



## Alliance Française de la Péninsule de Monterey

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### February 2023

#### Proverb of the month

Il vaut mieux un renard au poulailler

Qu'un homme en chemise en février

Better a fox in the hen house than a man lightly dressed in February

### **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! **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](mailto: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 and reading circles, or by watching French films together. We also organize cultural meetings and other activities that promote encounters between members.

**Committee Executive meeting** Saturday February 4 at 9 AM on Zoom

All Alliance members are invited to join this meeting

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

Meeting ID: 830 4860 9611 Passcode: 969361

**Déjeuner de la Chandeleur**      Sunday February 5    1-3 PM

At Danielle & Bill's home

Notice the flyer on the last page of this newsletter.

The registration of 24 people is complete.

**Apéro Conversation**      Tuesday February 7    from 5 to 7 PM

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

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

We request that you RSVP before 8 PM February 6 to [Jmjmuson562@gmail.com](mailto:Jmjmuson562@gmail.com)

It is advisable to have cash on hand to pay separately.

**Café Conversation**      Tuesday February 14    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](mailto:dreyer4@aol.com) if you have any questions.

**Cercle du Livre**      Sunday February 12 at 4 PM    on Zoom  
and                      Sunday February 26 at 4 PM    on Zoom

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

To join the meeting, 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 [jmjmuson562@gmail.com](mailto:jmjmuson562@gmail.com) if you have any questions

Meeting ID: 899 0484 5523    Passcode: 892076

**Soirée Cinéma**      Saturday February 18    at 5 PM

Leslie Asher      will be hosting this event

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

Movie: **La Gloire de mon Père** (1990) 1h 50

French Audio, english or french subtitles.    Director : Yves Robert

Starring : Joseph-Phillippe Caubère, Augustine Nathalie Roussel, Thérèse Liotard, and Didier Pain.

**Attendance is limited to 8 people. RSVP to [Jocelyne](#)** if you wish to attend

A la fin du dix-neuvième siècle, le petit Marcel vit dans la campagne provençale avec ses parents.

Pendant ses vacances Marcel rencontre Lili, un garçon du pays qui connaît tous les secrets des collines, et les deux enfants deviennent vite amis.

Do you wish to suggest a film (please do) let Jocelyne know. Find French movies [here](#)

**Déjeuner Conversation**      Thursday February 23 at 1 PM

In person at **Pâtisserie 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](mailto:dreyer4@aol.com) if you have any questions.

## **PAST EVENT**

### **King's day -- Annual General Meeting**

Faithful to tradition, nearly 50 members gathered to partake in delicious galettes from Monterey's Paris Bakery and champagne, hoping to be crowned. We all had the pleasure of meeting new members and long-time friends. We also welcomed two new directors to the Board of Directors: Louis Powell and Mary Jeanne Vincent.

You can see some pictures of this event on [Facebook](#)

**Welcome** We warmly welcome our new members: les familles Clifford et Edward Juarez Lefèvre, Stephan Pratt et Manon La-Pointe Pratt, Rena Blake, Claire Mayer, Genevieve Muson, Kathryn Bell and Stacey Pear.

**Thank you** We are very grateful to Mary Westra and the Fort family for their donations.

## **FUTURE EVENT**

Announcing a new cooking workshop series:

### **"Cuisiner & Manger Ensemble" March 12, 12 - 3 pm**

Save the date for this first in a series of culinary workshops where we will cook a delicious meal under the direction of different workshop directors. We will then sit together to enjoy the meal and the company.

More information will come mid-February with a link to register. Space will be limited.

### **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](mailto: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](#)

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[France Today Live](#) offers a wide variety of digital events and online streaming including virtual tours through France, French language tips, movies, documentaries and lectures from famous French chefs, authors, historians, chateau owners and more.

[Apprendre le français avec TV5monde](#) free interactive website for learning French through videos, programs, and news reports. With 2000 online exercises, improve your French listening comprehension from beginner to advanced.

### ***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!*



# La Chandeleur - Fête de la lumière



**Sunday, February 5, 1-3pm**

**Home of Bill and Danielle, 415 Asilomar, Pacific Grove**

## MENU

Crêpes Roulades Surprises



Crêpes de Lorraine

Velouté Crèmeux

&

Crêpes Vegetarian Delights

Coulis de Tomates

&

Salade Fraîche



Douceurs de Crêpes à votre façon



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**Please sign up before January 28**

\$15 for members, \$20 for non-members

Preferred- PayPal: [treasurer@afmonterey.org](mailto:treasurer@afmonterey.org)

By check: Bill Clancey, Treasurer, 415 Asilomar, Pacific Grove, CA 93950

**Please bring slippers or socks- shoes are not used inside the house**