

Newsletter of the Alliance Française Spring / Summer 2007

Boathouse Picnic and Assemblée Générale



In the Boathouse on the
Sweet Briar College Campus
Sunday, May 6, 2007
3 – 6 p.m.

Picnic

Thanks to the generous support from the Office of the President, from the Junior Year in France office, from the International Studies office, and from the Sweet Briar College Alumnae office, I am happy to report that the end-of-year picnic for "L'Alliance Française de Lynchburg" will take place at the Boathouse at Sweet Briar College on Sunday, May 6, 2007 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. And I am even happier to announce that it will be catered by Sweet Briar College at no cost to the Alliance Française of Lynchburg. There will be tables and chairs to seat up to 70 people.

Sweet Briar catering will provide light refreshments such as cheese & crackers tray, vegetable tray with dip, hummus & pita points, vegetable quesadillas, chicken drummies, and Sweet Briar cookies. We encourage our members to bring additionally some French cheeses, French breads, patés, olives and tapas, or fresh fruit. Since this is not a dinner party, we would like to keep the selection in the style of hors d'oeuvres and snacks.

L'Alliance Française de Lynchburg will supply wine that will be served by a Sweet Briar bartender. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available.

Members should feel free to bring lawn chairs if they want to sit outside of the Boathouse.

Entertainment:

We will have several sets of "Boule" available and we will organize a casual "Boule" tournament on the front lawn for anyone who wants to play. Urs Gabathuler will be in the front lawn to meet with all the Boule aficionados.

Enjoy the beautiful path along the Sweet Briar Lake for a short stroll and take in the peaceful scenery.

NO SWIMMING ALLOWED. SWIMMING IS EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THIS EVENT.

Children are welcome to the party as long as they are supervised by their parents. Since the boathouse is directly on the water, close supervision is essential.

Assemblée Générale:

Every year in May, we vote on the slate of officers for the next year. The meeting will take place this year during the AF picnic. At 3:30 p.m., we will start our meeting and ask for nominations of officers from the floor. Subsequently, all members may vote and approve the new officers for the next year. During the meeting, I will also review the events of last year, take suggestions for activities for the next year, and ask you to volunteer possibly as hosts for future events.

All AF Board members are asked to arrive at the meeting at 2:30 p.m. in order to prepare for the party and the meeting.

Thanks:

We would like to thank President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld from Sweet Briar College who made this wonderful picnic happen. We would also like to thank the following offices for their help in making the AF picnic possible: Junior Year in France, International Studies, and the Sweet Briar College Alumnae Office.

Our special thanks go out to Angelo Metzidakis, board member and professor of French at Sweet Briar College who worked with great enthusiasm on the planning of this event. Merci!

Directions: The Sweet Briar College campus is on U.S. 29 12 miles north of Lynchburg. The entrance to the campus is clearly marked. Here are the directions to the Boathouse: Go through the entrance; follow the road past the gatehouse; bear right unto the traffic circle and take the first right off of the circle; continue straight until you reach the intersection with Elijah Road, where you will turn left, then go a short distance and take the first right unto a narrow descending road; proceed with caution because there are many speed bumps; this road takes you directly to the Boathouse. Parking is found just before the Boathouse on the left.

Immersion Dinner

Sunday, June 3, 2007

6 p.m.

At the home of June and Frank Britt

Theme: Les Isles / The French Caribbean Islands

Coordinating board member: Francine Baruti

Frank and June have offered to host the next French "Immersion Dinner" where the goal is to speak a lot of French and eat great French food. This is a reservations only event. Please make your reservation by May 24 by e-mailing Francine at francineba2@yahoo.com. She has already researched some appropriate recipes and she will coordinate the menu with the "gourmets" in attendance.

Bastille Day Party

Date: July 15, 2007

Place: At the home of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Freeman

2605 Hurdle Hill Road, Lynchburg

Time: 5 p.m.

More information and a separate invitation will follow at a later time.

Cours de Conversation avec Solange:

We will continue the conversation classes during the month of May.

The next meeting dates are: Wednesday, May 2, 2007

Thursday, May 17, 2007

Thursday, May 31, 2007

All meetings take place at 4 p.m. at RMWC Bookstore.

Fee; 10.00



PAST EVENTS

Concours: This year's concours was another success. 450 students participated from schools in Lynchburg and surrounding counties. We hope that next year, we will be able to involve even more students and teachers. This is a program that is very well received by students and parents, and it allows the Alliance Française of Lynchburg to reach out into the community. We would like to thank AREVA for generously supporting the Concours with a monetary contribution this year. M. Bertrand Duban, liaison officer at AREVA and member of our AF, even attended the awards ceremony on April 19 and spoke to the students and parents.