

WOAC

women of the american church

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Message from the President - - - - -

Rentrée looms and there are only a few quiet weeks left before summer ends and we gear up for a busy fall. In spite of the unseasonably cool weather, it's a great time to be in Paris. It's the time that many newcomers are arriving to start their expat experience in France. At the American Church there are new arrivals as well, Interim Senior Pastor Alex Aronis and his wife Carol, and Pastoral Assistant Ken Stenman and his wife Priscilla. To welcome newcomers and to give WOAC members a chance to meet the Aronises and Stenmans, WOAC is hosting a coffee on Thursday, August 23rd, from 10:00 until noon. The coffee will be held in the Sr. Pastor's apartment and I'd like to thank the Aronises for opening their home to us for this event. Beverages and food will be provided, see details in the WOAC Coffee Groups section of this newsletter.

Rentrée also means the Bloom programs are in the planning stages. Bloom Directors Anne Mulvihill and Susan Bradley, and Bloom Work Director Dounia Nouini, along with their teams of volunteers are getting ready for the October Bloom Programs. This year **Bloom Where You're Planted** will be held on two consecutive days, Monday and Tuesday, October 1st and 2nd. **Bloom While You Work** will be held on Saturday, October 6th. If you're new to Paris, or even if you've been here for a while, the Bloom programs are best the way to get connected in Paris. In addition to the seminars and workshops, the programs include lunch and the Bloom Book, *the* definitive guide for English speakers living in France.

Bloom is also a great opportunity to volunteer. It takes many people to make the Bloom programs a success, and there volunteer opportunities that involve both small and larger time commitments. Contact our Bloom Directors for your chance to be a part of this amazing event.

I'd like to thank two very important Bloom volunteers. Each year countless hours are spent coordinating the editing and proof reading of the Bloom Book, as well as performing final edits and proof reading. This year Bloom Book Editors Laura Slavik and Angela Williams took on this task and have done an amazing job. They worked tirelessly and put in an extraordinary effort. Thanks to them and their team of volunteers, the Bloom Book is off to the printers and will be released to coincide with the October Bloom programs. To everyone involved with the book this year, thank you so very much for all your hard work on a job well done!

Ingrid Wills, President



WOAC September Salad Luncheon
Monday, September 17th from noon until 14:00
American Church in Paris

*****WOAC Coffee Groups*****

Paris I: 8th, 16th, 17th arrondissements, Boulogne, Billancourt, Neuilly and Western Suburbs

Coffee Group Leaders Fiona Scott and Kristina Solemanlou

Paris II: All other arrondissements and any southeast or southern suburbs

Coffee Group Leaders Regina Jorg, Janet Charles and Sandy Linn

WOAC Coffee Coordinators Misun Lu and Pauline Woodburn

Contact Coffee Coordinators and Coffee Group Leaders through our website contact form at www.woac.net

You're Invited...



*Women of the
American Church*

Summer Coffee

*Thursday, August 23rd
From 10:00 - noon
Sr Pastor's Apartment*

*Meet friends - long-time and new
Be introduced to ACP Staff and spouses
Enjoy conversation, coffee & pastries*

RSPV to your Coffee Group Leader

? ? **Where can I find information about
WOAC Events and Paris?** ? ?

**ARE
YOU
NEW
TO
PARIS?**

ACP Welcome Table - - - - -

The Welcome Table is a source of information available on **Sunday mornings** after the **11:00 am** service at the American Church in Paris. Here you will find information regarding activities of the American Church, cultural events in Paris, shopping, the metro system, and much more!

We are always looking for volunteers to help manage this table. If you can spare about 1 hour on Sundays after church to help out, please contact Charlie Pineda, Welcome Table Coordinator at woac_welcometable@woac.net

How to Obtain the WOAC Newsletter - - - - -

To keep you informed of what is happening within the WOAC, we produce ten monthly newsletters. There are two ways to obtain the WOAC Newsletter:

1. Online – go to www.woac.net/newsletter and click on “Subscribe”.
2. Via regular mail - Give 10 prestamped, preaddressed envelopes to your local coffee co-chair.



