

# Bonjour!

Alliance Française de Las Vegas (AFLV)

### Newsletter October 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,

#### Potpourri

This month, we present a potpourri of recent French news items as reported in various news publications.

Under a new law, the French government has banned students in France from using their mobile phones during school hours. Students in both primary and middle schools up to the age of 15 will now have to leave their phones at home or switch them off, except in

cases of emergency. The law is designed to help children focus on lessons, to socialize better, and to reduce social media use. It is also designed to fight online bullying and prevent thefts or violence in school.

On Sunday September 9, the Champs Elysees in Paris was closed to motor vehicles. Parisians on the usually crowded Champs Elysees could walk, cycle, rollerblade and skate; but no cars or motor bikes were allowed. Overall, people were happy about the car-free day, which has been tried in other cities from time to time.

The employees of the McDonald's in Saint-Barthelemy near Marseille (the town's second largest employer with 77 employees) love their McDonalds so much, that they protested the sale of the restaurant to an Asian fast food chain. The owner of the franchise, which has lost money for several years, wanted to sell it to Hali Food. However, the employees sued the owner in court under French labor laws and were thus successful in preventing the sale, although the owner has appealed the decision.

As you are aware, the French national football team won the 2018 FIFA world cup finals in Moscow, July 15. Recently, Didier Deschamps, the manager of the French Men's National Team (Les Bleus), was awarded the 2018 FIFA award for Football Coach of the Year. Mr. Deschamps was also on the 1998 team that won the World Cup, one of few people to win both as player and as manager.

France also won the World Championship of Petanque in Quebec. 28th victory out 48 competitions!

An Emirati millionaire, social media influencer Abdullah Alfahim, had his Lamborghini Aventador LP760-2 (one of 5 in the world and valued at €500,000 / US\$580,000) delivered to France for his use. The car was then stolen in France, by someone posing as a car transportation company. The car has since been recovered in Poland, thanks to social media. Therefore, if you ever take a driving holiday in France, I recommend that you rent a car, rather than bring over one of your Lamborghinis.

Best regards, Marc Zeman

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### **NEWS**







# WE NOW HAVE 2 MORE ACCREDITED TEACHERS FOR THE DELF EXAMS

Corinne and Rosalie attended a DELF examinor and scorer official training at the Alliance Française de Pasadena. They followed the entire course and succeeded the tests to become official accreditated examinors for the DELF exams.

We now have 4 accredited teachers at the Alliance Française de Las Vegas! Congratulations!



# LAS VEGAS MAYOR'S CUP INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

For the 10th year in a row, French young soccer players are being selected among 14 clubs to participate in the Las Vegas Mayor's Cup International Tournament. They are chosen not only for their athletic performance, but also for their scholar, citizenship behaviors, etc. They will have a busy schedule in **February 2019** and we are looking for hosting families where they can sleep for about 10 nights, preferably two of them per household. The teenagers would have to be dropped off in the mornings and picked up in the late afternoons. Sometimes they go to practice, compete, or visit the area. Please let us know how you can help us to welcome them in Las Vegas! Merci! Contact us at info@aflasvegas.org

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR

### **NOVEMBER**

### EXHIBITION AND PROJECTION

### **UNLV**

### Free event

### **EXHIBITION "AU COEUR DE MAI 68"**

### In November (dates TBD)

For the **50th anniversary of May 68**, the Alliance Française de Las Vegas in partnership with UNLV welcomes you for an unprecedented photography exhibition.

A protest launched by students and workers against traditional society and authority, May 68 is a movement of unprecedented magnitude that takes on the appearance of revolution. At Nanterre University, students, claim a liberalization of morals. Speeches, debates and general assemblies take place on the streets, businesses, administrations and universities.

This exhibition of photographs taken by **Philippe Gras** during **May 1968** in France is a testimony. During the Parisian events, photographers were numerous. Philippe Gras is one of those photographers who knew how to capture not only the moment and the gesture, but also the sign and meaning of this period of innovation and contest.

**Philippe Gras** (1942-2007) devoted equal attention to popular culture and to all kinds of neglected visual productions, and also to musical productions coming from all the continents. He developed deep and long-lasting friendships with many musicians and creators.

