

# Alliance Française de Lynchburg

Newsletter #1

January 2006



## French Potluck Dinner and Presentation “Les ponts de Paris”

Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.  
At the home of Jean-Noel and Evelyne Vernay  
3543 Ridgecroft Drive  
Lynchburg, VA 24503

We are happy to announce that the French assistant at RMWC, **Mademoiselle Joan Vergeylen**, will speak to Alliance Française members about her hometown of Paris. Joan will focus her presentation on the bridges of Paris and the river Seine and share her intimate knowledge of the city with us. This is a wonderful occasion for all those of us who love Paris to get updated “insider information” about the city and learn what’s going on along the Seine river throughout the year. Joan has even promised to bring her guitar and sing a popular French song about Paris for (and with) us to conclude her presentation.

After Joan’s presentation, we will enjoy a French potluck dinner. We are asking all members to bring a covered dish of your choice to the dinner. We are looking forward to lots of delicious samples of the “cuisines” of our members.

This is a free event for all members of the Alliance Française of Lynchburg. If you like to bring a guest, we are asking you for a donation of \$5.00.

Directions: Go on Link Road towards Old Forest Road. Turn right into Gregory Lane. The third street on your left will be Ridgecroft. The Vernay home will be on your left, slightly on the hill. Park on the street.



**Mardi Gras**  
**February 28, 2006**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**At the home of Terry and Mary Babbitt**  
**1015 Harrods Court**

Every year, the Mardi Gras evening is one of the best attended events of the Alliance Française of Lynchburg. And for the fourth time in a row, Terry and Mary Babbitt have agreed to host the event, but this year in their new home on 1015 Harrods Court.

As always, we are asking our members to bring a hors d'oeuvre of your choice and /or crepes and desserts to the party. Wine and soft drinks will be provided. There will also be plenty of beads and hats and masks for everyone. You like to dress up? Go ahead! Let's have some fun!

Directions: Go on Boonsboro Road (501 N) past the Boonsboro Shopping Center. Stay on 501 N. Go past Coffee Road (on the left). Pass the fire station on the right. Turn left into Boonsboro commons. Go straight ahead.

**French Book Club**

The French Book Club has been growing in popularity, and we are happy to announce another season of interesting French reading.

We will read three books, "Cruelle Douceur" from Marie Billet, "La sieste assassinée" from Philippe Delerm and "Art" from Yasmina Reza.

We will order the books again for all interested book club members, but we will follow a slightly different procedure. In order to secure your books, please e-mail or call your order to Evelyne Vernay by February 3rd, 2006, and in order to confirm your order, please send a check at the amount of \$33.00 to her ahead of time. This procedure will eliminate double orders and prevent the problem of books being ordered but not picked up.

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**The dates for the meetings of the book club are:**

- Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

As always, we will meet at the Randolph Macon Bookstore at 5:00 p.m.

**Mark your calendars for these future events  
More information will follow soon**

**Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
Daura Gallery at Lynchburg College  
An evening of French art with Professor Rothermal**

**Topic: TBA**

We would like all our members to reserve the above date for an evening of French art with Professor Rothermal at Lynchburg College.  
Details will follow soon.

**An evening with  
Madame Boutheina Cheriet  
March / April 2006**

**Topic: Les femmes, l'intégrisme, le Coran, L'Islam, et l'Algérie**

We are presently working on a date that will be convenient to Mme Boutheina Cheriet. We are planning another evening of culture and food ,

this time at the home of Urs and Michelle Gabathuler. Boutheina is Quillian Visiting Professor at RMWC, and is an authority in her field.

We will keep everyone informed of the date and time of this event.

**Assemblée Générale**

**Monday, May 22, 2006**

**6:00 p.m.**

**At the home of Manfred and Angela Mibus**

**Bastille Day Celebration**

**Sunday, July 16, 2006**

**4:00 p.m.**

**At the home of Robert and Kate Gray**

**Merci, Merci, Merci....**

We would like to thank once again all members who brought Christmas presents for our first **Alliance Children's Christmas Party in December**. The party was a great success! The children made Christmas cards (which we later mailed to some of our Alliance Française members), helped with the Buche de Noel, sang French Christmas carols, and chatted with Santa Claus who appeared mysteriously at our door.... (We would like to thank also once again Dr. Joseph Freeman for being such an impressive, very international "Père Noel").

**Just to keep you informed....**

Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.

At the Gallery Les Yeux du Monde at the corner of First & Water Streets in Charlottesville. Free to the public.

Title: L'Editorial en caricatures / Editorial in Cartoons

by France's most famous cartoonist Jean Plantu of Le Monde