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## NOTE DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

Chers members de AF Grosse pointe,

I hope you enjoyed the holiday season with your loved ones! It has been a busy month for me, with family celebration and upcoming wedding preparations for our son. But our Alliance chapter is never far from my thoughts, and I know the same goes for our board of directors. We were treated to a wonderful Fête de Noël with great attendance! The festive environment and decorations, the yummy raclette and accompaniments, and the wine and singing shared between members, all made for a memorable evening. Check the pictures posted in the photo gallery on our website when you have a minute and see if you can spot yourself or your friends. While there, take the time to check out all the latest news and upcoming events. The AFGP website is constantly being updated for your convenience.

As we enter 2023, I want to thank all members who volunteer their time and resources so that our chapter keep thriving and growing.

I would also like to wish you all a healthy and joyous year, full of wonder and discovery. Never stop learning, never stop growing, for it is the antidote to aging.

Our season continues with new class sessions and different cultural programs and opportunities. So, we hope you join us on our growing journey!

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## FRENCH CLASSES WITH AF DE GROSSE POINTE

Our winter session starts January 12, and we are offering three different classes and levels. For more information and to register online, check out our website link:

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

Please be advised that you can also register manually by filling the form (available to print online) and mailing it with a check to Elizabeth White, our education chair. The mailing address is on the registration form.

## AFGP FRENCH MEETUP

January 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 pm

Village Grille- GP City

The December MeetUp was a roaring success, with seventeen people joining in! It is very exciting to see how many members and future members thrive on practicing their French and meeting fellow Francophiles. Please, make sure to sign up on the special MeetUp link and RSVP for January 11<sup>th</sup>, so we know how many are attending.

For more information and to register:

<https://afdegrossepointe.org/event/afgp-french-conversation-meetup-group-3/>

## CINE CLUB

**January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 pm (Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods Branch)**

**Fragile (2021) – Comédie**

**Directed by Emma Benestan**

Az works for an oyster farmer in Sète, in the Southwest of France. He knows oysters by heart, he opens them by the hundreds. In one of them, Az decides to hide a ring, to ask his girlfriend Jess to marry him. Things don't go as planned...

Fragile is a One Film, One Federation 2023 Selection

**February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 pm (Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods Branch)**

**Rouge/ Red Soil (2020)**

**Directed by Farid Bentoumi**

Freshly hired as a labor nurse in a chemical factory, Nour discovers that small arrangements exist between management and her father, Slimane, the staff representative, and the company's pivot. Lies about polluting discharges, hidden illnesses of employees, hidden accidents... Nour, little by little, no longer accepts the compromises of her father to preserve the image of the company. She decides to launch the alert.

Rouge is a One Film, One Federation 2022 Selection

## DIMANCHE AU DIA- SUNDAYS AT THE DIA

**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm**

You are invited to meet up with other AFGP members in the Kresge Court inside the DIA at 1:00 pm. Enjoy a libation and/or some food (purchase your own) and a friendly gathering. We will then head to the Film Theater and view a **French film, starting at 2:00 pm.**

You are strongly encouraged to purchase movie tickets online early, in order to guarantee a seat.

**Saint Omer**

**France/2022—directed by Alice Diop | 122 minutes**

Rama (Kayije Kagame), a successful Parisian journalist, has come to the small French town of Saint Omer to attend the trial of a young Senegalese woman charged with killing her baby daughter. Although she admits to the act, Laurence (Guslagie Malanda) cannot or will not describe her motivation, claiming it was out of her control and adding, "I don't know. I hope this trial can help me understand."

The complex mysteries at the heart of this absorbing, wholly original take on both the courtroom drama and the African immigrant experience unfold like a Russian nesting doll. Is the accused a liar, a victim, a sorceress, or all of the above?

For more information and to purchase tickets:

<https://dia.org/events/saint-omer>

## 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:

14 janvier: **Les années**, d'Annie Ernaux

18 février: **Premier sang**, d'Amélie Nothomb

(Prix Renaudot 2021; One Book, One Federation 2023 Selection)

15 avril: **L'anomalie**, de Hervé Le Tellier (One Book, One Federation Bonus 2023 Selection)

20 mai **Les Belles Sœurs**, de Michel Tremblay

**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 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/>