



NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Catherine Webster

Dear members and friends,

It was a delight to celebrate Bastille Day with so many of you on another warm Saturday night in July. How lovely to greet old friends, meet some of our new members, and share our favorite summer dishes. It's the sign of success when the darkness finally forces the party to break up.

And now, *c'est la rentrée!* As temperatures finally abate, the program year for the Alliance heats up. New sessions of classes for kids and adults are gearing up, we'll gather for a wine and cheese tasting, and take part in the annual Global Oklahoma event at Rose State College. Details follow.

Of course we will continue our monthly café-conversations and welcome our second cohort of

Eleanor Kirkpatrick Franco-American Fellows from the Académie d'Amiens, events that have become staples of the Alliance offerings. And coming up, please consider learning some traditional French dances with us or discussing the third book in our Reading Group. Plus, it's not too soon to be marking your calendars for our Fête de Noël!

If you have not yet renewed your membership (which officially ended on July 14th), or if you have never made the leap to membership status, we sincerely hope that you will consider supporting the Alliance in this important way. A small investment yields great benefits for the association, and for you, too.



Chaleureusement,

~Cathy

Fall French Classes for Adults and Children: September-November 2011

Popular demand has insisted that we offer another session of French classes. The **French for Travelers** course is designed for those who are new to the study of French. The class focuses on conversation topics that you would encounter during a visit to a Francophone destination. Six Wednesdays, starting September 26th, 6-7:30 pm



French 101 meets the needs of those adults who have some background in French and want to improve their skills. Addressing all communication skills, including reading and writing, you'll be expected to prepare some assignments to be ready to participate fully in each session. Six Thursdays, starting September 27th, 6-7:30 pm.

Adult Classes will be held at Beatnix Café, 13th & Robinson, OKC. \$125 for Alliance members/\$150 for

others. Enroll now at www.afdokc.org or email us at afdokc@gmail.com to let us know you're coming!

We are looking forward to a new session of classes for children, as well. **Pre-K to 1st Graders** will meet for an hour each week to learn French through songs, games, and other engaging activities. Young children: 8 Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 pm

2nd-5th Graders will learn body parts and lots of verbs along with great relaxation and concentration skills as they practice some yoga in French, along with other fun stuff. Elementary schoolers: 8 Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 pm

Children's Classes will start Thursday, September 27th. Course fees: \$75 per child for Alliance Family members, or \$100 for non-members. Register on our website at www.afdokc.org or email afdokc@gmail.com for more information.



Open International Pathways with UCO

Welcome an International Student!

C.R.I.S.P. stands for Community Responding to International Student Programs.

This program brings UCO international students together with American families. These families spend time with an international student to learn from each other's culture and to appreciate diversity.

Additionally, international students can experience the American lifestyle and the comforts of a family.

Families who are interested in learning about other cultures or simply want to experience something new will love this opportunity.

For more information, or to sign up, email cgc@uco.edu or register at <https://ucois.wufoo.com/forms/m7p7q1/>



International Families, host an Okie!

"Ignite" is an intercultural program sponsored by UCO that provides American students an opportunity to have a transformative experience by spending time with international families. The goal is to expose American students to foreign traditional customs practiced by the family. It has been a common activity to host a meal for the American students during which the family teaches traditions, customs and protocols.

The goal is for students to gain a greater understanding of another culture, so that they can relate and appreciate those who are from other parts of the globe. Through "Ignite" students will have a transformative opportunity to learn new aspects of a different culture right here in Oklahoma.

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HELP WANTED

The Eleanor Kirkpatrick Franco-American Fellows Program is a growing success, but it still needs help. In 2011, we sponsored four Oklahoma students and an accompanying adult on a research trip to France. In addition, we will be hosting a group of six French students from the Amiens area for two weeks in October.

Our goal is to send up to eight deserving OKC-area students each year, but our endowment must be grown for that to be possible! Send your tax-deductible contribution, in any amount, to:



L'Alliance Française
d'OKC
Fellows Program
P.O. Box 414
Oklahoma City, OK
73101

Merci d'avance!



Wine and Cheese @ Forward Foods

We are delighted to partner with Forward Foods (50th and Western) to offer a special Wine and Cheese event! Please join us on Thursday, September 29th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm for a tasting of French cheeses and wines that pair with them. This is a special Alliance Française activity and we are able to offer it for just \$15 per person. Register online at www.afdokc.org or please RSVP to afdokc@gmail.com by Wednesday night so we can get the head count to our *fromagiers* in time.

Café Conversation

Join us for our monthly Café Conversation and practice your French over breakfast. We meet the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00a.m. Sites alternate among Beatnix Café, Prairie Thunder Baking Company, and Elemental Coffee Roasters!





