



Alliance Française de la Péninsule de Monterey

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Proverb of the month

En avril, ne te découvre pas d'un fil; en mai, fais comme il te plaît.
(In April, bundle up; in May, wear what you will)

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

Board of Directors meeting Saturday May 1 at 9am | Zoom

All Alliance members are invited to join the upcoming Board of Directors 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 May 5 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm | Zoom (NEW TIME!)

Join us from the comfort of your home as we practice spontaneous conversation over a beverage of your choice. Host Nicole Chupka will send a reminder email with a link a few days in advance. Please click [here](#) if you would like to join us directly from this bulletin. Meeting ID: 575 069 664

1st Cercle du livre Sunday May 9 at 4pm | Zoom

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

Meeting ID: 899 0484 5523

Password: 892076

Book: *Les Contes d'une Grand-Mère* by George Sand

Café Conversation Tuesday May 11 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.

Soirée Cinéma Sunday May 16 at 4pm | Zoom

Film: "My Piece Of The Pie" 2011 - 1h49 - film by Cedric Klapich with Karin Viard and Gilles Lelouche

Plot: After losing her job in a factory, a single mother enrolls in a cleaning lady training course and finds a cleaning job in the Paris apartment of a handsome but arrogant influential man.

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. To join the meeting, click [here](#).

Meeting ID: 850 7458 7144

2nd Cercle du livre Sunday May 23 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

Déjeuner chez Bechler Thursday May 27 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.

New Member Perk!

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

As a member of the Alliance Française, you now have the opportunity to 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>

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. All levels of French are encouraged to attend. Thank you to our members who have joined us this past month!

Links of interest

- Conferences on French culture organized by Céline Glon with [Zoom on Paris](#)
“Monet in Antibes” Saturday May 8 10am, in English
“The Americans On The French Riviera” Saturday May 29th 10am, in English
- [Virtual art history conferences](#) organized by Isabelle Kapp
- [Five free digital issues](#) of *France Today* for free browsing for AF members
- [Bonjour Paris](#). The insider’s guide to Paris.
- [France-Amérique](#). A French magazine in the United States.
- Enjoy [the latest French films](#) at TV5Monde
- *La Grande Librairie*, a program on [the latest books published](#)
- French public radio (without advertising): [France Inter](#), [France Culture](#)

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 join our Board of Directors, as well as:

- A President
- A 1st Vice-President
- A 2nd Vice-President
- An Assistant Treasurer, who will get several months of training before being elected Treasurer

Please reach out to Catherine Zahm 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.

Thank you!

We would like to thank Leslie Long for her donation to the Alliance in April.

Welcome!

The Alliance would like to give a warm welcome to its newest member, Victor Porsenna.

Happy Birthday!

The Alliance would like to wish a happy birthday to Claude Peterson who celebrated 98 years in April!

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](#).

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

Donations made to our scholarship fund help provide local students the opportunity to travel to French-speaking countries. Please enjoy this thank you letter from one such student!

Hello, my name is Fabian and I graduated from NSHS in May 2020. I am very thankful to have been one of the recipients to receive financial aid from the Alliance Francaise of Monterey. Thank you all for giving me this incredible opportunity to enrich my cultural views, knowledge and experiences. I was able to travel to France, Germany and Switzerland under the supervision of my favorite teacher, Madame Jessica Morris. We visited many iconic places, tasted so many different dishes, and experienced the lives of the locals where we stayed. Over all it was an unforgettable experience.

Moving forward, I am now a student at CSUMB. I was really disappointed to learn that they do not have a French program. I am currently bilingual Spanish/English, and hope to continue learning French. Once I transfer, I plan to minor in French and get a Business Law degree, or be a personal finance consultant. Having 2 or more languages is very important in a world that is getting smaller. Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity

Cultural Exchange

The family of a 17-year old youth who lives in Valence, France is looking for a host family to do a cultural exchange. He is available to come here during the month of July and his family can host a student in Valence during the month of August. Please contact Catherine Zahm if you are interested.