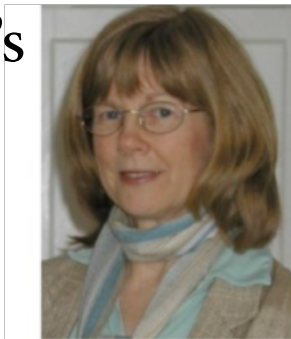




# NEWSLETTER

## President's Message

*Virginia Harrison*



Bonne année de l'Alliance Française d'Oklahoma City! 2010 promises to be a very special year for our group, as we make ready to send our inaugural **Eleanor Kirkpatrick Franco-American Fellows** to France and to welcome their French counterparts.

Before that, we're ready to party on "Bourbon Street" for Mardi Gras and we continue to host café-conversations at local venues.

In this newsletter, you will also find a recap of our traditional Fête de Noël, replete with a tribute to Barbara Thompson and a visit from Papa Noël.

We look forward to sponsoring more events and activities for our membership throughout the year. If you have an idea for an event, or would like more information about anything you read here, n'hésitez pas à nous contacter!

Cordialement,

*~Ginny*

## 2010 Eleanor Kirkpatrick Franco-American Fellows

It is with deep pride that the Alliance Française d'Oklahoma presents its inaugural **Eleanor Kirkpatrick Franco-American Fellows**. Thanks to the generosity of the Kirkpatrick Family Fund and our own AFd'OKC, we are delighted to be able to send four local high school students to spend two weeks this March in France, where they will undertake independent research projects.

Math classes so that she may compare them with those in the US.

The Oklahoma Fellows will meet donors and the Alliance Board prior to their departure and are scheduled to present the findings of their studies in May, 2010.

Pearl Dang attends Classen School of Advanced Studies. An avid reader, Pearl has chosen to research "Jules Verne and Amiens: The Ideal City of Yesterday and Tomorrow," inspired by Verne's *Une Ville idéale*.

Tiffany Nguyen, a student at Classen School of Advanced Studies. Tiffany's project involves a comparison of Catholic youth in France and in America.

Hayden Nunley attends Westmoore High School. Hayden will conduct his research on "La Grande Guerre en Picardie : Ses effets sur le peuple et la perception des Américains."

Annie Stephenson is a student at the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics. Her project will focus on the teaching techniques used in French



Pictured above are the 2010 Franco-American Fellows: (L-R) Tiffany Nguyen, Annie Stephenson,



## HONORING BARBARA THOMPSON



On December 5th, the Alliance honored retiring Honorary Consul of France for Oklahoma, Mrs. Barbara Thompson, for her years of service to Franco-American relations. Besides speaking to her many contributions and on-going projects, Alliance President Ginny Harrison presented Mrs. Thompson with two special gifts: a crystal vase filled with blown-glass flowers, and a Coq de France painting commissioned by the Alliance by local artist and Alliance member Derek Smalling.

We hope that these small tokens of our affection will remind Mrs. Thompson of our appreciation for her commitment to the promotion of French language education and cultural exchange, goals that are at the forefront of our mission. We are delighted to count Mrs. Thompson among the loyal members of the Alliance Française d'Oklahoma and we wish her continued success in her myriad endeavors.



### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GIVE!

You can read about the **Eleanor Kirkpatrick Franco-American Fellows Program** on page 1, but here's where we can still use your help. The AFd'OKC is sponsoring four Oklahoma students on a research trip to France, March 6-20, 2010. In addition, we are hosting six French students from the Amiens area March 26-April 10, 2010 two-week visit to our area.

Your support is still needed! We would welcome contributions, in any amount, sent to:



**Alliance Française d'OKC  
Fellows Program  
P.O. Box 414  
Oklahoma City, OK 73101**

**Merci d'avance!**

### PETITES ANNONCES:

*(Desperately) Seeking*

**EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR!**

The AFd'OKC is on the verge of launching an **EDUCATION PROGRAM**. Yes, those French language and conversation classes that you have been longing for are in the offing!

We are looking for someone to coordinate these efforts. This is a part-time, volunteer position at the moment, but could likely develop into a paid appointment.

Interested? Please contact the Alliance via email: [afdokc@gmail.com](mailto:afdokc@gmail.com) for more information.

### Café Conversation

Join us for our monthly Café Conversation and practice your French over great coffee and pastries. We meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00a.m. Meeting sites alternate between Beatnix Café and Prairie Thunder Baking Company.



### A L'AFFICHE: FRANCOPHONE FILMS

Stay tuned to your email and the AFd'OKC website for details regarding a co-sponsored film series coming in March to the Oklahoma City Museum of Art!



# SCENES FROM OUR FÊTE DE NOËL 2009

On s'est amusés à Café do Brasil, with music by Kyle Dillingham and friends, plus a visit from Papa Noël!



## Etes-vous branché ?

Are you an *internaute* ? The Alliance Française d'Oklahoma City is now on-line. We have a recently renovated website where you can find information about our organization's history, as well as upcoming events and education opportunities. You can even pay your dues online!



## Are you online?

Need to contact us? You'll find a list of board members and e-mail addresses. We also have a Facebook group - look for Alliance Française d'Oklahoma City and get reminders about local French films, Café Conversation, and more! Check us out today! [www.afdokc.org](http://www.afdokc.org)



# MARDI GRAS



Laissez les bons temps rouler !  
Venez fêter avec nous!

le mardi 16 février, 2010  
6-9 p.m.  
Jazmo'z Bourbon Street Café  
100 East California  
In Bricktown, OKC

N'oubliez pas vos colliers, masques ou déguisements!  
Don't forget your costumes, beads, and masks!  
Please RSVP by February 11th to secure your spot:

[www.afdokc.org](http://www.afdokc.org)

Each guest is responsible for his/her own meal.

## Events Calendar

**February 16, 2010**

Mardi Gras (see details, this page)

**February 20, 2010**

Café Conversation - Prairie Thunder, 10am

**March 6-21, 2010**

Oklahoma's Franco-American Fellows leave for France

**March 20, 2010**

Café Conversation - Beatnix Café, 10am

**Late March, 2010**

Franco-American Fellows arrive from France

**March, 26-28, 2010**

Oklahoma City Museum of Art

Francophone Film Festival

**April 3, 2010**

Quarterly Board Meeting

**May, 2010**

Franco-American Fellows present their research projects to the AFd'OKC

Know of more events? Send them to:  
[webmaster@afdokc.org](mailto:webmaster@afdokc.org)

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