FÊTE DE LA BASTILLE 2011

Lansbrook Park was the site of Alliance festivities, food, and fun.

Saturday, July 16th brought another hot day for the Oklahoma City metro. In spite of triple-digit temperatures, more than sixty Alliance Française members and friends from near and far descended on Lansbrook Park for a convivial evening of celebration.

With piano accompaniment throughout the evening and beautiful photographs of France gracing the tables under the gazebo, party guests contributed to the success of the event by bringing a delicious assortment of summertime dishes. Lots of families brought their swimsuits to enjoy a swim at the Lansbrook community pool. A raffle drawing offered the chance to win Alliance Française t-shirts, French music CDs, and other goodies while benefitting Alliance programs.

As darkness descended, guests enjoyed a last glass of their preferred beverage and wished each other well. Thanks to everyone who braved the heat and joined the party!

**Watch
this space
for upcoming
events:**

Saturday, October 29

Traditional French folk-dancing

Thursday, November 17

Le Beaujolais nouveau arrive!

Thursday, December 8

Fête de Noël

...and 3ème Chorale française d'enfants

Details coming soon!

Cinéphiles, mark your calendars!



Five French films are coming to the UCO campus in Edmond courtesy of the Tournées Film Festival (a project of FACE, French American Cultural Exchange). Best of all, these films are free and open to the public. Screenings take place in Pegasus Theater, in the Liberal Arts Building

Tuesday, November 1 @ 7:30 pm: L'illusionniste

*The makers of *Les Triplettes de Belleville* are at it again, now with a screenplay by Jacques Tati.

Tuesday, November 8 @ 7:30 pm: Bellamy

*Gérard Depardieu stars as a vacationing police inspector who gets drawn into a crime investigation.

Tuesday, November 15 @ 7:30 pm: Un Prophète

*A young inmate in a French prison unwittingly becomes involved in the Corsican mafia.

Monday, November 21 @ 7:30 pm: Potiche

*Catherine Deneuve proves that she's much more than a pretty face in this comedy.

Tuesday, November 29 @ 7:30 pm: La Belle endormie

*A modern retelling of *Sleeping Beauty*, this coming of age involves emotional and sexual awakening.

The film series is part of UCO's Passport to France program, which is offering a wide variety of events and activities through the Fall 2011 semester.

Visit the Passport website, <http://bronze.uco.edu/passport/france/>

Cercle de lecture - Nov. 20, 2011

It's not too early to think about our next Book Group undertaking. These books don't read themselves!

MARCEL
PAGNOL

La gloire
de mon père



On Sunday, November 20th, 2011 at 2 pm, we will be discussing Marcel Pagnol's auto-biographical novel, *La Gloire de mon père*. This beautiful text brings Pagnol's childhood in Provence to life in vivid detail and evokes a by-gone era in French history.

Order your book through amazon.com or another online merchant and register for the event: \$7 for members/\$10 for non-members, which includes the facilitated discussion and a beverage from the Full Circle Café, 50 Penn Place, Oklahoma City.

**Keep in
touch with the Alliance!**

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* Global Oklahoma 2011 *

-- le samedi, 1er octobre 2011 -- 10 AM-5 PM -- Rose State College --

The Alliance Française d'OKC is pleased to return to Rose State College and major annual international their expertise to program. country of focus we will staff a information



contribute to a event. Dozens of groups contribute this rich cultural Although the this year is Brazil, table, provide about upcoming

activities of interest to the Francophone and Francophile community, and sell berets for only \$10. For more information, visit <http://www.rose.edu/globaloklahoma>

Events Calendar

Wednesday, September 28, 2011

French for Travelers meets! - 6 pm

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Kids' French Classes start!

French 101 meets! - 6 pm

Wine and Cheese @ Forward Foods - 6 pm

Saturday, October 1, 2011

Global Oklahoma - Rose State (see box, left)

Saturday, October 15, 2011

Café Conversation - Elemental Coffee - 10am

Saturday, October 29, 2011

Traditional French Folk Dancing - Everything Goes Dance Studio - Details TBA

November 1-29, 2011

French Film Series @ UCO (see p. 3)

Saturday, November 5, 2011

Conseil d'Administration - Beatnix Café - 10 am

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Beaujolais Nouveau party - La Baguette - Details TBA

Saturday, November 19, 2011

Café Conversation - Beatnix Café - 10am

Sunday, November 20, 2011

French Book Group - Full Circle Books - 2pm (see p. 3)

Saturday, December 3, 2011

Conseil d'Administration - Beatnix Café - 10 am

Thursday, December 8, 2011

Christmas Party! Details TBA

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