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Alliance Française de Las Vegas (AFLV)

Newsletter May 2018

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,

May Day

The first day of May is celebrated in France as a public holiday, and in some form,

is similarly celebrated in many other countries throughout the world. Although its origins are multicultural, it predominantly signifies the annual passage from the dark cold of winter into the sunny warmth of spring. Its most ancient celebrations date back the *Floralia*, festival of Flora, the Roman goddess of flowers, held on April 27 during the Roman Republic era (509 B.C. to 29 B.C).

The May 1 celebration began in France in 1561, when King Charles IX received a lily of the valley for good luck. The King, in turn, offered such lilies to the ladies of his court every anniversary of the kind gesture. The tradition continues throughout France to this day, when lilies of the valley are presented to loved ones. There are often parades, concerts, and other festive events, usually including a floral or springtime theme.

The date May 1 has also taken on international significance as the International Workers Day, essentially the global labor day. This development dates back to 1886 (actually May 4th) in Chicago, the Haymarket Affair. There was a large demonstration where striking workers were demanding a shorter, 8-hour workday and better working conditions. A bomb killed and wounded several policemen, who opened fire on the workers, resulting in a large-scale riot. Eight people were killed that day. Today, the fair labor theme of International Workers Day, and the struggle and sacrifice of prior generations of workers, is often commemorated by worker demonstrations and strikes, in France and throughout the world.

One interesting footnote; the international distress call “may-day” takes its origins from French ships in trouble. The French message “m’aidez” means “help me” but was heard as the English “may-day”.

Whatever significance May 1st holds for you, we wish you all a joyous May Day, and for all of you mothers, a happy Mother’s Day, May 13 in the U.S. and May 27 in France.

Best regards,
Marc Zeman

NEWS

Thank you for joining us for our 5th consecutive 5k run/Walk to support the Springs Preserve Foundation and the Cirque du Soleil Foundation. Lot of fun this year again!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JUNE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MEMBERS ONLY EVENT

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

5:30 - 6:00PM

Siena Restaurant

9500 West Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89117

Current members of the *Alliance Française de Las Vegas* are cordially invited to join the Board of Directors for its Annual General Meeting. We will report briefly on this year's activities and look at the projects for the year ahead.

A 'verre de l'amitié' will be served, making this event the perfect opportunity to (re)acquaint yourself with the *Alliance Française* and its Board Members.

FETE DE LA MUSIQUE MUSIC FESTIVAL

THURSDAY JUNE 21

6:00 - 9:00PM

Siena Restaurant

9500 West Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89117

We are pleased to announce our 5th edition of Fête de la Musique in Las Vegas! Join us for a night of live music, dance, delicious Italian food, Raffle and much more...

MEMBERS \$35 - NON MEMBERS \$42

[Buy your tickets now!](#)

Price includes a full set menu (vegetarian option), one alcoholic beverage and tips.



COMING UP IN MAY



Les Parisiennes



FRENCH BREAKFAST

**Saturdays, May 5 and 19, 2018 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 get a 10% discount on their purchase.



FRENCH FRIDAY

Friday, May 11 at 6:00 PM

Join us to practice your French while enjoying delicious galettes and crêpes at [La Maison de Maggie](#) 3455 S Durango Dr, Suite 112, Las Vegas, NV

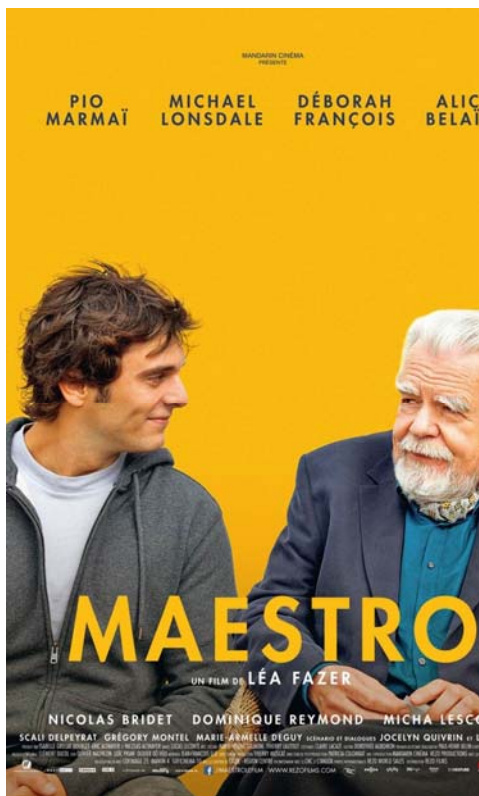
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FRENCH MOVIE NIGHT

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, MAY 18, 2018 AT 6:30PM

MAESTRO (2014) Comedy Drama by Léa Fazer with Pio Marmaï and Michael Lonsdale.

Synopsis: Henry, a young actor, finds himself involved in a film by cinema superstar, Cédric Rovere. Charmed by his benevolence, feelings hitherto unknown are aroused, while Rovere, intrigued by Henry's dream, lives this shoot as an unexpected gift.

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

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

In French with English subtitles.

Free admission. Please join us after the movie for a drink.



OUR FRENCH CLASSES

“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.”

Nelson Mandela



CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Our **SPRING SESSION** OF classes starts the week of **April 30** and will end on **June 19, 2018**. Our classes are suited for **everyone**, each member of your family will be able to find a program appropriate for his or her level of learning. You'll be able to share the fun with **friends and family**, and create new lasting friendship with other attendees. 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. You can still join if you are not a total Beginner.



FRENCH IMMERSION SUMMER CAMP

JUNE 18 - JULY 27, 2018

Join us for a fun-filled Summer! Our Camp is a mix of language, artistic and athletic activities. Learn French through songs, games and books that explore different topics. This is a unique opportunity to immerse your child in a 100% French universe! This program is open to all children as young as 3 years old to 11. No level of language skills is necessary; the groups will be based on activities and times of the day. These courses and activities are open to both Francophone speakers wishing to improve their use of the language as well as non-French speakers wishing to take their "first steps" in the French language. Each week a different theme!

Click [Here](#) for more information!

PETANQUE

Every Sunday at 3:00PM, Gardens Park, [10401 Garden Park Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89135](https://www.google.com/maps/place/10401+Garden+Park+Dr,+Las+Vegas,+NV+89135) (far east of the park).

Played in a leisurely or competitively way, pétanque naturally brings people together

and one tends to make new friends & acquaintances in the process. The rules are simple and there are no special skills required. If you are new to the game or a little rusty, feel free to join us. We have extra boules for you!



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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