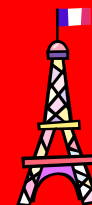


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Welcome to the first edition of the newsletter of the Alliance Française of Missoula. We hope you will enjoy reading about the past and future events.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April: *Médecins Sans Frontières* with Alain Dubos. Co-sponsored by St. Patrick Hospital's Ethics Committee

Wine-tasting and Cuisine Sampling with *La Provence's* Chef Marc Guizol)

Yasmina Khadra: *The Swallows of Kabaul*

July 14: Bastille Day

July 29—August 3: French Camp at Georgetown Lake

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Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. at the home of Michel Valentine. All are welcome.

Upcoming Events

March 12, 2007

Etienne Klein

Etienne Klein is a physicist and holds a Ph.D. in the Philosophy of Sciences. He is currently the assistant to the Director of Material Science for the Atomic Energy Commission. His area of responsibility is the physics of particles and of controlled nuclear fusion. Dr. Klein will speak on *What Do We Know About Time?* "Time" is a word we use frequently and indiscrim-

inately. Suddenly, reinforced by use, the idea we have of time is something we take for granted. This idea we have of it seems to take us back to a familiar era, almost "domestic". As soon as we try to define it precisely, however, it becomes quite hard to crack, consisting of many enigmas and contradictions. We begin by questioning the meaning of certain expressions currently in use which contain the word "time", as in, for example, "time

passes". Then we will discuss the question of whether or not physics can establish an argument proving the existence of time. Finally, we wonder whether or not science has the ability to fully comprehend what "time" is. Dr. Klein's talk is co-sponsored by the U of M Physics Department.

Place: Gallagher Business Building, Room 123. Reception to follow at Shakespeare and Co., 103 S. Third St. W.

Alliance Française hosts two speakers in February

On February 6, Gérard Pommier, a psychoanalyst from Paris, lectured on *How the Neurosciences Can Reveal Aspects of Psychoanalysis*. A reception at the home of Bill Wilborn followed with Dr. Pom-

mier as guest.

On February 13, Philippe Gumpłowicz entertained an audience on *Jazz in Paris: American Musicians in Paris*. Mr. Gumpłowicz is a distinguished lecturer in musicology at the Univer-

sity of Boulogne. He is also a writer and playwright. Gumpłowicz is a producer with France Culture and France Musique. A reception following his talk was held at *Shakespeare and Company*.