MOT DE LA PRÉSIDENTE
Chers membres de AFGP,
It was such a nice occasion to see many at the annual picnic and then again at the Bastille Day Celebration! Despite of the summer hiatus, our board of directors has been busy planning the next season and thoughtfully updating many aspects of our chapter. Please read below about some of the changes and events you can expect from your alliance in the Fall to come and beyond. I look forward to a fantastic season and hope to see you all on September 13th at the Champagne Season Opener. A bientôt, j’espère!
Amal Elhosni

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
August is renewal month at AFGP. Last year, the board of directors decided to waive membership fees for the 2021-2022 season and all members benefited from an automatic renewal. Our members’ loyalty is important to us, and we are looking forward to the having you join us at the many events we are planning for 2022-2023.
Your new or renewed membership is valid September 1st, 2022- August 31st, 2023. The yearly fee helps our chapter defray some the cost of free events, but more importantly, it supports our mission to promote the French language and culture with the yearly Distribution de Prix ceremony and scholarship program for our local high school students.
As a thank you to all renewing and new members, the AFGP has secured access to two French films, not available on any other platform. When we receive your renewal confirmation, you will be emailed details and links allowing you to watch the films in the comfort of your own home. Make an evening of it and invite your friends for a viewing party!

Register Now

A NEW LOOK FOR THE AFGP WEBSITE
Have you checked our website lately? We have a brand new look and it is beautiful! It is also user friendly with a lot of useful information and details. One big change as well is that we now have registration and payments available online! Renew your membership, register for a class, sign up for different events and use your credit card to pay. It is a simple streamlined process, and there is no need to create any account or password. Go to our website and let us know what you think!

Visit Our Website
LEARN FRENCH WITH AFGP
Our alliance chapter is offering again three sessions of 10 weeks each for the 2022-2023 season. Registrations are open for the Fall season. Make sure to register before our first class on September 7th. Since education is at the core of our mission, we have decided to keep the registration cost at the same affordable rate as last year. Please head to our website for more details and to register online. While there, check out the information on our French professors, Dr. Dib Saab who has been a favorite in our group for many years, and Madame Pamela Foster who is joining us to teach the two upper level classes.

Register Now

AFGP STRATEGIC PLAN
For the upcoming membership year, your AFGP board has convened a new committee to develop a strategic plan for our chapter of Alliance Francaise. While the specific goals of the Strategic Planning Committee are forthcoming, our general purpose is to evaluate improvements for the chapter for current and new members while staying true to our mission to promote the French language and francophone cultures and to foster exchanges between French speakers and our local community. Importantly, we want to understand how AFGP might better serve you, our members. To that end, we will be holding listening sessions in the months ahead and will distribute an electronic survey. Please look for the details for these activities in next month’s issue of La Trompette. You are always welcome to share any ideas by emailing alliancefrancaisegrossepointe@gmail.com with the subject line “Strategic Planning”. We look forward to hearing from you!
Thank you to our newest board member, Mr. Thomas Jones II, who has offered his expertise and is spearheading the strategic plan initiative!

AFGP FRENCH CONVERSATION MEETUP GROUP
Our chapter is reviving our conversation group with an updated twist! We have joined MeetUp, a virtual platform that allows us to communicate with you directly regarding our future dates and places.
Our first upcoming meetup will be Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 pm
Join us at Antonio's in the Park
15117 Kercheval Ave
Grosse Pointe Park, MI

Make sure to join our Meetup group online and respond if you are attending. [https://www.meetup.com/grosse-pointe-french-language-meetup-group/](https://www.meetup.com/grosse-pointe-french-language-meetup-group/)

Thank you to Dr. Ann McReynolds, our group organizer extraordinaire!

**AFGP CINÉ-CLUB**
We continue our film tradition in the new season. Join us for a Saturday afternoon where we watch a French movie and discuss it together, including interesting background information and some fun facts surrounding the film. Ciné Club is free to all AFGP members and you are welcome to bring a friend

**Fall Dates:**
- September 24, 2022 at 1:30 pm
- October 15, 2022 at 1:30 pm
- November 12, 2022 at 1:30 pm

Check out our website often for updates and titles.

**Location:**
At the newly renovated
Grosse Pointe Public Library-Woods Branch
20680 Mack Ave. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

**FREE EXCLUSIVE FRENCH FILMS WITH MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**
(see membership news for terms)

**Sous le Ciel d’Alice / Skies of Lebanon (2021)**
Available until September 20, 2022.

**Director:** Chloé Mazlo  
**Writers:** Chloé Mazlo, Yacine Badday  
**Starring:** Alba Rohrwacher, Wajdi Mouawad, Isabelle Zighondi

**Drama- 1h 32m**
**Description:** Celebrated animator Chloé Mazlo makes her feature debut with this strikingly original film inspired by her family’s life in the years leading into the Lebanese Civil War. We begin in the 1950s with Alice, a young Swiss woman eager to escape her strait-laced home in the Alps by becoming a nanny in Beirut. She soon falls in love with Joseph, a local astrophysicist dreaming of putting the first Lebanese national on the moon. As the lovers marry and start a family, Mazlo combines meticulously designed live action sequences with the occasional offbeat stop motion scene to create an irresistible picture of the glory days when Beirut was known as “the Paris of the Middle East.” Unfortunately, the civil war soon sucks the joy out of Alice and Joseph’s relationship. Yet Mazlo seeks neither to elicit pity nor to edify: her considerable achievement here is to convey the quotidian strain of life during wartime while maintaining a nearly bubbly tone through her attention to detail, distinctive compositions, inventive approach to character, and obvious fondness for eccentrics. Far from denying the horror of kidnappings, army raids, and forced exile, Mazlo underlines the tragedy by contrasting these hardships with the exuberance of a place and society that exudes love of life.

Trailer:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v7GvHwRzjz0&t=6s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v7GvHwRzjz0&t=6s)

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**Rouge / Red Soil (2020).**

Available October 1st - December 31st

**Director:** Farid Bentoumi  
**Starring:** Zita Hanrot, Sami Bouajila, Céline Sallette

**Description:** Nour, a young nurse, has just been hired at her dad’s chemical factory. Taking care of the infirmary, she uncovers long hidden secrets and arrangements between the syndicates, politicians, and the industry leaders. Lies about polluting waste, employees being sick, work accidents…Now the young woman will have to choose between her father or become a whistleblower.

Trailer:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRHrh-p6FBe](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRHrh-p6FBe)