



Faces of Marianjoy

Marianjoy is comprised of associates that come from many varied cultures, backgrounds and experiences. We value these differences as we firmly believe it makes us stronger as an organization.

Associate Name: Elodie Schembri

Department: RN registry

- **What is your country of origin or the country of origin of your ancestors?**
France
- **Are there specific days or times of the year that are considered special or sacred – if so, why?**
Fat Tuesday is the day we dress up for a Carnival.
We celebrate the Kings the first Sunday after New Year's Eve and we have a special cake for this day: 'la Galette des Rois'.
- **What are some of your family customs that you recall from your childhood (or from current times)?**
When there is a Holiday, whole family tries to meet for a large meal that start around lunch time and finish around 11 PM.
- **Are there dietary preferences, special recipes or other traditions around food or food preparation, if so, please describe?**
Yes a lot, food is something we love to share with friends and family. It is very important for us to cook for each other, and to have everyone sitting around the table and share the meal and their experience of the day.
- **What languages are spoken or written?**
French
- **Is there anything else you would like to share that you feel is important in order to attain a better understanding of your culture?**
We kiss each other on the cheeks (men or women) to say hi, or hand shake when there is some distance/professional relationship, each time we see the person not only when it is the first time you met her/him.