

Alliance Française of Lynchburg Newsletter September 2008

Welcome Back WINE AND CHEESE Party

Sunday, September 14, 2008

5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

At the Gabathulers, 2225 Surrey Place

We would like to kick off the season with a casual wine and cheese party on Sunday evening. The AF will provide all beverages and some light snacks. Members are encouraged to bring their favorite cheese or pâté (label it, if you can), French bread or crackers, olives and antipasto, or your preferred hors d'oeuvre to share. During the event, you will have the opportunity to welcome new and previous members and friends and learn about planned activities and events. The treasurer will be happy to collect your membership application and fees for the new season. We urge all the members to complete the attached form carefully with special attention to the current e-mail address and complete physical address. We want to make sure that we have all the correct information.

ATTENTION: Un de nos buts cette année est l'emploi de la langue française pendant nos réunions. Il y a tant de membres qui aimeraient parler français s'ils avaient l'occasion. Donc, pendant la réunion, il y aura des "espions" qui écouteront les conversations. Si un des espions vous entend parler français, vous recevrez un petit prix!

Au revoir, cher ami! Good-bye, David!

It was with disbelief and great sorrow that I heard the sad news of the sudden death of our friend and fellow board member, David Sigle. David was an enthusiastic AF member and dedicated board member for several years, and he never missed a meeting or an event. David was also always ready to help out with AF chores when needed. He was a most loyal student at Solange Gracey's conversation classes, and he absolutely adored the French language and culture.

David died suddenly on July 15, 2008, after a short illness. I was especially touched to read in the obituary that it was David's wish that in his memory donations may be made to enhance the scholarship fund of the Alliance Française of Lynchburg. If you **would** still like to make a donation in David's memory, please send your check to: AF of Lynchburg, Fazila di Giulio, Treasurer, P.O. Box 3482, Lynchburg, VA 245023.

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Above picture was taken at King Family Vineyards during Virginia wine tour. From the left: David Sigle, Leila Lou Baldwin, Kurt Fischer, Urs Gabathuler, Trudy Fischer.

Fun times



This picture was taken during one of our “bus break downs” on the way home from the vineyard.

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Monday French Film Series at Randolph College

“Beur is Beautiful”

September 8 - October 13, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

Reception sponsored by the Alliance Française de Lynchburg following the screening on September 8. Admission is free to all films.

Location: Randolph College Smith Hall

Le département français de Randolph college commencera une serie de films sur le cinéma franco-maghrebin le lundi 8 septembre. Cela durera jusqu'au 13 octobre. Tous les lundi soir a 19 heures.

A groundbreaking program of Maghrebi-French cinema: an emerging trend reflecting upon the legacy of colonialism and the challenges of integration and assimilation of immigrant populations in France. Curated by Carrie Tarr, this exciting program premiered at ArteEast's 2007 CinemaEast Film Festival. The term “beur” is a French slang derivation of the word *Arabe*, and refers to the French-born children of North African (Maghrebi) immigrants who, for the most part, grew up in the concrete wastelands of the low-income housing projects in the working-class suburbs (banlieues) of France.

9/8 Thé au Harem de Mehdi Charef

9/15 Vivre au Paradis

9/22 Where Figtrees grow de Yasmina Yahiaoui

9/29 Cheb de Rachid Bouchareb

10/6 Wesh Wesh de Rabah Ameer-Zaimeche

10/6 Voisins Voisines de Malik Chibane

10/13 Vivre au Paradis de Bourlem Guerdjou

This series was organized by ArteEast and made possible by the Jeanne Morrissette Ramsey '47 Fund of Randolph College. For additional information contact Jennifer Gauthier in the Communication Studies department, 947-8501. Il s'agit d'une unique opportunité de voir ces films. Ils auront des sous titres en

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anglais. Ces films ont un large public en France.

Mature audiences only.

Upcoming events October through December 2008

Lecture: “Jefferson in Paris” by Mr. Travis McDonald from Poplar Forest

October 28, 2008, 4:30 p.m. , at Virginia Episcopal School, 400 VES Road

"Ainslie Auditorium", (enter Main Bldg. and turn right, auditorium at your left)

Bookclub

We will start with the book “L’enfant de Noé” de Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt. The AF has five books available at a cost of \$10.00 each. Please send Michelle an e-mail ASAP if you like one of the copies. Other copies will have to be ordered on line, or you may like to share.

Meeting: Wednesday, November 5, 2008, at the home of Fazila di Giulio, at 5:30.

Conversation with Solange

Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 at Randolph Bookstore.

First meeting on September 24. We will thereafter meet every other Wednesday until further notice. This is a free and casual get together for current AF members. Nous allons parler français avec un café ou un autre boisson. Alliance Francaise members do not pay a fee. We ask you though to please purchase a beverage at the coffee shop ; otherwise we will not be welcome customers at the coffee shop any longer! Non-members, please speak to me about joining the Alliance Française.

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Beaujolais Nouveau Party

Thursday, November 20, 2008

6:00 until 8:30 p.m.

Location: Glenbrooke ClubHouse

The arrival of the Beaujolais Nouveau is always a much anticipated event around the world. Exactly on the third Thursday in November, wine connoisseurs around the world taste the new wine of the season and share their opinion on this vintage. Mr. Stan Davis, well-traveled and knowledgeable representative from Roanoke Valley Wine Company, will be our guest and talk about the history of the Beaujolais Nouveau, the particular vineyard that we will taste, and French wines in general.

With the wine, we will enjoy oysters on the half shell, expertly opened on the spot by Urs Gabathuler and volunteers. Light snacks will also be provided. Alliance members are encouraged to bring light hors d'oeuvres, cheeses, breads, etc. to share.

This year, the board of the AF would like to extend a warm invitation to the members of Dante Alighieri as well as members and friends of Sister City of Lynchburg PLUS to attend this event. The event is free to members of the Alliance Française. Guests and friends are asked to pay a fee of \$10.00. During the event, all the three organizations will have an opportunity to introduce their programs.

Directions: Take Wiggington Road until it ends, then turn left into Glenbrooke Estates.

Fête de Noel on December 14, 2008 – More info will follow

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