



Bonjour !

Alliance Française de Las Vegas (AFLV)

Newsletter March 2019

The AFLV plays a vital role in the diversity of our community, promoting the French language and French-speaking cultures in the Las Vegas area.

President's Preface

Dear Members, Students, and Friends,

Annually, the Month of the Francophonie is celebrated in March, with a series of cultural events around the world to promote francophone cultures and the French language. According to the International Organization of La Francophonie, (www.francophonie.org) there are an estimated 300 million French speakers worldwide. They report that globally, French is the 5th most widely spoken language, the 3rd most widely used business language, and the 4th most widely used language on the Web. Please see the article below for more detail and learn about our design contest!

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The Consulate General of France in Los Angeles will be conducting a “Mobile Consulate” in Las Vegas in April. Alliance Française de Las Vegas is pleased to announce that we will be hosting the two-day Mobile Consulate at our offices on Monday April 8 and Tuesday April 9. Two Los Angeles Consulate Officers will be available to perform the following two specific functions:

- to receive passport applications, and
- to receive voting proxies

Generally, these consulate functions are only performed at a Consulate General office. Fixed appointments are required to be scheduled in advance. You may obtain additional information and schedule your appointment at:

admin-francais.los-angeles-fslt@diplomatie.gouv.fr

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Spring is (finally) in the air! After an unusually cold and rainy winter, the warmer weather is approaching. Traditionally, we have annually celebrated the first day of spring on March 21. However, in 2019, spring will begin with the Vernal Equinox on Tuesday, March 20th, (and not to be too technical) at 5:58 p.m. Eastern Time. Throughout France, there are a number of special events and festivals in March, too many to list here. Some are already in progress. The Dunkirk Carnival commemorates the time in the early 17th century when fishermen went away for many months to fish for cod near Newfoundland and Iceland. Before they left, they enjoyed a big party. Today, in addition to the other parades and festivities, about 450 kilos (1,000 pounds) of smoked herrings are thrown down from the balconies for the celebration. Fortunately, the herrings are wrapped.

Best regards,

Marc Zeman

af March, month of La Francophonie

The goal of La Francophonie Month is to promote the French language in the context of cultural diversity. Numerous cultural activities, contests and lectures are organised each year around the world.



According to the International Organization of la Francophonie, the term Francophonie appeared for the first time around 1880, when a French geographer, Onesime Reclus, used it to designate all people and countries speaking French. We now speak of Francophonie with a lowercase "f" to designate the French speakers and Francophonie with a capital "F" to represent the institutional mechanism organizing relations between Francophone countries. The Francophonie is first and foremost women and men who share a common language, French. In 2018, there were around 300 million speakers on five continents.

March 20 is the International Day of La Francophonie

Since 1990, Francophones and Francophiles from all continents have been celebrating the International Francophonie Day every 20 March.

This event was created in 1988 to celebrate the French language and its 220 million speakers worldwide. This is an opportunity for everyone to celebrate by expressing their solidarity and desire to live together, in their differences and their diversity!

The date of March 20 was chosen in commemoration of the signing, on March 20, 1970 in Niamey (Niger), of the Treaty establishing the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation (ACCT), the first French-speaking organization.

Information taken from:

<http://www.francophoniedesameriques.com/moisdelafrancophonie/>
<https://www.francophonie.org/-Qu-est-ce-que-la-Francophonie-72-.html>

DESIGN CONTEST

To celebrate the month of La Francophonie, the Alliance Française de Las Vegas opens a design contest to illustrate the subject "Being a francophone in Las Vegas"

The winner gets a scholarship for Season 3 2019!

The contest rules will be available to download from our website or our Facebook fanpage on March 4.

Send your images to the indicated email address before March 15 2019.

A pre-selection will be held by Jury members and the images will be published on

our Facebook page from March 18 to March 22. The image with more "likes" will win.



COMING UP IN MARCH



FRENCH BREAKFAST

**Saturdays, March 2 and 16, 2019 at
9:30 AM "[Délices Gourmands](#)"
3620 W Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89102
(702-331-2526).**

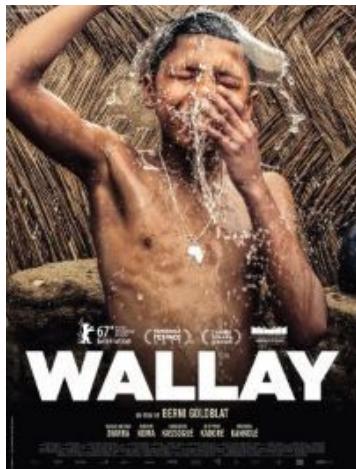
Join us to practice your French over an excellent breakfast!

Members of the AFLV receive a 10% discount on their purchase.

FRENCH MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us for a free French Movie every third Friday of the month. All movies are shown in French with English subtitles.

Thank you to our partners: Institut Français de Paris, French Consulate in Los Angeles and the French Club of UNLV



FRIDAY, MARCH 15 AT 6:30PM

Wallay (2016)

Drama by Berni Goldblat with Makan Nathan Diarra and Ibrahim Koma

Synopsis: Ady, a 13 years old boy, no longer listens to his father who raises him alone. The latter, running out of resources, decides to entrust Ady to his uncle Amadou for the summer. Uncle Amadou and his family live on the other side of the Mediterranean sea... in Burkina Faso! There, at 13 years, one must become a man but Ady, persuaded to go on holidays, understands things differently...

Venue: UNLV, Frank and Estella Beam Hall (BEH) Room 104.

<https://www.unlv.edu/maps/campus/BEH>

In French with English subtitles. Free admission.



EARLY SPRING SESSION OF FRENCH CLASSES

March 4 - April 28, 2019

It's never too late to learn French, so take the leap and [Sign Up!](#) Not sure of your level? Pas de problème ! Take our free placement test [HERE](#). Please check our offering [HERE](#) for children and [HERE](#) for adults. ***You can join a session anytime if you are not a total beginner.***

Membership

Not a member of the Alliance Française de Las Vegas yet? It is never too late ... Become a member and participate in a range of educational, cultural and social activities. You can support a non-profit that promotes cross-cultural understanding, while taking advantage of special member benefits. As a duly registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, all donations made to AFLV are tax deductible. We are very grateful to all our generous contributors! [Join now!](#)

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Merci et à bientôt !

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