

Alliance Française de Jacksonville
February 2014 Newsletter

Dear Members,

We had a great start to 2014 with our trivia quiz and Fête des Rois celebration. Thanks to Cheryl Thingvold and Deanna Scheffer for creating this years' brain teasing questions. The trivia quiz is on our site on the newsletters page if you want to test yourself.

Thanks to all those who came out for La Chandeleur, Lucie Little made crêpes and gave us a great presentation on Brittany. It is always a pleasure to see Lucie and to eat her delicious crêpes. Please see the accompanying attachment for proverbs in French about La Chandeleur and a recipe for crêpes. If you try out the recipe, please send us your photos and we will put them on our website – successes and failures!

Trip to France - 2014 marks the 30th anniversary of the twinning between Jacksonville and Nantes through the Sister Cities program.

In May, Nantes hosts “Les Floralties”, a world-renowned flower show that takes place every 4 years - <http://www.comite-des-floralities.com/eng> (the site language can be changed to French). What a great time to visit Nantes! We can visit the chateaux, go to Les Floralties, see the stone circles, do some wine tasting, and even take some language classes. This trip is in the planning stages, excursions can be tailored to suit our needs, and participants can visit other places too. Dates have not yet been fixed. We need at least 10 people to get competitive pricing on flights and hotels. Our secretary, Penny, will be sending an email out with ballpark figures and dates in the next couple of weeks. Please email us at afjax@aol.com to let us know if you would be interested so we can get a rough idea of a headcount.

French speaking events – we have introduced French only speaking events to our calendar this month. Everyone is welcome to attend but please be aware that all discussion will be in French.

Congratulations to AFJax member Dr. Joanne Davis who was awarded “les palmes académiques” by our new consul general in Miami, M. Philippe Létrilliart, on behalf of the French government.

Upcoming events

February 12th – monthly lunch at JJ's Bistro de Paris, all are welcome.
Where: 7643 Gate Pkwy #105, Jacksonville, FL 32256
When: 12 noon. RSVP to the restaurant: (904) 996-7557

February 19th - Dejeuner à St Augustine: Aux "Petits Pleasures" 35 San Marco Ave #3 St. Augustine, FL 32084 à 12:00. On parlera français. Soyez prêts s'il vous plait! Confirmer votre participation au 978 760 3213.

February 27th – Club de Lecture. 7.30pm Southeast Regional Library 10599 Deerwood Park Blvd 32256 Ce sera un meeting de mise en place et d'information. Chaque personne doit apporter un livre ou le titre d'un livre en français a fin de le proposer au groupe. Tout le monde est bienvenu. La discussion sera toute en français. Pour plus d'informations tél. au 978 7603213.

March 2nd - William Maurer, AFJax member and renowned artist, will give a watercolor demonstration. Willaim attended the Ecole Superieure des Beaux Arts in Paris. He had his own architectural offices in Morocco and has travelled extensively in North Africa. He and his wife Kathy spend part of each year in France. Please visit William and Kathy's website at <http://maurerfineart.com>
Wine and cheese will be served.
Where: Hampton Inn and Suites, 13733 Beach Boulevard (Beach and Hodges)
When: 4-6pm
RSVP by February 23rd - Members \$10/non-members \$15

Happy Valentine's Day to all our members!

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