Stay updated with the latest WOAC Information by referencing the website at www.woac.net

Bloom Where You're Planted - October 1st & 2nd

The Famous Bloom Where You're Planted Seminar - an information packed 2 day seminar filled with opportunities to connect with other people, organizations, and launch a great Parisian experience! October 1st & 2nd, 2007

Bloom While You Work- Saturday, October 6th

New to France and working in France? You won't want to miss the Bloom While You Work Seminar, Saturday October 6, 2007. Bloom While You Work is a full day of speakers and workshops to help you adjust to working life in France, focusing on cultural differences in both work and daily life, and improving understanding of French culture. See website for further details.

Attendance at any Bloom seminar includes:

- Unprecedented opportunities to meet new friends & make connections
- Lunch
- Bloom Bag (full of useful goodies!)
- Bloom Book – How To Live in France
- Access to all speakers & workshops
- Access to representatives of local organizations with English speaking Expat focus
- Assistance with French language learning opportunities
- Assistance with General Products purchasing in France
- Wine reception

The Bloom programs have become the premier source of information for English speaking Expats in France. Whether you're an old hand at living in France, or just arrived, you'll enjoy **Bloom Where You're Planted** or **Bloom While You Work!**

Get Involved and Learn Some History - - - - -

The sanctuary of the American Church in Paris will now be open to visitors on **Thursday afternoons 2:00-4:00 pm**. Hosts (whom we call "docents") are needed to work from a maximum of 2 hours per week to a minimum of 2 hours per month. Brochures for self-directed tours of the sanctuary have been prepared. Docents need to be present to welcome visitors and answer questions. For more information please contact Florence Drillon at 06.87.53.75.62 or flodrillon@aol.com

Friday Mission Lunch Program- - - - - -

The ACP is currently in need of a coordinator for the ACP's once a month responsibility for the Friday Mission Lunch Program. It is a half day, once per month commitment which involves working with a very dynamic group of volunteers and is a wonderful way to serve your community. To volunteer or obtain more information, please contact Kristie Worrel at kristieworrel@hotmail.com.

WOAC Board – Volunteer Recruiter Needed - - - - -

Are you a people person? Good at motivating? Then WOAC needs you! We're looking for a volunteer to help recruit volunteers and staff events including the annual Bloom Where You're Planted and Bloom While You Work programs, bake sales and Marché de Noël. For more information on WAOC Board positions, contact Ingrid Wills through the WOAC website contact form.

Bloom Social Group Leaders- - - - - -

Bloom Social Groups are established for people with similar interests and life situations. Groups include, for example: Forever in France. The Group Leaders schedule meeting time and place, communicate with the group about meetings, and respond to inquiries about the group. The position does not require hosting the meetings. Contact Patti Bravard at woac_volunteer@woac.net.

Social Concerns/Mission Outreach - - - - -

Looking for a way to give back to the community and perform a worthwhile service for others in need? The [Social Concerns/Mission Outreach Committee](#) of the American Church in Paris supervises activities for Habitat for Humanity, Friday Mission Lunch, Rafiki Orphanage, Refugee Mission, other orphanage missions, and ACAT (Action des Chrétiens pour l'abolition de la torture). If one of these community service activities interests you, contact Social Concerns Chair, Carlos Argandona Aguilar at cea99@hotmail.com for more information.

American Church in Paris - - - - -

Many activities for the entire family including Bible Studies, Music, Youth & Young Adult activities, Multi-cultural Couples, and more! See the church website, www.acparis.org for more information and details. Or phone 01.40.62.05.00.

ACP International Singles Group - - - - -

Singles (all ages, all nationalities) are cordially invited to the ACP Singles Group meetings on the third Sunday of every month following the 11:00 service at the church. Meet after Coffee Hour at the Singles Table in the Theatre. For more info – contact: acp-singles@hotmail.com

The American Church Vocal Choirs and Hand-bell Choirs - - - - -

For people of all ages – a chance to learn. If you would like more information please feel free to contact Fred Gramann (music@acparis.org) for adult groups or Bonnie Woolley (bw@respirando.net) for toddlers through teens.

