



La Trompette

Août 2024

MOT DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

Chers membres de AF Grosse Pointe,

We hope your summer has been filled with sunshine, travel, good health, and time with family and friends! August is upon us and the AFGP is gearing up for the 2024-2025 season. After a convivial annual picnic and board elections in June, we are ready to fill our calendar with our usual gatherings and group events as well as new and exciting opportunities. Our summer was not idle, since our Groupe de Conversation and the Cercle de Lecture continue to meet year-round.

Membership renewal time is here, as our upcoming season runs from September 1st, 2024 to August 31st, 2025. Our traditional Season Opener celebration is September 15th, at a private residence in Grosse Pointe Park. Make sure to renew your membership before you reserve your tickets for the Season Opener!

A bientôt, j'espère.

Amal Elhosni

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2024-2025

The end of the year picnic in June was very well attended and members enjoyed food, drinks, music, and good company. The annual board elections saw three new members elected for this year, and we are excited to have them join the board and look forward to hearing their ideas. A great thank you goes to our outgoing board member, Jane McKeever, who has volunteered countless hours and helped in many capacities. We will miss her no nonsense approach and her dedication.

Below is the list of our board members, in alphabetical order:

Jennifer Ahlbrand
Julie Brewster
Amal Elhosni- President
Jane Frahm
Thomas Jones II

Wylene Jones- Secretary
Dr. Ann McReynolds- Vice President
Dr. Rudolph Menchl- Treasurer
Mary Ann Quinn
Christiane Stein

Check out the Picnic album on our website for pictures:

<https://afdegrossepointe.org/photo-galleries/>

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The upcoming 2024-2025 season starts September 1st, 2024. Please remember to renew your membership in August. AF Grosse Pointe members are privy to exclusive events and outings and special ticket pricing. Your membership allows us to continue offering free or reduced fee programs and helps us continue our educational mission. This past season, members were invited to a private art showing lead by a senior curator at the DIA and attended a free art lecture at the Woods Library. The end of the year picnic and Season opener are always below cost, thanks to your membership participation. The annual Distribution des Prix, our award ceremony for high school students is a wonderful occasion to recognize area students who excel in their French studies. Parents and teachers join in at the GP War Memorial to celebrate their achievements, thanks to our educational fund.

Renewing your membership is an easy and secure online process:

<https://afdegrossepointe.org/membership/>

If you would rather renew your membership by regular mail, please find a membership form attached to this issue of La Trompette.

ÉVÈNEMENTS À VENIR



AFGP GROUPE DE CONVERSATION

Tuesday, August 13th @ 6:00 PM

1138 Devonshire, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230

We will meet in Mary MacNee's garden in Grosse Pointe Park for friendly conversation "en français". Bring your own beverage as well as an appetizer or dessert to share.

An RSVP is required in order to attend. Thank you.

To RSVP, please follow the link to our website:

<https://afdegrossepointe.org/event/afgp-french-conversation-group-2/>

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:

Dates suivantes:

Le 7 septembre: **La tresse**, de Laëtitia Colombani

Le 19 octobre: **Vivre vite**, de Brigitte Giraud (Selection 2024 de la Fédération AF-USA)

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

alliancefrancaisegrossepointe@gmail.com

CINE CLUB

Saturday, September 14, 2024

1:45 PM

**Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods Branch
20680 Mack Ave.
GP Woods, MI 48236**



**L'histoire d'Adèle H (The Story of Adele H)
(1976)**

Directed by François Truffaut

Adèle Hugo (Isabelle Adjani), daughter of renowned French writer Victor Hugo, falls in love with British soldier Albert Pinson (Bruce Robinson) while living in exile off the coast of England. Unfortunately for Adèle, the felt passion is only one sided.

FRENCH CLASSES

The Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe is revamping its French education program for the coming season, in order to be more aligned with the standards set by the Federation of Alliance Française-USA.

Stay tuned for exciting details and registration coming soon. We thank you for your patience and encourage you to check back soon.

CLASSES LOCATION:

Assumption Cultural Center
21800 Marter Road
St. Clair Shores, Michigan 48080

SEASON OPENER RECEPTION

Please find the invitation and ticket purchase information below. Don't forget to renew your membership first, in order to take advantage of the special members only discount.

NOS NOUVELLES

Cercle de Lecture Summer Trip

The book club summer trip has taken us to Stratford, Canada in the last few years where we enjoyed plays, shows, dinners, and great bonding while staying together in rented house for a few days. This summer, we decided to shift our road trip and traveled to Louisville, Kentucky, where a long-standing member has decided to retire a few months ago. We spent a lovely mini vacation in the city as tourists, saw wonderful scenery, visited small shops, tasted local food like Kentucky hot brown and shrimp and grits while sipping on Bourbon sour! And yes, we did not forget to discuss our latest book (en français) by Zooming with club members who could not make the trip.

If you're interested in reading French novels and discussing them in French with our cercle, don't hesitate to contact us. We would love to include you!

ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE GROSSE POINTE

Membership Application 2024-2025

(Postal Mail Form)

Name(s) (as you would like it /them to appear in the AFGP Membership Directory):

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Other _____

First and Last name(s): _____

Membership Status: New Member(s) Renewal Life Member(s)

Mailing address: Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Preferred Phone Number _____

Email _____

INTERESTS

What activities would interest you the most with the Alliance Française?

Cultural Events French Conversation Entertainment
 Lectures in English French Film Cooking
 Lectures in French Group Outings Other _____

Would you like to help or to serve on any of the following committees?

Education Newsletter Writing and Publication
 Publicity Specific Events (Bastille Day, Beaujolais Nouveau, Fête de Noël...)

For any additional comments or suggestions, please use back of this form.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES (Membership period: September 1st, 2024 - August 31st, 2025).

Please check one:

Individual \$50.00/year Family \$75.00/year Patron \$150.00/year
 AFGP Student \$35.00/year College Student \$35.00/year High School Student \$25/year

Please note that our monthly newsletter, La Trompette, is mailed electronically to all members and is available on our website afdegrossepointe.org

It is mailed only to members with no access to internet. Thank you for helping us cut costs and save trees!

PAYMENT:

Checks are payable to ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE GROSSE POINTE

Completed Application/Renewal Form and check should be mailed to:

Thomas Jones II, Membership Chair

679 Westchester Rd. Grosse Pointe Park, Mi 48230



Invites you to join us our

SEASON OPENER RECEPTION



Sunday, September 15th, 6:00-9:00 pm

At the lovely residence of

Dr. Ann McReynolds and Dr. Rudolph Menchl

751 Berkshire Rd

Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230

Let us welcome the 2024-2025 season together with a sheer!

Join us for refreshments, good food, and great company.

Invite a friend, and we look forward to seeing you!

Purchase your tickets online on our AFGP website www.afdegrossepointe.org

Or mail the stub below with your check **by September 10th, 2024**

Check payable to Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe

Mail to: AF Grosse Pointe, 751 Berkshire Rd., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230

Don't forget to renew your AFGP membership and take advantage of special event pricing!

Name(s): _____

Number of 2023-2024 members attending: _____ X \$25 each = _____

Number of non-members attending: _____ X \$35 each = _____

TOTAL = _____