



Alliance Française of Lynchburg Newsletter – October / November 2011

Beginning French Class

This semester's class is in process. Any questions contact Michelle Gabathuler at mmgabathuler@comcast.net.

Conversations With Solange

Location: Magnolia Foods, 2476 Rivermont Avenue

Thursday: Oct. 27; Nov. 3, 10, 17; Dec. 1, 8.

Hours: 4:30 – 5:30 pm

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

Note New Time



Le Dîner Français

Mangia, 2496 Rivermont Avenue, 846-2585

Mardi, le 1 novembre, 6h30 pm

Note New Date

Tous les mois, on va organiser une « soirée française » et se retrouver dans un restaurant différent pour dîner ensemble et parler seulement français. Cette fois, on va dîner chez « Mangia ». Si vous voulez y assister, envoyez un e-mail à Leila Lou Baldwin avant le 1 novembre. Son adresse électronique est loulou0626@yahoo.com. Si vous ne pouvez pas répondre avant la date, vous pouvez toujours nous rejoindre quand même! Téléphonnez tout simplement à Leila Lou pour savoir s'il y avait des changements par hasard! 434-941-9855. Bon appétit !



“The European Union: French and German Relations Within The Union”

Lynchburg College, November 7, 3:00 p.m.

[Elliot & Rosel Schewel Hall](#)

Sydnor Performance Hall

Free Admission.



Diplomats from the French and German embassies in Washington D.C. will present the subject lecture. Nicolas Thiriet is Foreign Affairs Counselor and Counselor for European and Eurasian Affairs at the French Embassy. Dr. Hans-Ulrich von Schroeter is U.S.A. Deputy Director of the German Information Center at the German Embassy. The audience will be invited to ask questions. Sponsored by the LC French and German departments. Information: 434.544.8155 or 434.544.8262.



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Book Club

Wednesday, November 16, 5:30 p.m.

The Book Club is in process. This year the Book Club selections are:

1. La Petite Bijou by Patrick Madiano (169 pages)
2. Je l'aimais by Anna Gavalda (154 pages)
3. Le Rêve de Balthus by Nathalie Rheims (192 pages)
4. Quelques uns des cent regrets by Philippe Claudel (192 pages).

Any questions, please e-mail Thérèse at tmnamenek@gmail.com.



Le Beaujolais Nouveau Sera Arrivé

Thursday, November 17, 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Glenbrooke Clubhouse

4663 Hawkins Mill Road, 386-2280

The arrival of the Beaujolais Nouveau is always a much anticipated event around the world. On the third Thursday of November, people around the world taste the new wine and share their opinion of this vintage. In addition to the Beaujolais Nouveau, we will also taste other Beaujolais wines for comparison, presented by a wine representative.

New England clam chowder, bread and cheese will also be provided. Alliance members are encouraged to bring either an hors d'oeuvres / dessert to share, or a toy (not wrapped) for the Children's Christmas Party. 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. (Can renew at the door.) Non-Alliance members, guests and friends are asked to pay a fee of \$15.00. During the event, all three organizations will have an opportunity to introduce their programs. Directions: Take Wiggington Road to the end, then turn left and left again into the Glenbrooke community.



Olivier Latry

Titular Organist,

Cathedral of Notre-Dame, Paris

In Concert at

Westminster Presbyterian Church

11th & Floyd Streets

Sunday, November 20, 4:00 p.m.

Free Admission, Reception to follow.



From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia:



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Olivier Latry (born 22 February 1962) is a French [organist](#), [improviser](#) and Professor of Organ in the [Conservatoire de Paris](#). In 1985, at 23 years of age, Latry was awarded the post of one of four *titulaires des grands orgue* of [Notre-Dame, Paris](#) alongside Yves Devernay, Philippe Lefèbre and Jean-Pierre Leguay. In addition to this role and his teaching positions, Latry carries out an active career as concert performer: he has played in over forty countries across five continents, in particular in the United States, where he made his first tour in 1986, becoming one of the most popular French organists in that country. Latry did not want to specialize in music of a specific time period, but has gained a reputation for performing music by his contemporaries. He is renowned for his performances of the works of [Olivier Messiaen](#) and has recorded the complete works of Messiaen for [Deutsche Grammophon](#). Latry is also considered to be a distinguished improviser,

in the tradition of an exceptional French line that runs from [Charles Tournemire](#) through to [Pierre Cochereau](#).

For further information, contact Westminster Presbyterian Church, 434-847-6655 or wpclynchburg@hotmail.com.

Remembrance: Dr. Jacques Botton

We mourn the loss of our friend Dr. Jacques Botton, who left us on October 22 at the age of 82. Jacques was among the founders of the Alliance, past president and long time member of the board. Some of us may remember the annual Bastille Day parties at his home on Langhorne Road, with tennis games, fun in the pool, and appetizing display of French food in his well tended garden. Jacques was such a generous and gracious host. We honor his memory.

Prochains Evénements:

La Fête de Noël – 18 décembre

Movie Night – February 12

Speakers

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