

Dear members,

October was an exciting month for AFJax.

Please find photos of the inauguration of our new offices on our web site.

The General Consul for France, M Létrilliart, and the General Delegate of the Alliance Française in the USA, M. Hans, were both delighted by the welcome they received in Jacksonville. M. Hans told us that we meet all the necessary criteria for an Alliance Française and was particularly pleased with our location close to the city centre and with the idea of AFJax having a home in an old motel. Thank you to all our volunteers whose hard work made the evening such a success. Our special thanks go to Mario Lambert who was our photographer for the evening.

Our congratulations to Jean-Jacques Vigoureux, owner of JJ's Liberty and Paris Bistro who was awarded the medal of agricultural merit for his service to the culinary arts. Please see attached photo courtesy of J Rooney.

Both of the above events were in the press. Here are links to the French press covering the event.

<http://courrierdefloride.com/2015/11/02/inauguration-des-bureaux-de-lalliance-francaise-de-jacksonville/>

<http://courrierdefloride.com/2015/11/02/jacksonville-jean-jacques-vigoureux-recoit-les-insignes-de-chevalier-du-merite-agricole/>

November is going to be an equally busy month.

First Coast Opera

We are pleased to partner with First Coast Opera in St Augustine.

The whole season is dedicated to France with three separate events.

The first is this weekend - Opera Paris - an evening of semi-staged excerpts from classic operas set in Paris... Featuring Verdi's La Traviata & Puccini's La Boheme. January 9th is La Vie Parisienne and April 16th Le Cabaret d'Edith Piaf. AFJax will be focussing on Le Cabaret d'Edith Piaf in our classes and we will have a presentations related to this event in the spring.

<http://www.firstcoastopera.com>

Pétanque America Open

This weekend is the pétanque Open championship in Amelia island. Players from all over the world gather to compete and enjoy the Florida sunshine.

This is a great opportunity to see the best of the best play, practice your French, and soak up the atmosphere.

The organizer, Philippe Boets, has kindly offered us a stand at the event. We will give out information on AFJax, sell t-shirts and pins and get our name out there.

URGENT - I know this is short notice, however we need volunteers for this, please come and give an hour or two of your time to help promote AFJax. We would like to have people there from 8am - 3pm.

Please let me know what time you can help by emailing afjax@aol.com with pétanque open as the subject.

Please note if we do not get enough volunteers we will not be able to attend!
<http://www.petanque-america-open.net>

AFJax SAFE Inaugural Exhibition and Beaujolais Nouveau - "Carrefour de Couleur" - Robert Leedy. November 19th from 7.00-9.00pm AFJax offices.

AFJax is transforming into a gallery!

Série d'Artistes Francophiles (SAFE) is Alliance Française de Jacksonville's exciting new series of artist exhibitions, talks and performances presented in collaboration with our cultural liaison member Jennifer Chase and aJENNda productions.

The series will present quarterly visual and performing arts presentations at our new location in San Marco. The series will have its inaugural exhibition "Carrefour de Couleur," featuring the water colors of Jacksonville's Robert Leedy and opens during our Beaujolais Nouveau celebration! Robert Leedy will give a short presentation about his work. He has lived and worked in France and is now established in Jacksonville. Not to be missed!

November 19th at AFJax offices from 7.00-9.00pm
Wine and cheese will be served.

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Cost - members \$10, non-members \$15.

Please go to <https://www.artful.ly/store/events/7735> to purchase tickets.

Please note you may also pay at the door by check, credit card or cash.

Hoping to see you soon,
Sheila