

AF ELECTION 2019

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES



Janine Olin - I grew up in Moraga, CA, and started learning French as a young girl in a language program my mother created and had the opportunity to study French in France. For the past 10 years I have taught French at Pacific Grove High School and for the last 6 years I have also taught ESL (English as a Second Language). I had a thriving French Club that celebrated various holidays, participated in French cooking competitions, raised funds for various causes in developing countries, and hosted French movie nights. This past fall I started teaching at Carmel Middle and I am truly passionate about sharing my knowledge of French language and cultures with my new students. In addition, I created *La Maison des papillons*, a summer French language program for the youth of Pacific Grove, Monterey, and Carmel. My passion and desire to teach French stems from my 2-year Peace Corps experience in French speaking Guinea, West Africa. During this amazing, life-changing experience I became convinced that my role is to open up the world to children in the US via teaching language. I have also lived and taught English in France and Quebec. I returned to the United States to teach French and studied language acquisition and teaching at MIIS where I received my M.A. Almost each year I return to France either with students, to take courses, or to host former graduates. I recently was elected to the Carmel Valley Youth Center board and am I thrilled to have the opportunity to help lead programs and projects to benefit the youth of Carmel Valley. I have been a member of the Alliance Française for the past two years and have hosted events at my home. I would like to get families involved in activities and to have more French classes available to children in the area.



Jocelyne Muson - I am originally from Metz in Lorraine in the North East of France. I came to America in 1958 just before my 20th birthday. In the summer of 1959, I moved to California, destination Big Sur, with my husband Bob Muson and daughter Leah. We lived in Big Sur for many years. I am single now and have been living on the Monterey Peninsula since the early 80's. I retired from teaching Preschool. I had a home preschool in Pacific Grove, La Maisonette, specializing in Waldorf Education. I now live in Seaside in a large historic house where I manage rentals with my son Jesse Muson and his wife Annemarie. Look it up if you wish on www.Historiclandmarkbnb.com. I have with pleasure been a member of our AF chapter for five years and on our Board of Directors for two years. I have enjoyed our AF community very much.



Pascale Richards-Deliens - A native of France, Pascale Deliens studied drama in Paris and has long been a supporter of the performing arts. She moved to the Monterey Peninsula 11 years ago and married Jim Richards. Since then she has been a very active member of our local Alliance Française chapter. Her love of French culture and her boundless energy contribute to keep our Alliance Française group dynamic and creative. She has previously served our AF chapter both as Director and as First Vice President.



Chantal Bailey - I was born in Quebec, Canada, and first arrived in California in 1975, traveling as an adventurous young woman. I settled in Salinas after starting a family in 1979. Being the mother of five children occupied most of my time, along with working in a family business. Once the children got older, I went back to college and simultaneously got hired at the Salinas Union High School District, working with special needs students. I am now recently retired after 19 years of service. I have been a member of the Alliance Francaise of Monterey since 2008. I have held all positions in the executive committee except for the role of secretary. I love working with the people of the Alliance, who are also friends, and at the same time keeping our French language and culture alive.



Nicole Chupka - I fell in love with French in Junior High when I was 12 years old and have been studying it ever since. In college, I first majored in mathematics but eventually switched to French and then pursued a teaching credential and taught it for 18 years at Pacific Grove High School and for the last 8 years at Carmel Middle School. I'm a recent member of the Alliance Française, attending the French Teacher gatherings and a few of the general member events for the past few years. My students have participated in the Poetry Contest for the past two years. I would love to be a liaison between the French Teachers of Monterey County and the Alliance Française, and to bring my extensive experience developing French curriculum to the general membership.