



Alliance Française de la Péninsule de Monterey

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January 2023

Bonne et Heureuse Année! Happy New Year!

Welcome to our newsletter.

We are starting to have in-person events again and some events will continue to take place on Zoom. We hope to see you there, in person or on Zoom! **We appreciate your help in keeping our in-person events as safe as possible by staying home if you have any symptoms or have recently been exposed to someone with Covid. Merci!**

Do you have suggestion on how your Alliance could better meet your needs and support your love of French language and culture? Email Nicole Chupka - nikki.chupka@gmail.com with your comments or suggestions.

NB: If you do not already have Zoom, download the application <https://zoom.us/download>.
Contact your event host directly with any questions about accessing a meeting.

MONTHLY EVENTS

We like to share our passion for the French language by regularly offering conversation, reading circles, or by watching French films together. We also organize cultural meetings and other activities that promote encounters between members.

Apéro Conversation **Tuesday January 3 from 5 to 7 PM**

Join us, we will meet in person at [Tarp's](#) Roadhouse, 2999 Monterey Salinas Hwy Monterey.

This event happens outside and will be canceled in case rain.

We request that you RSVP before 8 PM January 2 to Nicole Chupka - nikki.chupka@gmail.com

It is advisable to order at the bar and have cash on hand to pay separately.

Board of Directors meeting **Saturday January 7 at 9 AM** | Zoom

All Alliance members are invited to join this meeting

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

Meeting ID: 830 4860 9611 Passcode: 969361

Epiphany Celebration and Annual General Meeting King's day

Sunday January 8 from 3 to 5 PM

St. Dunstan's church, 28005 Robinson Canyon Rd, Carmel Valley.

All are invited to attend, enjoy the traditional galettes and champagne and meet our newly elected Officers and Directors. The fee for non-members friends and family is \$10 per person.

Notice the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Café Conversation Tuesday January 10 at 10 AM

Back in person at Sweet Elena's Bakery and Cafe 465 Olympia ave Sand City CA 93955

Christian Dreyer animates this event open to all, regardless of your level of French fluency.

Contact Christian - dreyer4@aol.com if you have questions.

Cercle du Livre Sunday January 15 at 4 PM | Zoom et Sunday January 29 at 4 PM | Zoom t

Jocelyne Muson will be hosting this event and screen-sharing the book.

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

Book : "La gloire de mon père " de Marcel Pagnol .

This book may be purchased on Amazon as a paperback or a download on Kindle application.

Contact Jocelyne at jmimuson562@gmail.com if you have any questions

Meeting ID: 899 0484 5523 Passcode: 892076

Soirée Cinéma January 21 at 5 PM

Please RSVP by January 20 if you will be attending to jmimuson562@gmail.com

You are welcome to bring a drink and snack to share.

Movie : Eiffel 2022 1h50 Available to rent on Amazon prime [here](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wue0kjEr8n0&t=1s>

Director: Martin Bourboulon

Starring: Romain Duris, Emma Mackey, Pierre Deladonchamps.

French audio, English subtitles

After completing the Statue of Liberty celebrated engineer Gustave Eiffel is on top of the world.

Now, the French government is pressuring him to design something spectacular for the 1889 Paris World Fair. Eiffel's design plans suddenly change when he crosses paths with a mysterious woman from his past. Their long-lost forbidden passion inspires him to change the Paris skyline forever.

You also may like "The History of the Iron Lady" a documentary about the construction of the tower.
Free on Amazon Prime Video

Déjeuner Conversation Thursday January 26 at 1 PM

In person at Patisserie Bechler in Pacific Grove, 1225 Forest Ave, Pacific Grove CA 93950

Christian Dreyer animates this event, open to all, regardless of your level of French fluency.

Contact Christian at dreyer4@aol.com if you have any questions.

PAST EVENT

Déjeuner des Fêtes Sunday December 11 2022

Forty members of our Alliance attended the traditional Déjeuner de Noël at Los Laureles Lodge in Carmel. This event was very heart-warming as everyone was thrilled to meet in person again, enjoying the delicious food and singing joyfully Christmas songs in French. We are very grateful to Leslie and Janet for accompanying us with Mandalele and Flute. You may see photos of this event on [Facebook](#)

Welcome We warmly welcome our new members: Kristy Alpert and Douglas Goldman as well as the return of DeEtta Greenwalt.

Thank you We are very grateful to DeEtta Greenwalt, the Dalby and Wiggins families and Catherine Zahm for their donations.

FUTURE EVENT

Chandeleur Lunch Sunday February 5 2023 1-3 PM

We will gather to observe the tradition of making and enjoying crêpes.
Details will be revealed later this month. Everyone is invited including non-members.

Events from the Federation of Alliances

Your membership gives you access to the activities the Federation of Alliances Françaises USA organizes monthly, including yoga classes, academic lectures, French films, art workshops, and more. Visit the website: <https://afusa.org/featured-events/>.
We will also be posting updates on our [Facebook](#) page.

Culturethèque: Free access to a French digital library with your Alliance Française membership!

You have free access to 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 - nikki.chupka@gmail.com to sign up. Subscriptions remain valid as long as you are an Alliance Française member. Go to this link [Culturethèque](#) to find out more.

Links of interest

[Lawless French](#) has grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation lessons, listening and reading comprehension, Alliance Française de la Péninsule de Monterey on [Facebook](#)

Conferences on French culture organized by Céline Glon with [Zoom on Paris](#)

[Virtual art history conferences](#) organized by Isabelle Kapp

[France Today](#) [Five free digital issues](#)

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<https://bonjourparis.com/afusaoffer/>

[France-Amérique](#). A French magazine in the USA. To subscribe for one year with a 50% discount contact us at alliancefrancaisemonterey@gmail.com ..

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Donations

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**.*

Donations go to our activities or scholarship funds. Please let us know if you prefer to donate for scholarships. Thanks to your support, we can continue to thrive and organize events that promote French and francophone cultures and language! Merci beaucoup!



***Fête des Rois
Annual General Meeting
Dimanche 8 Janvier, 2023 15h à 17h
St Dunstan's Episcopal Church
28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Mid Carmel Valley***

Come and enjoy traditional champagne and galettes, and meet the new officers and directors.

**Free for Alliance Française members,
\$10 for non-members, applicable toward 2023 membership.
RSVP to Catherine Zahm before December 29 by email at
catherinezahm@hotmail.com**

