



Alliance Française de la Péninsule de Monterey

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March 2021

Proverb of the month

Mars venteux, pommiers plantureux

(A windy March brings a bounty of apples)

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.***

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.

Monthly Events

Café Conversation Tuesday March 2 at 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 March 6 at 9am | 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

Apéro Conversation Wednesday March 10 from 5:30 to 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 a link a few days in advance.

1st Cercle du livre Sunday March 14 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: *Les Contes d'une Grand-Mère* by George Sand

Soirée Cinéma Sunday March 21 at 4pm | Zoom

To pay tribute to the recently deceased French actor Jean-Pierre Bacri, we will watch the film *Grand Froid* (Back in Business) directed in 2017 by Gerard Pautonnier, 1h26

Plot: In a small town lost in the middle of nowhere, Edmond Zweck's funeral business is in turmoil. The company now has only two employees: Georges, Zweck's right-hand man, and Eddy, a young man still new to the business. One fine morning, however, a dead man points his nose. Hope is reborn. Georges and Eddy are responsible for leading the deceased to his final resting place. But, in search of the cemetery, which turns out to be nowhere to be found, the funeral convoy gets lost and the journey turns into a fiasco.

NB: Since 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](#) 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 March 25 at 1pm | Zoom

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

2nd Cercle du livre Sunday March 28 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: *Les Contes d'une Grand-Mère* by George Sand

Special Events

La Semaine de la Francophonie Saturday March 13 through Sunday March 21

Here are a couple of ideas to celebrate La Semaine de la Francophonie in March

- **6 mars** [Journée de Printemps consacrée à la Belgique - organisée par AATF](#)
- **27 mars** - [La musique: outil d'apprentissage de la langue française](#) Atelier organisé par AF San Francisco

Le Concours de Poésie Saturday March 20 at 10am | Zoom

Please join us as we celebrate our 2021 French Poetry Contest winners who will read their poems aloud. Each winner will receive a certificate and a trophy. We will also publish their poems on our Facebook page every day during La Semaine de la Francophonie March 13-21.

Meeting ID: 881 2271 8207

Password: 379049

Culturethèque: access a French digital library for free with your AF membership!

As a member of the Alliance Française, you now have the opportunity access an extensive French digital library for free. The library offers French language daily newspapers, ebooks, audio books, podcasts, videos, conferences, music, and more! To take advantage of this amazing opportunity, contact board member Nicole Chupka at nikki.chupka@gmail.com to sign up. Subscriptions remain valid for as long as you are a paid Alliance Française member. Go to this link to find out more: <https://www.culturetheque.com/US/accueil-portal.aspx>

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/>

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.

Past Events

We enjoy sharing our love of the French language with you, whether it be at one of our three conversation groups or discussing French books and films. Thank you to our members who have joined us this past month!

Announcements

Thank you!

The Alliance would like to thank the following members for their generous donations during the month of February:

Chris and Marge Kleinhenz, who made a donation in Evelyn Miller's memory. This donation will be used in our scholarship fund, as Evelyn was a great supporter of education.

We also thank Adele Denny, Pamela Mencher, Carmen Scholis, Mary Westra, Kathleen Fullin, and Kay Jarvis-Sladky for their donations which will keep our Alliance thriving!

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 on our website: <https://www.afmonterey.org/donate/>.

We are also grateful to all who donated to our Alliance via Amazon Smile.

Thanks to your support, we can continue to thrive and organize events that promote French and francophone cultures and language! Merci beaucoup!