



La Trompette

Avril 2023

NOTE DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

Chers membres de AF Grosse Pointe,

Last week, our chapter held one of its most important yearly events at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, La Distribution des Prix.

Soon after its inception in 1970, the Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe made it part of its mission to promote the French language as well as French and Francophone cultures with our young adults.

La Distribution des Prix stems from a long-standing tradition in France, where excelling students at the end of the school year are recognized and honored, as well as presented with a special book and certificate. Since adopting this tradition, the AF de Grosse Pointe has recognized hundreds of high school students in the presence of their families and their French teachers.

On Monday, April 24th, twenty-three students from five local high school received an Alliance Française Certificat d'Excellence and a special book to commemorate the day. The awards ceremony was followed by dessert, refreshments, photos, and networking opportunities.

We are proud to keep this tradition alive, and look forward with your help and support to many more years of Distribution des Prix ceremonies. If you would like to see photos of the event, and maybe spot a student you know, check out the photo galleries on our website. Look out for an article in the Grosse Pointe News!

We have several events planned for the rest of the season and we also strive to keep you informed about other opportunities in the area. We invite to join us and look forward to seeing you all soon at the general meeting and elections picnic in June.

A bientôt, j'espère.

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AFGP WANTS YOU!

Are you interested in joining our board of directors? We are looking for dynamic people to join us for the 2023-2024 season to help grow our chapter and plan events. If you are willing to serve, please contact Cheryl Johns by May 25th at user427389@aol.com

We depend on our member volunteers!

ÉVÈNEMENTS À VENIR



PRÉSENTATION CULTURELLE

Saturday, May 6th

1:30 pm

Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods Branch

Haïti: Pearl of the Caribbean

AFGP member, Frantzie Beauduy was born in Haïti and moved to the US when she was seventeen. She is delighted to share wonderful photos and insights into this island nation to which she has to returned many times.

Attending members will get a chance to participate in a Q&A session after the presentation.

Attendance is free to AFGP members and friends.

AFGP FRENCH MEETUP

Wednesday, May 10th, 2023

6:00- 8:00 pm

At The Village Grille

16930 Kercheval Ave.

Grosse Pointe, MI

Join us for dinner, drinks, and good conversation “en français”!

We are changing it up this month and meeting in the “The Village”. Join us for a fun early evening dinner and drinks (buy your own).

Please, make sure to sign up on the special MeetUp link and RSVP, so we know how many are attending.

For more information and to register: ([replace link to conversation event link on our website](#))

<https://www.meetup.com/grosse-pointe-french-language-meetup-group/events/293133505>

LES BRAVES II: AT WATER'S EDGE DEDICATION

Thursday, May 25th

Grosse Pointe War Memorial

Grounds Open at 5:30 pm

Dedication ceremony at 6:30 pm

The War Memorial welcomes the community for a celebration and the unveiling of *Les Braves II: At Water's Edge* – the official twin of the original *Les Braves* sculpture in Normandy, France sculpted as a lasting tribute to the western Allies that landed on Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944 during WW II.

This event is free and open to the public.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

For more details about the full program and for registration, go to:

<https://www.warmemorial.org/veterans/lesbraves>

ANNUAL AFGP PICNIC AND BOARD ELECTIONS

Thursday, June 8th, at 5:30 pm

GP Woods Lakefront Park

Please find the invitation and information at the end of this newsletter.

FÊTE DE LA BASTILLE

Friday, July 14th,

6:00- 9:00 pm

Blossom Heath Inn.

24800 Jefferson Ave., St Clair Shores, MI

LOOK OUT FOR A SPECIAL MAILING INVITATION COMING YOUR WAY SOON!

The Bastille Day celebration is always a joint event with the Alliance Française de Detroit/Institut Français de Michigan. This year, it is AF Grosse Pointe's turn to organize the Fête. We need your support and attendance! Purchase your tickets online early!

CERCLE DE LECTURE

Notre groupe de lecture se réunit toujours mensuellement et discute une oeuvre sélectionnée par nos membres. Les prochaines réunions se tiendront le:

Le 20 mai: Fallait pas commencer- Tome 1, de Jean Failler

Le 24 juin: Fallait pas commencer- Tome 2, de Jean Failler

Le 22 juillet: Les Belles Sœurs, de Michel Tremblay

Le 19 août: Le mystère Henri Pick, de David Foenkinos

Le 23 septembre: Un fauteuil sur la Seine, de Amin Maalouf



Pour plus d'informations concernant le Cercle de Lecture, prière de nous contacter

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AF FEDERATION -USA ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

The national AF organization is a wonderful source to supplement your exposure to different French experiences, linguistic and cultural.

APÉRO NATIONAL FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP (en français)

Conversation groups are for informal practice and for sharing the joy of conversing in French with other like-minded Francophiles or Francophones.

If you'd like to pick up some additional conversation practice, you can join a hosted national group that meets via Zoom every Wednesday. Participants are invited to enjoy their favorite beverage during our "Apéro" conversation.

The group is for **high-intermediate to advanced (or fluent) speakers** who are current members of an Alliance Française chapter in the U.S. This group conversation is for adult participants, ages 17 and up.

For more information and to sign up to the conversation group, go to:

<https://afusa.org/event/aperonational/>

VIRTUAL, FREE CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS AND EVENTS

The AF Federation organizes multiple cultural, virtual opportunities every year and make them available to Alliance Française chapters, at no cost to members. Your membership dues give you the privilege to sign up for free to any or all programs of interest.

Please refer to the Upcoming Events section of our website for the January and February AF Federation-USA online activities. Make sure to register early in order to get the Zoom link.

<https://afdegrossepointe.org/main-calendar/>

SPOTTED ONLINE

A number of our members have asked for additional titles of French films and TV Series, available on different platforms. Here are our recommendations for this month.

NETFLIX

The Parisian Agency (2 seasons)

This reality series follows the Kretz family and their luxury property business as they help clients buy and sell fabulous homes in France and abroad.

AMAZON PRIME

Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis (Welcome to the Sticks)- 2008

Philippe Abrams is the director of a post office in the South of France. He's married to Julie, whose depressed state makes life impossible. To make her happy, Philippe plots to get transferred to the French Riviera. But of course, his plans backfire...

A must see comedy, starring Danny Boon and Kad Merad.

KANOPY

Aznavour: Breaking America

Documentary following French "pop deity" Charles Aznavour as he moves his family from France to Los Angeles, while attempting to make his name known...

ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE GROSSE POINTE

ANNUAL PICNIC AND ELECTIONS

Thursday, June 8th, 2023 @ 5:30 pm



Lake Front Park- City of Grosse Pointe Woods
23000 Jefferson Ave., St Clair Shores, MI 48080

PICNIC OPEN TO AFGP MEMBERS ONLY



We are delighted to bring back our traditional and convivial Picnic Potluck!
Please make sure to bring a dish to share with friends, and your choice of drink.
FRESHLY GRILLED HAMBURGERS AND HOTDOGS WILL BE PROVIDED

MEETING AND BOARD ELECTIONS @ 5:30 PM
PICNIC POTLUCK @ 6:00 PM

The park will **ONLY** allow non-residents of Grosse Pointe Woods listed on the RSVP log we provide. Therefore, your reply is essential.
GPW residents are welcome with their park pass.
Find us at Pavilion 1, by the marina on the far side of the canal.

Your R.S.V.P. **MUST** be received by June 2nd, 2023

Choose one convenient reply mode:

ONLINE, ON OUR WEBSITE:

<https://afdegrossepointe.org/event/annual-afgp-picnic-and-board-elections/>

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