



# Alliance Française of Greater Orlando



## JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

### THE ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE WORLDWIDE

In July 1883 some French luminaries (Louis Pasteur, Jules Verne, Ferdinand de Lesseps and a few others) met in Paris and decided to create an organization dedicated to the propagation of the French culture through its language. The Alliance Française was born.

It grew rapidly in various countries and, as of today, it is a large network, headquartered in Paris, as reflected in the figures below:

- Number of chapters worldwide: 830 (including 700 with a French School)
- Presence in 130 countries
- Members: one million
- Students: half-a-million
- Teachers: 9000
- Number of teaching hours per year: 28 million
- Cultural events: 24,000 annually
- Number of participants in these cultural events: 4 million
- Total revenue (2016): \$ 276 million
- Self-sufficiency rate of the chapters: 96%

The Alliance Française of Greater Orlando (AFGO), created in 1959, is a member of this vast network. Currently, it has 170 members, 120 students (adults and children), 10 part-time teachers, 500 followers, and organizes 30 events per year on average. For more details, please consult our Web site: [www.aforlando.org](http://www.aforlando.org).

### JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Friday, June 8, starting at 6:30 pm. French Pension Plans conference. Pre-registration necessary, but soon to be closed. Location: AFGO office at 1516 E. Colonial Dr., Suite 120, Orlando, FL 32803.
- Sunday, June 10: Picnic(potluck)/pétanque, starting at 12:30 pm, at Mead Botanical Garden (Winter Park).
- Saturday, June 23: Movie night starting at 6:00 with a potluck dinner followed by the projection of a French movie subtitled in English. Film: "In the house" by François Ozon. Location: AFGO office (see above).

