



Alliance Française de la Péninsule de Monterey

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May 2020

Proverb of the month

Petite pluie de mai

Fait plaisir à tout le monde.

(May's light rainshowers bring delight to everyone.)

Due to the exceptional circumstances surrounding the ongoing shelter-in-place order, upcoming monthly Alliance Française de la Péninsule de Monterey events will be held over Zoom, *except for the Soirée ciné, which is canceled*. We are sad to announce that the following upcoming special events are also canceled, including:

Alliance Française at DLI Language Day – 8 May – **cancelled**

Family Hike – 23 May – **cancelled**

Of course, if the current shelter-in-place order is lifted, we very much look forward to starting in-person events again. We will email all members with updated information just as soon as the situation changes.

We do hope to see you at one of our regular monthly events, however, which are now online! Please take a moment to explore the options below.

Board of Directors meeting

Saturday, May 2 at 10am | Zoom

All Alliance members are invited to join the upcoming Board of Directors meeting over Zoom. To attend the meeting, download the Zoom application here: <https://zoom.us/download>. Then, to join the meeting at 10am on Saturday, go here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83048609611?pwd=WWdGRWMwOXhuTk91MHQwVDdqRE5yUT09>

Meeting ID: 830 4860 9611

Password: 969361

Cercle du livre

Sunday May 3 and May 17 at 4pm | Zoom

The Cercle du livre will be held over Zoom (download the application here:

<https://zoom.us/download>). Participants will receive an email detailing how to access the meeting on the computer, ipad, or telephone. A warm thank you to AF member Juliet Twomy who will be hosting the event!

Book: *La Joie de vivre* by Zola

Café Conversation

Tuesday May 12, 10am | Zoom

The Café Conversation will be held over Zoom (download the application here: <https://zoom.us/download>). Participants will receive an email detailing how to access the meeting on the computer, ipad, or telephone. Thank you to AF member Juliet Twomy who will be co-hosting the event with Christian Dreyer!

Apéro Conversation

Wednesday May 20, 5:30-6:30pm | Zoom

The Apéro Conversation will be held over Zoom (download the application here: <https://zoom.us/download>). Participants will receive an email detailing how to access the meeting on the computer, ipad, or telephone. A big thank you to Director Nicole Chupka who will be hosting the event!

Déjeuner chez Bechler

Thursday May 28, 1pm – please note the slight change in time | Zoom

Déjeuner chez Bechler will be held over Zoom (download the application here: <https://zoom.us/download>). Participants will receive an email detailing how to access the meeting on the computer, ipad, or telephone. Thank you to AF member Juliet Twomy who will be co-hosting the event with Christian Dreyer!

French tutoring and conversation with a native French speaker

Flexible schedule | Zoom

AF Director Jocelyne Muson has graciously offered to speak with any of our members who would like some extra conversation practice or tutoring with French.

Free online yoga classes in French

Every day at 11am | Zoom

Free yoga classes in French!
France: 8 pm / US: 11 am (PST)
Via Zoom: 914 472 6988
Password: YOGA

Daily short movement videos with Gloria di Carrobio

Everyday online | YouTube

Based in Belgium, Gloria di Carrobio is trained in kinesiotherapy (literally, “movement therapy”) and has begun offering daily 5-minute kinesiotherapy videos in French on Youtube. From her Facebook page:

“As Feldenkrais said, health is being able to change direction at any time. So now is the time to adapt. To keep in touch with you, I created my own YouTube channel where I post short 5 min videos every day.

These will be accessible at any time for everyone, so don't hesitate to share them with your loved ones. My daughter tested them with her 3-year old daughter and it's a great way to start the day.

Here is the link to access my channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWe0QLSZ1-pQhmwPPq2ChWQ>”.

Links of interest

French Culture

- A special program for the worldwide shelter-in-place, designed by the French Ministry of Culture: <https://www.culture.gouv.fr/Culturecheznous/Tous-publics>
- The bilingual magazine France-Amérique: <https://france-amerique.com/en/>.
- Free classic French literature: <https://beq.ebooksgratuits.com/>
- TV5 Monde: <http://usa.tv5monde.com/en>
- *La Grande Librairie*, a program on the latest books published: <https://www.france.tv/france-5/la-grande-librairie/>
- The Paris Opera puts its shows online for free: <https://www.operadeparis.fr/actualites/spectacles-de-lopera-de-paris-a-redecoulez-en-ligne>
- The Louvre Museum: <https://www.louvre.fr/toutes-les-ressources>
- French public radio (without advertising):
 - France Inter <https://www.franceinter.fr/>
 - France Culture <https://www.franceculture.fr/>

French language learning

- AF PARIS offers online courses: <https://www.alliancefr.org/fr/actualites/nouveau-reviser-et-pratiquez-votre-francais-en-ligne>
- French exercises on TV5 Monde: <https://apprendre.tv5monde.com/fr/collection-all>
- Bonjour de France: <https://www.bonjourdefrance.com/>

Past Events

AF Zoom meet-ups were a great success in April! Upwards of 12 members have been involved, and the Déjeuner chez Bechler meeting on April 30 lasted an hour and a half. Let's keep the enthusiasm going through May!

Announcements

The Alliance needs your help!

If you have been wanting to become a more active member of the Monterey Peninsula Alliance Française, now is the time! We currently seek volunteers to become Directors for the 2021-2022 term, as well as:

- An Assistant Treasurer, who will get several months of training in expectation of being elected Treasurer for the 2021-2022 term; and
- A Poetry Contest Committee lead member, to support Poetry Contest Head, Pascale Richards-Deliens.

Please reach out to Clarissa Eagle if you are interested in any of the above open positions; we very much could use your help. Keep in mind that this is *your* Alliance, and we need your active participation to keep this organization running strong. Merci beaucoup!

Free French books

Roy Madsen, retiring French teacher and Alliance Française member, is offering to donate to any interested member a collection of French books collected over the course of his 30 years teaching French. He can deliver the books to your home. You can find a list of these books attached to the email with this bulletin.

Donations

A very big thank you to Christine Campbell for her generous donation during the month of April.

Donations: Amazon Smile

Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the Alliance Française every time you shop, at no cost. If you are an Amazon.com member, log into <http://smile.amazon.com>. You will be asked to log on as usual. Then it will give you an opportunity to choose your charitable organization. Click on "Or pick your own charitable organization," type in Alliance Française de la Péninsule de Monterey, and click search. The Alliance will pop up; just make sure you choose the one in Monterey Péninsule, CA!

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