



## **AFJax Newsletter May 2014**

**Dear members,**

**It has been a pleasure to serve as your president over the last two years.**

**It has been a time of growth and outreach for us. The Alliance Française de Jacksonville has strengthened ties within Jacksonville - working with our Sister Cities organization, supporting local artists, visiting and advising French National Honors Societies in our local high schools, helping advertise a French film festival at a local college – and beyond – we have provided a scholarship to a student studying French at the Congrès de la Culture Française in Orlando, helped raise money for a student trip to France and hosted an event for exchange students from Nantes.**

**Our membership has grown and we have all seen that our members are talented and dedicated. Our teaching staff has increased from one to six teachers, we have more language classes running than ever before and we have just held our first classes for preschoolers wishing to learn French!**

**The 2014-15 session of AFJax will begin in September. We are hoping that growth will continue and that we will be able to find a home – rental space for classes and perhaps a small office allowing us to have a library for members. None of this will be possible without your help. We urgently need people to serve as board members. Please consider helping and email us at [afjax@aol.com](mailto:afjax@aol.com). We cannot do it without you!**

**This month is busy with events for the third annual French Week, please see the attached flyer for a list of what is going on in Jacksonville to celebrate our French heritage.**

**Our Annual General Meeting and end of season dinner will be held at Maggiano's at 7.30pm on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May. Members and guests are welcome. An email with information regarding menu and payment has already gone out to members. Each chapter is obliged to hold an AGM for members to vote on new board members. Please come along to help us celebrate what we have achieved so far and to ensure our success in the future.**

**I am looking forward to seeing you all on the 30th,  
Sheila**