



## Alliance Française of Lynchburg January 2011

### Le Dîner Français

**Jeudi, le 20 janvier, 6h30 pm**

**Bull Branch**

**109 11th St (between Commerce & Main)**

**(434) 847-8477**

Tous les mois, on va organiser une « soirée française » et se retrouve dans un restaurant différent pour dîner ensemble et parler seulement français. Cette fois, on va dîner chez « Bull Branch ». **Si vous voulez y assister, envoyer un e-mail à Leila Lou Baldwin avant le 20 janvier. Son adresse électronique est [loulou0626@yahoo.com](mailto:loulou0626@yahoo.com).** Bon appétit.



### French Films

**Riverviews Artspace, The Screening Room**

**901 Jefferson Street**

***Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis***

**January 27, 7:00 pm**

The Alliance will be screening French films at Riverviews Artspace. The January film is *Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis* (in French with English subtitles). Free for members. Optional discussion to follow.

Intro: A man born and raised on France's Southern coast is exiled to the Northern territories in this comedy from actor, director and screenwriter Dany Boon. Philippe Abrams (Kad Merad) helps run the post office in a picturesque small town in the South of France, Salon de Provence. Philippe's wife Julie (Zoe Felix) has been down in the dumps, and he thinks one way to lift her spirits would be to relocate to the more glamorous surroundings of the Cote d'Azur. However, Philippe's attempts to finagle a transfer fail, and when the ruse is discovered, he ends up being punished with a forced relocation to Bergues, a village in Northern France that lies stuck between Belgium and the English Channel. Philippe essentially perceives the region as the "Siberia of France." More info at <http://www.answers.com/topic/bienvenue-chez-les-ch-tis#ixzz1B9HXyTpu>.



Subsequent films will be on the fourth Thursday of the month: February 24 and March 24.

### Book Club

The French Book Club is continuing. If interested, please contact Michelle Gabathuler at [mmgabathuler@comcast.net](mailto:mmgabathuler@comcast.net). The date for the discussion of La Fabrique des Souvenirs is Tuesday, February 22, at 5 p.m. at the home of Mme Annie Bennett.

### French Classes



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We are soliciting input on the level(s) of French classes that should be offered this spring (e.g., Beginning, Advanced Beginning, Intermediate). If interested, please send your suggestions for level, day and time to [aflynchburg@gmail.com](mailto:aflynchburg@gmail.com). Merci!

### **Conversations With Solange**

**Magnolia Foods, 2476 Rivermont Avenue**

**Feb. 10, 17, 24, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Apr. 7 & 14**

**4:30 – 5:30 pm**

*Conversations With Solange* provide an informal opportunity to speak French while discussing a wide range of topics. The sessions are free to AF members, but please remember to make a purchase to support our use of the space.



### **La Table Française / Francophone**

Other opportunities to speak French are found weekly around town:

- **La Table Française**, every **Friday at 12:30 pm** in Cheatham Dining Hall at **Randolph College**
- **La Table Francophone**, every **Tuesday at 12:00** in Prothro Dining Hall at **Sweet Briar College** (look for the French flag).

### **Membership**

To join or renew your membership, you'll find the membership form and instructions at our web site, [www.aflynchburg.org](http://www.aflynchburg.org).

### **Et Gardez En Mémoire Les Dates Suivantes :**

**Mme Nicole Yancey, Honorary Consul of France**

**Randolph College, Lobby of Leggett Building**

**March 28, 4:00**

Mme Nicole Yancey will speak on « hot debates in France prior to the French presidential elections ». The presentation will be in English. Nous pourrions dîner ensemble - en français - après sa présentation.



**French Films:** February 24 and March 24.

**Les Dîners Français:** February 15 and March 15.

**Mardi Gras:** March 6. A combined event with the members of the Dante Alighieri Society. Details to follow.

**VCU & UR 19th Annual French Film Festival:** March 24-27, Richmond.