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Alliance Française de Las Vegas (AFLV)

Newsletter July 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,

Le 14 juillet / the 14th of July

Our thanks to all that attended our Annual General Meeting and Fête de la Musique on June 21st. We appreciate your continued support.

July 14th commemorates the storming of the Bastille in Paris on that date in 1789 during the French Revolution. The Bastille had served as a fortress and brutal prison for political prisoners (often not formally charged with any crime) under King Louis 16th, but also housed gunpowder and ammunition for the French Army and the King's mercenaries. The crowd seized the arms and released the prisoners as they overran the Bastille. That event is effectively considered to be the end of the monarchy and the feudal system in France. A year later, on the same date in 1790, the Festival of the Federation celebrated the unity of France and peace.

While many English-speaking countries call this day "Bastille Day," it is simply the 14th of July in France. The day is celebrated in Paris with a massive military parade along the Champs-Élysées, and many other festivals throughout France and in many countries around the world, including 50 cities in the U.S.

The holiday is analogous to America's Independence Day, now just referred to as July 4th. The U.S.A. birthday celebrates the signing of our Declaration of Independence by delegates from each of the 13 (then) English colonies.

Whatever you celebrate this July, the 4th or the 14th, we wish you all an excellent day. Actually, there is no harm in celebrating both – Enjoy!

Best regards,
Marc Zeman

NEWS

OFFICE HOURS FOR THE SUMMER

Our office will be open every Monday and Tuesday from 11:30AM to 1:30PM

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Welcome to Amanda Noyce, our new Administrative Assistant. She'll be assisting our Executive Director with all administrative tasks, will receive people at the front desk and will be in charge of our library.

NEW HONORARY CONSUL OF FRANCE IN LAS VEGAS

Farewell to our Honorary Consul of France in Las Vegas, Eric Auger, and Welcome to new Honorary Consul, Sebastien Thevenin. We wish to thank Eric Auger for his support to our organization and for being an Honorary Member of our Board for all these years. We look forward to working with Sébastien Thevenin. You can contact him at:

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Friendly reminder: the Honorary Consuls are people of good will who volunteer to help their fellow citizens and the French authorities on the fringe of their professional activity. It is better, therefore, to avoid calling them at night on cases that do not have immediate urgency.

Here is an article about French Honorary consuls in the Unites States [HERE](#)

COMING UP IN JULY



Semi-Final 2018 World Cup

France-Belgium

Tuesday, July 10 - 11:00 am

[Topgolf](#) will be screening the game. Free admission and parking!

Allez les Bleus !!!!!



BATILLE HAND CRAFTED 1789 RARE WHISKY TASTING

EIFFEL TOWER RESTAURANT

Saturday, July 14 - 12:00PM TO 3:00PM

Eiffel Tower Restaurant will celebrate Bastille Day by hosting a tasting featuring Bastille Hand Crafted 1789 Rare Whisky. Guests are invited to sample this French Whisky from the distillers of Maison Daucourt from 12pm-3pm in their Left Bank. They will also be featuring a cocktail called Bastille, a blend of Bastille 1789 Whisky, and fresh lemon, lime, and ginger. Join us at Eiffel Tower and raise your glass to a bit of history!

More information [HERE](#)

PARIS CHANSONS

Saturday, July 14 - 7:30 pm

Historic Fifth Street School

401 S. Fourth St

Tickets \$20 [HERE](#)

Celebrate Bastille Day, French National Day, with Paris Chansons! Enjoy authentic French music with gypsy swing and jazzy improvisations.



Celebrate Bastille Day and French National Day with

Paris Chansons

Authentic French music featuring classics by Aznavour, Piaf, Dassin, Macias, Adamo, all the way to Zaz.

Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Historic Fifth Street School
401 S. Fourth St.
Saturday, July 14 | 7:30 p.m.
Tickets | \$20 plus taxes & fees

Parking will be available in the garage between Third and Fourth streets at Clark Avenue.

GOBO



FRENCH IMMERSION SUMMER CAMP FOR CHILDREN

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!



FRENCH BREAKFAST

Saturdays, July 7 and 21, 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, JULY 20, 2018 AT

6:30PM

LES GRANDS ESPRITS (THE TEACHER) (2017) Comedy by Olivier Ayache-Vidal with Denis Podalydès.

Synopsis: François Foucault, veteran professor of French literature at the prestigious Henri IV institute, ends up accepting a position at a public school in the outskirts of Paris in a troubled area. A bit pedantic and prejudiced, François must adapt to a new social reality in which culture and the desire for knowledge are not the priority of his students.

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 **SUMMER SESSION** of classes started the week of **June 25** and will end on **August 25, 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 join in the middle of a session if you are not a total Beginner.

PETANQUE

Every Sunday at 3:00PM, Gardens Park, [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.



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 [Facebook!](#)

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Merci et à bientôt !

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