mme Nicole Yancey, Honorary Consul of France, will be in Lynchburg. Mme Yancey will speak on « L'influence de la France dans la formation des US », on October 22 at Lynchburg College. To address the widest possible audience, her presentation will be in English. (Des questions comme vous voulez.)



Surrender of Cornwallis to French troops and American troops at the Battle of Yorktown.

This event is free and open to the public.



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French Classes For Beginners & Advanced Beginners

This semester we will again offer 10-week French classes for beginners and advanced beginners. These classes are open to all (adults).

Location: AREVA , 3315 Old Forest Road, Curie Conference Room

Tuition: \$200, includes Alliance Française membership

Dates: Beginners – September 15, Tuesdays at 5:00 pm,

Advanced Beginners – September 17, Thursdays at 5:00 pm.



To enroll, send an e-mail to Betsy Jones (for Beginners) at hjmjiii@aol.com or to Julie Mayhew (for the Advanced Beginners) at mayhewlhs@hotmail.com. For any questions contact Michelle Gabathuler at mmgabathuler@comcast.net.

Le Beaujolais Nouveau Sera Arrivé

Thursday, November 19, 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Glenbrooke Clubhouse

The arrival of the Beaujolais Nouveau is always a much anticipated event around the world. On the third Thursday of November, wine connoisseurs around the world taste the new wine of the season and share their opinion of this vintage. With the wine, we will enjoy oysters on the half shell, expertly opened on the spot by Urs Gabathuler and volunteers. New England clam chowder will also be provided. Alliance members are encouraged to bring light hors d'oeuvres, cheeses, breads, etc. to share. Members of the Dante Alighieri Society and Sister City of Lynchburg PLUS are also invited. The event is free to members of the Alliance Française. Non-members, guests and friends are asked to pay a fee of \$15.00. During the event, all the three organizations will have an opportunity to introduce their programs.



Directions: From the Lynchburg Expressway take Wiggington Road until it ends, then turn left into Glenbrooke Estates.

Prochaine Attractions - Gardez En Memoire Les Dates Suivantes :

- December 20 – La Fête de Noël
- February 7 – Mardi Gras / Carnevale

And Watch Future Newsletters For The Following :

- French Art Lecture
- French Films



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- Historical Lecture
- Immersion Dinners
- Book Club
- Et.....?

Recap of L'Assemblée Générale 2009

The Alliance Française fiscal year runs from September 1 through August 31. For those who missed L'Assemblée Générale “last year”, included were the following:

Award of Alliance Française High School Scholarship to Ms. Anna Fairchild. A student of Julie Mayhew's at E.C. Glass High School, Anna has placed each year in AF's Grand Concours, achieving a first place award as a junior. She read her winning essay from the scholarship competition, and was presented with a check and certificate.

The three AF teachers were recognized: Betsy Jones, Julie Mayhew & Solange Gracey.

Retiring board members were recognized: Angela Mibus & Wayne Roakes.

New board members were voted in: Leila Lou Baldwin, Glenda Cash, and Laurie Szczutkowski.

The 2009 – 2010 AF Board was presented:

President	Michelle Gabathuler
Vice President	Laurie Szczutkowski
Secretary	Elaine Jackson
Treasurer	Fazila di Giulio
Registered Agent	Bob Garbee
Liaison – Lynchburg College	Bob White
Liaison – Randolph College	Françoise Watts
Liaison – Sweet Briar College	Angelo Metzidakis
Liaison - VES	Jocelyne Fraizer
Web Manager	Francine Baruti
At Large	Fred Grzyowski
At Large	Glenda Cash
At Large	Leila Lou Baldwin

Mayor Joan Foster was named an honorary AF member.