



Alliance Française of Greater Orlando



APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

AFGO PICNICS

Since 1995 the Alliance Française of Orlando (AFGO) has organized a monthly picnic at Mead Botanical Garden (Winter Park). It starts at around 12:30 pm. Eleven times per year, on the second Sunday of each month, a "small picnic" takes place: it's free for all participants, members or non-members. It includes a potluck lunch followed by the traditional French ball game called "pétanque". It is very informal and convivial.

Moreover, once per year, AFGO organizes the Spring Grand Picnic, on a different format. This year, it will take place on May 5, at the same location and time. This event will include a luncheon (see menu below), a book fair, a raffle, a "pétanque" tournament with prizes for adults and kids.

The standard menu will be composed of:

- a Mediterranean salad
- boeuf bourguignon with two veggies
- Dessert

Special menu for vegetarians. Drinks: sodas, coffee, water.

You will soon receive a flyer with all the details, including the pricing for this event. It will also be posted on AFGO's Web site: www.aforlando.org.

ALLIANCES FRANÇAISES OF FRANCE

In our March newsletter, we informed you about the rapprochement between the Alliance Française and the Institut Français worldwide. In this letter, we are providing you with information about the Alliances Françaises of France.

First, we would like to clarify one issue: these 26 Alliances Françaises (AFs) should not be confused with the Fondation Alliance Française, which is the worldwide headquarters located in Paris.

The 26 AFs are based in 11 regions of France and each year provide:

- French language courses to an average of 25,000 students (2 million hours)
- 1500 cultural events

In some regions, the Alliances Françaises work hand in hand with some local cultural organizations, like the CAVILAM in Vichy. This network of AFs has just opened a new internet site: www.af-france.fr and designed a new brochure presentation accessible through this site. We invite you to visit both.

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sunday, April 14: Picnic (potluck)/pétanque, starting at 12:30 pm, at Mead Botanical Garden.
- Saturday, April 27: Movie night, starting at 6:00 pm with a potluck dinner followed by the projection of a French movie subtitled in English. Film: "Le grand blond avec la chaussure noire"/"The Tall Blond Man with One Black Shoe".

