



# Alliance Française of Greater Orlando



## DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

### CHRISTMAS IS HERE ... ALMOST

On Saturday, December 2, starting at 7 pm, AFGO will hold its annual Christmas party. Come and join us for an evening of great food and good time.

- Menu: First Lady's appetizers, duck confit and two veggies, Yule log  
For vegetarians: salmon beurre blanc, same veggies and Yule log
- Drinks: President's selection of wines, and water, juice, soda, coffee
- Entertainment: Live concert by French singer Isabelle "Zaza"Chauffeton, Special Christmas raffle

Pre-registration, is needed no later than November 29th as seating capacity is limited.

You will soon receive a flyer with all the details, including pricing and registration coupon. This event is posted on our Web site: [www.aforlando.org](http://www.aforlando.org).

### FRANCE DEVELOPS FLOATING WIND TURBINES

The country is developing four floating wind turbines flotillas which will be launched in various points in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean.

How does this technology work? Wind turbines are mounted on offshore floatation devices and generate electricity from water. Their buoys and blades make it easy to cultivate hydraulic energy regardless of water depth. The concept was introduced by Professor W. Heronemus at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, in the 1970s. However, it was not until 2009 that the first full-scale floating flotilla - the Hywind - was assembled and deployed. Though built based on the Hywind model, each turbine in France will have a completely different floor plan and will take into consideration different marine conditions.

This technology is also extremely efficient, adaptable to the environment, and viable for its price.

The French government is hugely supportive of this endeavor, investing more than 300 million Euros into turbine construction. If all goes well, by 2020 France will be a pioneer of floating wind technology.

### DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Saturday, December 2: Christmas Celebration, starting at 7:00 pm, at AFGO office. See above.
- Sunday, December 10: Picnic (potluck)/pétanque, starting at 12:30 pm, at Mead Botanical Garden (Winter Park).
- No movie night in December.

**AFGO WISHES YOU A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 2018**  
**AFGO VOUS SOUHAITE UNE ANNEE 2018 HEUREUSE ET PROSPERE**

