



## Alliance Française of Lynchburg – Newsletter

### CONVERSATION WITH SOLANGE

We will continue our free conversation classes with Solange Gracey this semester. This is an opportunity for intermediate to advanced speakers to practice their French in a conversational, casual setting. We will meet ten times.

**Location:** Macon Bookshop, 2480 Rivermont Avenue. **Note:** We now meet in the back room.

**Day & Time:** Alternate Thursdays, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

**Dates:** January 22, February 5 & 19, March 5 & 19, April 2, 16, & 30, May 14 & 28

**Cost:** The class is free; however, we ask participants to buy a beverage or snack, since this is a place of business and we are using their space.



### FRENCH CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS AND ADVANCED BEGINNERS

Our teachers, Julie Mayhew and Betsy Jones, have agreed to teach again in the spring. We will offer one class for beginners and one for advanced beginners, depending on interest. These classes are open to all (adults). The plan is as follows:



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

**Day & Time:** Beginners - Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.

Advanced Beginners / Continuation of Fall Class - Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.

**Dates of Classes:** March 5 – May 21, 10 weeks

**Length Of Class:** 90 minutes

**Cost:** \$200.00.

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

### MARDI GRAS / C ARNEVALE / FASCHINGSONNTAG

We are very excited to announce that this year's Mardi Gras will be a co-production of the Dante Alighieri Society and the Alliance Française of Lynchburg. We invite all the members of both organizations to enjoy a festive evening with music, dancing, food and libations in the international company of our friends from France, Italy, Germany, and the many other





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places. It is wonderful that a medium size city in Virginia is home to so many people from all over the world, many of whom become members of the Dante Alighieri Society and Alliance Française.

Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, the King Cake, crepes and toppings, and desserts. Wine, beer, and non-alcoholic beverages will also be provided. There will be prizes for the best costumes, and a King or Queen will be crowned. Enjoy!



**Location:** The Parlor Ballroom, 900 Main Street, Lynchburg

**Date & Time:** Sunday, February 22, 2009, 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

**Dress:** Formal, Masque, or Costume

**Cost:** Free to members of Dante Alighieri or Alliance Française. \$10 for non-members or guests.

**RSVP:** By Wednesday, **February 18**, to Michelle Gabathuler at [mmgabathuler@comcast.net](mailto:mmgabathuler@comcast.net).

**Help:** If you'd like to help set up for this festive occasion, please notify Angela Mibus at [mmibus@aol.com](mailto:mmibus@aol.com).

### **FRENCH FILM IN LYNCHBURG**

*Le Fils de l'épicier / The Grocer's Son.* At Riverviews Artspace. French, with English subtitles. Director: Eric Guirado. Starring: Nicolas Cazalé and Clotilde Hesme. Beverages and munchies will be provided.

**Synopsis:** It is summer, and thirty-year-old Antoine is forced to leave the city to return to his family in Provence. His father is sick, so he must assume the lifestyle he thought he had shed—driving the family grocery cart from hamlet to hamlet, delivering supplies to the few remaining inhabitants. Accompanied by Claire, a friend from Paris whom he has a secret crush on, Antoine gradually warms up to his experience in the country and his encounters with the villagers, who initially seem stubborn and gruff, but ultimately prove to be funny and endearing. Ultimately, this surprise French box-office hit is about the coming-of-age of a man re-discovering life and love in the countryside.



**Location:** Riverviews Artspace, 901 Jefferson Street, Lynchburg

**Date & Time:** Saturday, March 14, Reception - 7:00 p.m., Film - 8:00 p.m.

**Cost:** Free to members of Alliance Française, \$5 for non-members or guests.



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### VCU FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL, RICHMOND



Mark your calendar for this amazing opportunity to view French films, meet French actors and filmmakers, and mingle with thousands of fellow Francophones. Go on line for more information and schedules ([www.frenchfilm.vcu.edu](http://www.frenchfilm.vcu.edu)). Group transportation or car pools for a Saturday day-trip could be arranged if there is sufficient interest.

**Dates:** Friday, March 27 – Sunday, March 29

### FRENCH IMMERSION DINNER

The next of our popular French language “immersion dinners” will feature dishes from Provence. Space is limited; therefore, please make your reservation as soon as possible. We will create a menu and each participant will be responsible for one dish. AF will provide the beverages. Objective: Enjoy good food, enjoy friendly company, and parlez française. Bon appétit!



**Location:** 1563 Lexington Drive, Home of Betsy & Hugh Jones

**Date & Time:** Sunday, March 8, 6:00 p.m.

**Cost:** Free to members, but reservations are required.

**RSVP:** By Monday, February 23 to Michelle Gabathuler at [mmgabathuler@comcast.net](mailto:mmgabathuler@comcast.net).

### PROCHAINES ATTRACTIONS – WATCH FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

- **Le Grand Concours De L'Alliance Française**
- **L'Assemblée Générale**
- **Spring Picnic**
- **La Fête de la Bastille**

