



AFJax newsletter April 2014

Les Poissons D'avril!

Dear members,

April is already here; spring is in the air and today is the day for "Poissons d'avril" or April fool's jokes. A traditional April fool's joke in France is to stick a paper fish (un poisson) on someone's back. Bakeries and candy shops make special fish-shaped treats for this special day. It is thought that April fool's day originated in France – to read more about that please go to <http://www.francetravelguide.com/april-fools-day-in-france-le-poisson-davril.html>.

March 31st was the 125th anniversary of the building of the Eiffel tower, that iconic symbol of Paris. To see images of the tower being built please go to <http://news.msn.com/world/125-years-of-the-eiffel-tower#image=1>

Spring also means that elections for board members are right around the corner. Elections will be held in May and all board positions are open. Please consider running for office and help keep AFJax running smoothly. The term of office for all positions is 2 years. If you would like to volunteer or if you would like to nominate someone else (with their prior approval) please email afjax@aol.com and include the name and prospective position of the nominee. I cannot stress enough how important it is for us to have a full board to share the tasks involved in keeping AFJax going, it is a great experience, a wonderful way to get involved, to get to know people and to give back to AFJax. Online under the upcoming

events tab is a description of each board position and the responsibilities and duties associated with it. Please feel free to contact any current board member to discuss what is involved in their position. Board members can be contacted at afjax@aol.com, please put their name or board position in the subject line.

We are pleased to announce that our membership meeting for April will be a members' showcase. This is a great opportunity to spotlight our members' creative talent. If you are a photographer, painter, knitter, sculptor, baker (or candlestick maker) or any other type of craft person please come and share your passion with us. You will be able to have a small table to display your craft and will have 5-10 minutes to present your work to our members. Work may also be offered for sale. Please reserve your spot by emailing afjax@aol.com with "member showcase" as the subject by 4/16.

If you happen to be headed to Miami for the weekend....
The Consulate in partnership with the Honors College of Florida International University would like to inform you that the Consul General, Mr. Philippe Létrilliart, will award the insignias of "Chevalier dans l'Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur" (Knight in the National Order of the Legion of Honor"*) to U.S. veterans who fought alongside France during World War II.

Florida International University
Frost Art Museum
Rooms 105 and 107
10975 SW 17th St.
Miami, FL 33199

Date: Friday, April 4th 2014 at 3:00 pm

....these ceremonies are quite moving and a special for all to attend.

Upcoming events:

4/3 - Happy Hour and/or dinner at The Reef, 4100 Coastal Hwy, St Augustine, FL 32084, 6.00p.m onwards. Conversation will be mostly in French but all are welcome. RSVP to afjax@aol.com by 4/2

4/9 – Lunch at JJ’s Paris Bistro, 7643 Gate Pkwy #105, Jacksonville, FL 32256. 12.00 noon. RSVP directly to the restaurant (904) 996-7557.

4/15 – Taxes are finally over come celebrate with happy hour at One Ocean’s Azurea Restaurant/Lounge, 1 Ocean Blvd. Atlantic Beach. RSVP to afjax@aol.com by 4/14

4/27 – Members’ Showcase membership meeting. 4-6pm. The Hampton Inn and Suites at Beach and Hodges. Cheese and wine will be served. RSVP to afjax@aol.com by 4/23 to attend. Members \$10 Non-members \$15

Hope to see you all soon,
Sheila Kloc