### **SCREENING AND DISCUSSION**

### "Mai 68, un étrange printemps"

### Friday, November 16, 2018 at 6:30PM

#### English subtitles

The exhibition is accompanied by a documentary film entitled: "Mai 68, un étrange printemps", directed by historian and filmmaker Dominique Beaux, presenting mainly the testimonies of actors from the political world, parties, the civil service, field units. The screening will be followed by a discussion.

See the trailer HERE





# 6th Annual Beaujolais Nouveau & Beyond Celebration

Thursday, November 15, 2018 6:30 to 9:30PM Le French Café Rosallie



6090 South Rainbow Blvd LV 89118

Join us for a stunning social event featuring Beaujolais Nouveau Wine and other drinks, French hors d'oeuvres, music and a raffle. Tickets include the hors d'oeuvres and two drinks of your choice.

Buy your tickets now as this event sells out fast!

**HERE** 

Non Members \$36 - Members \$26

Become a Member HERE

This year again our sponsor is **George Duboeuf!** 



## COMING UP IN OCTOBER





# DELF EXAMS REGISTRATIONS

OCTOBER 19 - NOVEMBER 19, 2018

The AFLV is the DELF official examination center in Las Vegas.

Next exam session will take place in December 2018 in our facility. Registrations open on **October 19** and will close on **November 19**, **2018**.

#### **Dates for exams**

DELF A1 and A2 Monday, Dec. 3
DELF B1 Tuesday, December 4
DELF B2 Wednesday, December 5
More details HERE



# PREPARATION FOR DELF B1 and B2\*

OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 28, 2018

Mondays and Wednesdays

7:00PM to 8:30PM

\$299.00 Material included

**Objective:** acquire the skills for different tests and prepare to take the exams.

To prepare for DELF A1 and A2, take our regular classes. Private classes available.

\*We need a minimum of 4 students to open the class



# FALL SESSION OF FRENCH CLASSES

OCTOBER 22 - DECEMBER 22
(NO CLASS THE WEEK OF
THANKSGIVING)

It's never too late to learn French, so take the leap and <u>Sign Up!</u> Not sure of your level? Pas de problème! Take our free placement test <u>HERE</u>.

### New! Classes on Sundays!

Please check our offering <u>HERE</u> for children and <u>HERE</u> for adults.



#### FRENCH BREAKFAST

Saturdays, October 6 and 20, 2018 at 9:30 AM "Délices Gourmands" 3620 W Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89102 (702-331-2526).

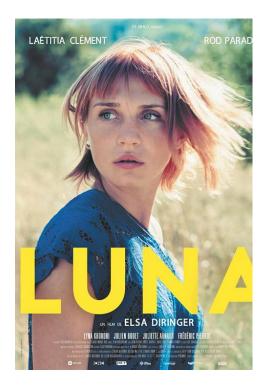
Join us to practice your French over an excellent breakfast!

Members of the AFLV 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, OCTOBER 19, 2018 AT 6:30PM

### LUNA (2018)

Drama by Elsa Diringer with Laeticia Clément and Rod Paradot.

Luna lives in the South of France, near Montpellier, and works in a farming exploitation. Luna is beautiful, funny and devours life. She would do anything to keep Ruben's love. During one evening of party drinking with her friends, they assault a young unknown. A few weeks later, he re-appears in Luna's life. She will have to make choices.

Venue: UNLV, Frank and Estella Beam Hall (BEH) Room 104. <a href="https://www.unlv.edu/maps/campus/BEH">https://www.unlv.edu/maps/campus/BEH</a> In French with English subtitles. Free admission Please join us after the

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



### **BRITTANY**

BRUNCH SUNDAY

OCTOBER 28

FROM 10:30AM TO 12:30PM

Join us to practice your French while enjoying a brunch from Brittany at

The Real Crêpe 7595 W.

Washington Ave # 160, LV 89128

Phone: 702 701 4516

### **PETANQUE**

Every Sunday at 4:00PM, Gardens Park, <u>10401 Garden Park Dr, Las Vegas</u>, <u>NV 89135</u> (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.



# 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!

Don't forget to LIKE us on <u>Facebook!</u>
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Merci et à bientôt!

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This schedule is tentative and may be subject to change if circumstances require it.

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