



Alliance Française of Greater Orlando



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HOPE

As various vaccination programs will be implemented throughout the world, COVID-19 should substantially regress in 2021. So we are progressively heading towards a "normalization".

Last March, our French language school quickly converted its classes to Zoom-based courses. Initially our school lost a significant number of students, both adults and children.

However, since August the number of student registrations for standard courses has picked up and our school is slowly digging its way out.

Moreover, two initiatives should accelerate this trend.

The first one, named "Discover France and Its Culture" was launched at the beginning of September on the basis of 5-week programs, that were described in our December newsletter. As indicated before, it is a very successful project that will continue in 2021.

The second initiative is essentially the restructuring of our offering of courses for children.

Starting January 11, 2021, AFGO is happy to welcome young kids and teens (4 to 16 of age), to its next online French courses for beginners. Our small class size facilitates student participation. Though virtual, the classroom environment is creative, motivating and supportive.

We follow the DELF curriculum that allows the children to take the DELF test and obtain a diploma in and from an accredited center. This is one of the only diplomas in French as a foreign language. It is offered by the French Ministry of Education. DELF diploma is valid for life and is recognized worldwide. It allows the child to officially validate his/her French learning. This diploma constitutes a recognition of the person's school, university and/or professional background in French language.

To contact us and receive more information, please visit our CONTACT page (www.aforlando.org) and specify youth classes for beginners in the comment box or call Caroline Flament at 407-446-7929.

Other innovations will follow in 2021.

FRANCO AMERICAN BUSINESS COUNCIL (FABCO)

We want to congratulate our friend, Sylvain Perret, who was elected as president of FABCO in December. FABCO is a business oriented organization, whereas AFGO is essentially dedicated to the promotion of French culture in Central Florida.

Brigitte Jensen, Honorary Consul of France in Orlando, was president of FABCO for almost 15 years and remains as Honorary President.

After 17 years in the bank business in France, Sylvain and his family immigrated to the US in 2010. He quickly became an AFGO member and, later on, was elected as one of the directors of its Board. Sylvain is also a Business Broker (Company name: Objectif USA) and a Real Estate Broker, licensed both in Florida and France, all based in Orlando.

After a tumultuous 2020, we wish you a happier, more prosperous and more peaceful

