



Alliance Française de la Péninsule de Monterey

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December 2020

Proverb of the month

Décembre ensoleillé, été mouillé

(Sunny December means there's a wet summer to come)

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. We very much look forward to starting in-person events again. In the meantime, we hope to see you at one of our regular monthly events on Zoom! Please take a moment to explore the options below. ***We'd love to hear from you if you have any suggestions on how we can better meet your needs and support your love for French during this shelter-in-place. Please email Nicole Chupka.***

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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>. Please contact your event host directly with any questions about how to access the meeting on your computer, iPad, or telephone.

Café Conversation Tuesday December 1, 10am | Zoom

Venez bavarder avec nous / come chat with us! Thank you to AF Director Christian Dreyer for hosting this event. If you'd like to attend, please contact Christian directly.

Executive meeting Saturday December 5 at 10am | Zoom

All Alliance members are invited to join the upcoming Executive meeting over Zoom. To join the meeting at the specified day and time, simply click [here](#).

Meeting ID: 830 4860 9611

Password: 969361

*****Special Holiday Event*** Sunday December 6 from 4-5pm | Zoom**

For our annual holiday celebration, we are hosting a virtual cooking workshop with classically trained French chef [Jérôme Viel](#). It is our distinct pleasure to invite you to this unique gourmet experience! The workshop will be conducted in French. On the menu: Tartare d'huîtres et de noix de Saint Jacques, Coquilles Saint Jacques Wellington, Poire en croûte. If you would like to join us, please RSVP to Pascale Richards-Deliens. Please do not hesitate to contact her if you have any questions. More details will be shared closer to the event, including a list of ingredients for those who wish to follow along. Un grand merci to Jérôme for sharing his expertise with us! We look forward to seeing you all then.

French class: "Wishes for the New Year" Friday December 11 at 2:30-3:30pm | Zoom

Given the success of the first trial class, we are offering a second free intermediate-level lesson, taught by the talented Jeremy Frye. We will discuss our wishes for the New Year, using the subjunctive. If you would like to participate, please RSVP to Melody Pao.

Cercle du livre Sunday December 13 and December 27 at 4pm | Zoom

A warm thank you to AF Director Jocelyne Muson who will be hosting the events! To join the meeting, click [here](#).

Meeting ID: 899 0484 5523

Password: 892076

Please contact Jocelyne directly with any questions.

Book : *Contes du lundi* by Alphonse Daudet

Apéro Conversation Wednesday December 16, 5:30-6:30pm | Zoom

Join us from the comfort of your home as we practice spontaneous conversation over a beverage of your choice. Meeting ID: 575 069 664. Host Nicole Chupka will send a reminder email with link a few days in advance.

Soirée Cinéma Sunday December 20 at 4pm | Zoom

Film: *L'école buissonnière* (*School of Life*)

Synopsis: Trapped behind the high walls of an austere orphanage in suburban Paris, Paul has only ever known one home. His chance to discover the great wide world comes when a bohemian couple, Célestine and Borel, take him back to their countryside home.

NB: Because we cannot gather together to watch the film, the soirée ciné event will be conducted as follows. Before the event, you can [watch the film on Amazon Prime](#) at your convenience. Then, we will meet at 4pm the day-of to discuss the film over Zoom. A warm thank you to Director Pascale Richards-Deliens, who will facilitate the discussion. Details about how to join us will be shared via email closer to the event date.

Déjeuner chez Bechler

Thursday December 31, 1pm | Zoom

Thank you to Director Christian Dreyer, who will be hosting this event. If you'd like to attend, please contact Christian directly.

Events from the Federation of Alliances

Every month, the Federation of Alliances Françaises USA offers fun events over Zoom. From Yoga classes to academic lectures, from French films to art workshops, there is something for all Francophiles! To learn more, please visit their website: <https://afusa.org/featured-events/>. We will also be posting updates regularly on our Facebook page.

- Tuesday, December 1, 2020 - 10am Pacific - In English
- <https://afusa.org/event/should-emily-pick-up-more-french/>
- Wednesday, December 2, 2020 - 3pm Pacific - in English
- <https://afusa.org/event/tom-wohlmut-the-light-between-two-towers/>
- Thursday, December 3, 2020 - 3PM Pacific - In English
- <https://afusa.org/event/an-evening-with-french-born-award-winning-new-york-based-chef-alain-allegretti/>
- Friday, December 4, 2020 - 9:00 am Pacific - In English
- <https://afusa.org/event/who-is-emmanuel-macron-with-william-drozdiak/>
- Saturday, December 5, 2020 - 11:00 a.m. Pacific - En français
- <https://afusa.org/event/arts-craft-inspiration-with-gail-durham-montre-et-raconte-en-francais/>
- Tuesday, December 8, 2020 - 3:00pm Pacific - In English
- <https://afusa.org/event/happy-hour-with-the-lafayette-escadrille/>
- Thursday, December 10, 2020 - 11:00am PST - En français
- <https://afusa.org/event/le-langage-de-la-cuisine/>
- Friday, December 11, 2020, 9:30 am Pacific, in English
- <https://afusa.org/event/the-invention-of-the-modern-frenchwoman/>
- Thursday, December 17, 2020 - 3pm Pacific - En français
- <https://afusa.org/event/cine-club-online-discussion-mignonnes-cuties/>

Events from the AFSCV

- Thu, December 10, 2020, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM PST, en français
- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lhistoire-du-jouet-tickets-127950713027>
- Thu, December 17, 2020, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM PST, en français
- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/le-noel-traditionnel-francais-tickets-127951021951>

Links of interest

- [Five free digital issues](#) of *France Today* for free browsing for AF members
- [Interview with Frédéric Jung](#), New Consul General of France in San Francisco
- *2020 Cajun document: Acadiana, 1973-74*. Photographs by Douglas Baz and Charles H. Traub. To access the photography collection, click [here](#).
- *Bonjour Paris*. "Edith Wharton: The Writer's Life in Paris". To access the article, click [here](#).
- *France-Amérique*. "Été 1945, les G.I. à la Sorbonne". To access the article, click [here](#).
- ["The best podcasts for francophiles"](#)
- Enjoy [the latest French films](#) at TV5Monde
- *La Grande Librairie*, a program on [the latest books published](#)
- French public radio (without advertising):
 - France Inter <https://www.franceinter.fr/>
 - France Culture <https://www.franceculture.fr/>

Past Events

Our events in November were once again a great success! French conversation continues to flow at our Café Conversation, Apéro conversation, and Déjeuner chez Bechler. At our Soirée Cinéma, we had an intimate and lively discussion about the comedy film *Le Chef*, where we talked about our favorite foods. And our first French trial class was a triumph! We dreamed of trips we would like to take if we could travel, using the conditional. Thank you to our members who have joined us this past month!

Announcements

The Alliance needs your help

Due to the Pandemic, we have decided to postpone Elections for the 2021 year. 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:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- An Assistant Treasurer, who will get several months of training in expectation of being elected Treasurer for the 2021-2022 term; and

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!

Membership

Don't forget to renew your membership, if you have not done so already! You may do so online at <https://www.afmonterey.org/become-a-member/> or else by sending in the renewal form attached to the email with the December bulletin.

Membership Rates:

One person	\$30.00
Family	\$45.00
Teacher of French (first year free)	\$18.00
Student (full-time only).....	\$12.00
Correspondence via US mail rather than via email.....	\$12.00

No extra fee for paying via Paypal