Tennis Anyone? - - - - -

We are a group of ladies that originated from Bloom more than nine years ago. Members of the group come and go as is the nature of work in France for many non French people. At the moment we are looking for new people interested in playing Tennis on a Tuesday morning. We need people who can play good to very good tennis but not beginners. We play at Aquaboulevard (line 8 Balard) from 10 am to noon. Permanent members pay a yearly fee and reserves do not pay anything at all if they fill in. If you are interested please contact me for more information: Judy Scorpecci (coordinator) at djcorpecci@noos.fr

Cancer Support Group in English - - - - -

English-speaking group for those living with cancer and their families. Community service sponsored by the Junior Service League of Paris. 01.45.51.26.93 jamsinparis@wanadoo.fr www.pariscancersupport.com, the Americans and the Congolese. The ARTS is a big part of the center's activities and they are in need of a piano to be donated. If you or someone you know might be moving away, and have a piano that is not going to be moved, consider donating it to this worthy cause. Contact Ellison Arttison at 06.76.64.85.82, or email at brazzavillearts@yahoo.fr. Donations would be picked up in Paris by the Congolese Embassy.



Bloom Where You're Planted News and Volunteer Need



Bloom Where You're Planted & Bloom While You Work
(October 1st & 2nd, 2007) (October 6th, 2007)

**Annual Orientation Program for English Speakers of all
Nationalities & Affiliations**

Pre-register for a 15 euro savings!

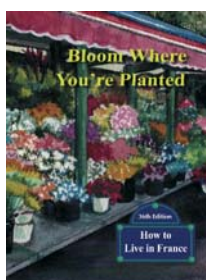
Join the Bloom Team - - - - -
Now recruiting for the following Bloom positions for October:

Bloom Volunteers 2007: - - - - -

Bloom Signs & Nametags Co-Chair – Looking for a way to volunteer? Without signs, Bloom Participants would be lost! Graphic art skills helpful, but not necessary. Contact Bloom Directors Anne Mulvihill and Susan Bradley through the WOAC website contact form for more information on this important position.
Bloom Volunteers – Bloom Committee Chairs need your help! Contact the Bloom Directors to volunteer.

Bloom Book Advertising/Sponsorship Co-Chairs 2008 - - - - -

The advertising/sponsorship chair(s) are responsible for contacting previous advertisers/sponsors by email or mail, and providing information to prospective new advertisers/sponsors. As ads are committed, the advertising/sponsorship chair collects the ads, forwards them to the printer, and collects the money. Previous experience is NOT required, and the position is mostly administrative. The timeline is focused on January through June, a few hours each month. Previous advertising/sponsorship chairs are available to provide advice and direction.



Advertising Opportunities in the Bloom Where You're Planted Book

The world famous book, *Bloom Where You're Planted – How to Live in France* is updated and re-published every year. Bloom books have staying power, as many people keep them for years, relocation companies give them to clients, and friends collect them and pass them around to other friends. As a result, advertising in the Bloom Book becomes a **very good value**.

In addition – the brochures table at Bloom seminars will now be exclusively reserved for brochures and pamphlets from non profit organizations, schools, and businesses that purchase advertising in the Bloom Book. You now have a double (and exclusive) opportunity to get your message in front of Bloom participants, **AND** people all over the world who purchase Bloom books throughout the year. Consider supporting Bloom programs by advertising in the Bloom Book – **a great value for everyone!**

Ad Rates

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| Full page | 110mm wide by 170mm long | 750.00€ |
| 1/2 page | 110mm wide by 82mm long | 400.00€ |
| 1/4 page | 52mm wide by 82mm long | 225.00€ |
| 1/8 page | 52mm wide by 38mm long | 125.00€ |
| 1/16 page | 52mm wide by 24mm long | 75.00€ |