



September Newsletter

Dear members,

I hope you all enjoyed your summer and that you are looking forward to our new year of activities.

The 2013 -2014 session of the Alliance Française de Jacksonville will open with a meeting on **Sunday the 15th of September from 3-5pm at the Hampton Inn and Suites, 13733 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville 32224**. AFJax member, artist and photographer, Mary Atwood, will give a presentation of her photos of Paris. She will also have work available for purchase. Cheese and wine will be served. Please RSVP to afjax@aol.com. You may renew your membership at this meeting.

September means that it is time to renew AFJax dues for those of you that have not already done so. Please note the new membership fees; individual \$40, family \$60, student \$20. Please send your check, made out to "Alliance Française de Jacksonville" to:

Alliance Française de Jacksonville,
P.O. Box 54173
Jacksonville FL 32245

There have been some changes to our board. Bill Maurer and Jerry Marterer have stepped down as joint vice-presidents. Starr Molitano, our secretary has also stepped down, as has board member Mary Ames. Thank you all for your service and commitment to AFJax, your hard work is much appreciated.

We welcome Don Culpepper in his new role as vice-president and Jerry Marterer as a board member. Also joining the board is Nicole Aschenbroich, who has accepted the position of Director of Language Learning.

The position of secretary is open, please consider giving some of your time to help run AFJax. Call 619-4013 or email afjax@aol.com to nominate yourself or someone else or to find out more about what is involved.

Our language program is expanding. We offer private, semi-private and group classes at all levels. We offer day and evening classes. We also offer tutoring and homework help for students. Whether you want to perfect your conversation skills or are a complete beginner we can help you with your language needs. Please visit our website www.afjacksonville.org and click on Learn French to find out more. Contact Nicole at n_aschenbroich@hotmail.com or phone: 1-404-451-6586 with any questions.

We are desperately in need of teaching space – if you have office/meeting space to donate or for lease at an extremely reasonable rate please call 619-4013 or email afjax@aol.com .

Many of you have already seen our new website at www.afjacksonville.org Thank you to Judy and Don Culpepper for their great work on this. Please visit the site for updated information on all things AFJax.

Upcoming events

September 11th - The monthly French luncheon will be at JJ's Paris Bistro, 7643 Gate Parkway, Jacksonville. All levels of French are welcome. RSVP to JJ's at 904-996-7557.

September 14th - There will be a French study session from 2:00 - 4:00pm at the Ponte Vedra Public Library. If you would like to attend our next study group, please contact Fred Schmidt @ fwpsu@aol.com .

September 15th –First membership meeting of the 2013/14 year at the Hampton Inn and Suites 13733 Beach Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32224 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Wine and cheese will accompany the start of our fiscal year. AF Jax member and artist/photographer, Mary Atwood (<http://maryatwoodphotoart.com>) will present her photos of Paris and have

samples of her work for sale. French Language Learning - Discover our new program and meet some of the teachers. RSVP to afjax@aol.com

September 26th -

Jacksonville Sister Cities Association - "Doing Business with France"

When: Thursday, September 26, 2013

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (Registration & breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m.)

Where: UNF University Center

Cost: \$30 per person; RSVP required..... seats are limited!

WHY FRANCE

-With 65 million inhabitants, France is the second-largest consumer market in Europe after Germany and the fifth-largest economy in the world.

- Over 20,000 foreign companies currently have a base in France, employing over two million people and making an important contribution to the economy.

This seminar is a great starting point to explore the business side of France.

Registration on website doingbusinesswithfrance.eventbrite.com

Contact Nicole at n_aschenbroich@hotmail.com or phone: 1-404-451-6586 with any questions.

September 27th - Happy Hour – Come and relax with AFJax friends
7.00pm One Ocean Atlantic Beach. RSVP afjax@aol.com by 9/25

Save the date – October 3rd, a dinner cruise on the St. John's followed by a concert at the symphony, a joint event with Sister Cities Nantes.

I hope to see you on the 15th!

A bientôt,

Sheila Kloc