

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2015

## Bienvenue! Bienvenido! Benvenuto!

### IMPORTANT DATES:

<b>1st wk in Aug.</b>	<b>Online class registration begins</b>
<b>Sept 11</b>	<b>First Day of classes 9-noon</b>
<b>Nov 27</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday</b>
<b>Dec 4</b>	<b>No classes Holiday @ church</b>
<b>Dec 18</b>	<b>Holiday Fete at Noon</b>
<b>Dec 25&amp; Jan 1</b>	<b>No classes Holiday</b>
<b>Jan 8</b>	<b>Classes resume</b>
<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>No classes Spring Break</b>
<b>MAY 20</b>	<b>Last class day &amp; Spring Fete at noon</b>

### ONLINE REGISTRATION

**OPENS:** the first week of August.

**TUITION:** \$280.00 for the year. Remember, there is a **\$10 discount for registering during the month of August** if your payments are received no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**SECURED PAYMENT:** Also, for your convenience, there is a secured credit card payment option but please note it carries an additional \$5.00 processing fee.

**TEXTBOOK PURCHASES:** Refer to the links on the "BOOKS" tab on the La Causerie website to assure that you are ordering the correct edition for your particular class.

### WELCOME!

**Welcome to La Causerie Francaise! We have been offering classes for more than 102 years and are glad you are joining us this year!**

**FIRST DAY OF CLASS:** The first day of class will be Friday September 11 from 9 a.m. - noon at Second Presbyterian Church at 55th Street and Brookside Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri.

**PARKING:** Parking can be tight, especially as the year begins. Do remember to leave parking spaces available for the patrons of the Crestwood Shops. We understand parking can be hard to come by so please allow extra time to find a space in the church parking lot or along the street and avoid the spaces in front of the shops.

**TREATS:** We hope you enjoy the snacks provided each week by your fellow students and will volunteer at some time in the year to bring some. All contributions are appreciated. There is a sign up sheet in the Social Room to volunteer snacks for Friday mornings. You will not be expected to feed the whole school -- three or four other members will contribute, too. La Causerie provides the coffee and tea and we ask for donations to help cover the beverage costs, which are not allotted in the La Causerie budget.

**HELPFUL HINTS FOR CLASS:** Please fill out a name tag each week. On the first day of class, we will have a table set up on the first floor for name tags and late registration. After that, name tags will be in the hallway on the third floor. Our teachers want to be able to call you by name and the name tags will help you get quickly acquainted with your classmates so you can have a more enjoyable and personal experience. Books do get left behind sometimes so we suggest you put your name in all your textbooks and reference books.

You'll be glad to find your lost book in our Lost and Found.

## 23rd Latin American Cinema Festival of Kansas City

Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Oct.4, 2014

### RIO THEATRE

7204 W. 80<sup>th</sup> Street – Overland Park,  
Kansas

Program starts at 11 AM. Doors open at  
10:30 AM

**Admission:** \$6.00 per person

Passes to the five films will be available for  
\$25.00 at the theatre on the first day of the  
festival

**NO CHECKS OR CREDIT CARDS**

#### September 6: **LAS ANALFABETAS**

**(ILLITERATE)** – Chile, 2013 – Directed by:  
Moisés Sepúlveda - 73 min. – Cast: Paulina  
García, Valentina Muhr - Presenter: Louis  
Imperiale (University of Missouri in Kansas  
City (UMKC))

#### September 13: **LAS PAREDES HABLAN**

**(WORDS BEHIND WALLS)** – Mexico, 2010,  
Directed by Antonio Zavala, 89 min. – Cast:  
Kuno Becker, María Aurora, Héctor Bonilla -  
Presenter: Luz Ma. Alvarez, Johnson County  
Community College (JCCC)

#### September 20: **FERMIN, LAS GLORIAS DEL TANGO (FERMIN, TANGO GLORIES)**

– Argentina, 2014 - Directed by: Hernán  
Findling, Oliver Kolker – 117 min. -Cast:  
Antonella Costa, Héctor Alterio, Gastón  
Pauls -Presenter: Karen Díaz Anchante,  
Washburn University (WU)

#### September 27: **LA DISTANCIA MAS LARGA (THE LONGEST DISTANCE)** –

Venezuela/Spain, 2013 – Directed by:  
Claudia Pinto - 113 Min. - Cast: Carmen  
Elias, Omar Moya, Alec Whaite, Iván  
Tamayo Presenter: Tamara Falicov –  
Kansas University (KU)

#### October 4: **PRINCESAS ROJAS (RED PRINCESSES)** - Costa Rica/Nicaragua,

2013 – Directed by: Laura Astorga – 100  
Min. – Cast: Fernando Bolaños, Valeria  
Conejo, Aura Dinarte. Presenter: Jill  
Kuhnheim – University of Kansas (KU) –  
Dir. Laura Astorga will be present  
Films are in Spanish with English subtitles.  
Group discussion after each film.

## MEET OUR NEW TEACHERS

### French Teacher

La Causerie is happy to welcome **Ms Becky Tucker** back to La Causerie as a French teacher. Becky will be returning to La Causerie after a 7 year absence. Many of our long time members will remember Becky because she taught French for the organization from 2005-2008. In addition to teaching French for LaCauserie, Becky has participated in a variety of French related activities. She is currently employed by JCCC as a French tutor; she is also a private tutor and interpreter; and she has been involved with Concordia Language villages, Turtle Creek, MI as a Counselor, Assistant Dean, and Curriculum Chair. Becky is also the author of the Je lis bien series of French readers for adult students learning French. Becky will be teaching French 1 and 1 A beginning in September. Welcome back Becky!

All four books in the Je lis bien French graded readers series are on sale for 1/3 off THIS WEEK ONLY! They are available through [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) under the name Becky Tucker. Make sure you have all four before number 5 comes out in the fall.

### Spanish Teacher

We are also happy to announce that **Ms. Christy Schmidt** will be joining La Causerie beginning this September. Christy is originally from Mexico City, Mexico. She has a BFA from Metropolitan University, Mexico. Since 2002 Christy has been employed by Propio Spanish as an interpreter/translator answering medical phone calls. She is also employed at JCCC teaching Spanish I and II. Several board members as well as Doug Eikermann met and talked with Christy. She is enthusiastic about teaching adult learners and even took the textbook with her on her stay with family in Mexico City in order to prepare. Christy, welcome to La Causerie!

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