



Alliance Française of Greater Orlando



JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER

INDEPENDENCE AND BASTILLE DAY PARTY

On Saturday July 14, starting at 7:00 pm, AFGO will co-celebrate the American and the French Revolution. This party will include:

- A delicious dinner with assorted nibbles, paella and chocolate mousse
- Different drinks, including three kinds of wines, will be offered
- A live concert "Rendez-vous à Paris" by French accordionist Florence Billy
- A special Joint Celebration raffle with exciting new prizes

And we will dance after dinner!

By now you should have received an invitation with all the details. Otherwise, you may consult our Web site: www.aforlando.org. Please register as soon as possible because seating is limited and the pre-registration doesn't extend beyond July 11.

LE TOUR DE FRANCE

Le Tour de France, also called "La Grande Boucle", was launched in 1903. Since that date, it took place each year with a hiatus during the two world wars.

It is an epic 2,200 mile cycle race lasting 23 days. This year it will take place between July 7 and July 23. It is a grueling and immensely physical contest among mountains and plains, culminating in a sprint to the finish on the Champs-Élysées in Paris.

Le Tour de France is now the world's third most viewed sporting event after the Olympic Games and the Soccer World Cup. It garners TV audiences of some 3.5 billion across 170 countries.

Called "la caravane", the 180-strong fleet of brightly painted and often wacky vehicles (cars, trucks and motorbikes) are filled with smiling and waving youngsters who pelt the crowd with trinkets and candies. La caravane crosses cities, villages and landscapes at nearly 30 miles per hour.

Racers from different countries participate. However, more than national teams, "la Grande Boucle" is now organized around trade teams sponsored by banks, insurance companies, and big name retailers as well as sporting good firms. In fact, the Tour is not just about sport, of course. It was conceived partly for publicity purposes, and the "caravan" of advertisers and sponsors that precedes the riders is an integral and much-loved part of this show on wheels.

JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sunday, July 8: Picnic(potluck)/pétanque, starting at 12:30 pm, at Mead Botanical Garden (W P).
- Saturday, July 14: Independence and Bastille Day party (see above).
- Saturday, July 28: Movie night starting at 6:00 pm with a potluck dinner followed by the projection of a French movie subtitled in English. Film: "La Bûche"/"The Log" by Danièle Thompson.

