



Alliance Française de la Péninsule de Monterey

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June 2020

Proverb of the month

De juin, le vent du soir est pour le grain bon espoir.
(In June, the evening wind brings hope for the grain)

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. The *Fête de la Musique*, which was originally scheduled for June 21, has been 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, which are now online! Please take a moment to explore the options below.

Monthly Events

NB: If you do not already have Zoom, you will need to download the application prior to any event: <https://zoom.us/download>. Participants will receive an email detailing how to access the meeting on the computer, ipad, or telephone.

Executive Committee meeting

Saturday, June 6 at 10am | Zoom

All Alliance members are invited to join the upcoming Executive Committee meeting over Zoom. Then, to join the meeting, go here:

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

Meeting ID: 830 4860 9611

Password: 969361

Cercle du livre

Sunday June 7 and June 21 at 4pm | Zoom

A warm thank you to AF member Juliet Twomey and Director Jocelyne Muson who will be hosting the event! If you'd like to attend, please contact Jocelyne.

Books: *La naissance du jour* by Colette ; *Les Contes d'une grand-mère* by George Sand

Café Conversation

Tuesday June 9, 10am | Zoom

Thank you to AF member Juliet Twomey who will be co-hosting the event with Christian Dreyer! If you'd like to attend, please contact Director Christian Dreyer.

Apéro Conversation

Wednesday June 17, 5:30-6:30pm | Zoom

A big thank you to Director Nicole Chupka who will be hosting the event! If you'd like to attend, please contact Nicole directly by **Friday, June 12**. BYOB! 😊

Déjeuner chez Bechler

Thursday June 25, 1pm | Zoom

Thank you to AF member Juliet Twomey who will be co-hosting the event with Christian Dreyer! If you'd like to attend, please contact Director Christian Dreyer.

Suggested Activities

Free online yoga classes in French

Wednesdays and Saturdays at 11am | Zoom

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:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWe0QLSZ1-pQhmwPPq2ChWQ>

Links of interest

French Culture

- Free access to the June issue of the bilingual magazine France-Amérique, for AF members only:

https://issuu.com/france-amerique/docs/juin-2020_singlepage?fr=sN2NjMzE0Njc1ODA.

- A special program for the worldwide shelter-in-place, designed by the French Ministry of Culture:

<https://www.culturecheznous.gouv.fr/>

- The bilingual magazine France-Amérique: <https://france-amerique.com/en/>.

- 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 performances and ballet classes for free on its Facebook page: "[Don Pasquale](#)" de Donizetti
- 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/>
- Online library of Québec: <https://beq.ebooksgratuits.com/>

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 May! Around ten members attended each event, and really enjoyed these spirited conversations in French. Let's keep the enthusiasm going through June!

Future Event

If the conditions of the shelter-in-place order allow it, we are excited to see you and to celebrate Bastille Day at our annual picnic at the Paraiso Park on July 12. We will keep you posted on any updates. Let's hope we can reunite safely for the French national holiday!

Announcements

The Alliance needs your help!

If you have been wanting to become a more active member of the 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 Claire 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!

New 2nd Vice President

A warm welcome to Melody Pao, who was appointed by the Board of Directors as Interim 2nd Vice President. She just finished her Master's in Teaching Foreign Language at the Middlebury Institute. A

bona fide Francophile, she is delighted to join the Executive Committee, and to be reunited with her mentor Claire Eagle! She replaces Evan Foster, who had to step down due to work commitments, and will serve as 2nd VP for the remainder of his term until January 2021. We thank Evan for his service!

[New Facebook page](#)

For those of you on Facebook, we have a new Facebook page! Like and follow our page for updates on our events and fun tidbits about the French language and culture.

<https://www.facebook.com/alliancefrancaisedelapeninsuledemonterey/>

Donations

In these challenging times, the Alliance Française relies on the generosity of members like you to stay resilient. If you are able to do so, please consider making a donation.

You may send a check to The Alliance Française de la Peninsule de Monterey, P.O. Box 3573, Carmel, CA 93921 or, if you have a [PayPal](#) account, you may log in, opt to send money to friends and family and send the desired amount to treasurer@afmonterey.org

Thanks to your support, we can continue to thrive and organize events that promote the French language and culture!