



Alliance Française of Greater Orlando



AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER

ALLEZ LES BLEUS!

Like every year, this past July 14th, AFGO jointly celebrated Independence Day and Bastille Day, both of these being historical days commemorating the American and the French revolutions. After savoring some delicious hors-d'oeuvres and paella, everybody enjoyed a break in the program before the dessert.

At this time, AFGO's president threw on his vintage 1998 France soccer jersey from their first World Cup win. Following his lead, everybody chanted out in choir "Allez les Bleus!", "Allez les Bleus!" ("Let's go blue team"), blue being the color of the French team soccer jersey.

And this message resounded so loud and clear that it crossed the Atlantic and Europe, and arrived finally in Moscow the following day just in time to give France's team one last boost.

Had our celebration continued into Sunday, everybody could have also chanted "On a gagné!", "On a gagné!" ("We won") in celebration of France's second World Cup win, 4-2 against Croatia.

THREE PROJECTS

For those of you who are not involved in these projects, please be informed that AFGO is working on three of them that should materialize within a few weeks or months.

Project S: Starting in September, AFGO will promote a package of 6 conferences (one 1 hr 30 min per week) to seniors living in various Assisted Living Facilities in Central Florida. This program bears the title: Discover France and its language.

Project M: It includes two components and is mainly directed to young kids (4 to 10 years old).

- a) Our staff will visit a selected number of schools in Orlando and its suburbs in order to give more visibility to our School.
- b) AFGO will enhance its French teaching courses by providing additional cultural programs: movie events, picnics in the park, books reading.

This project should start this Fall.

Project BF: throughout the years AFGO has accumulated an impressive collection of books, both in French and English. Some are displayed in our library. Others are given away during our Annual Grand Picnic in April. And finally the most precious ones, because of their subject, rarity or gorgeous hard binding will be exhibited, and hopefully sold, during a weekend next September or October.

AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sunday, August 12: Picnic(potluck)/pétanque, starting at 12:30 pm, at Mead Botanical Garden (WP).
- Saturday, August 25: Movie night starting at 6:00 pm with a potluck dinner followed by the projection of a French movie subtitled in English. Film: "Le Pacte"/"The country Doctor".

