



La Trompette

Mars 2023

NOTE DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

Chers members de AF Grosse Pointe,

February was a busy month, and we enjoyed seeing our members brave the cold weather and participate in our different events. The French MeetUp was well attended, with new faces and people happy to converse in French, the Ciné-Club afternoon was very well received and we had a long and meaningful discussion afterwards. Thank you to all who came to both.

The Feather Bowling Night was a great success. Over twenty members enjoyed dinner and conversation then tried their luck at feather bowling. We found out that we had a few hidden talents in our group! Head to the Photo Gallery section of our website and enjoy some of the pictures from our evening. A special thank you goes to Marc Tirikian for helping us learn the ropes. Marc is a member of the Men's League at Cadieux Café with several championship awards, and a friend of AFGP.

March is Francophonie Month around the world. Francophone and Francophile enthusiasts organize different programs and hold discussions pertaining to the French language and its role today, with the understanding that Francophone doesn't just mean France, but it also encompasses a multitude of countries and cultures where the French language has a strong presence.

Join us this month for several face-to-face opportunities, as well as virtual events through the AF Fédération USA and celebrate Francophonie Month here and at large.

A bientôt, j'espère.

Amal Elhosni

<https://afdegrossepointe.org/>

FRENCH CLASSES WITH AF DE GROSSE POINTE

SPRING SESSION (Registration Open)

March 30- June 1, 2023

Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter Road, St Clair Shores MI 48080

LEVELS:

1. **BEGINNER FRENCH**
Thursday, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. with Dr. Dib Saab
2. **INTERMEDIATE FRENCH**
Thursday, 5:30-7:00 p.m. with Dr. Dib Saab
3. **ADVANCED FRENCH**
Thursday, 6:00-7:30 p.m. with Mme Makhoul

We are very happy to announce that we have a new teacher for our Advanced French Class. Mrs. Makhoul comes highly qualified with many years of teaching experience.

Mrs. Makhoul was born in Lebanon and grew up in a Francophone environment. She received her Masters in Arts in French Language and Literature from the reputable French university, USEK (Lebanon) and subsequently obtained a Masters in Education Sciences from the Lebanese University. Mrs. Makhoul has twenty years of experience in teaching different levels of French, including college and adult education. She is an expert in developing and implementing curricula for students of all ages and backgrounds.

Mrs. Makhoul prides herself in being a self-motivated and dedicated French Teacher, with a passion for promoting cultural literacy.

As a founder of an NGO, she enjoys helping others and serving the community, and is looking forward to being part of the Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs. Makhoul to our chapter and have her join our longtime friend and professor, Dr. Saab. Please make sure to register early!

ÉVÈNEMENTS À VENIR



CINE CLUB

Saturday, March 11th

1:30 pm

Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods Branch

SUZIE'S PICK

Our long-time AFGP member and retired French teacher extraordinaire, Suzie Martin will present a special film and lead the discussion after viewing. Suzie has chosen a surprise film for us and we can't wait to find out what she has in store for us!

AFGP FRENCH MEETUP

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

6:00- 8:00 pm (note the change in day and time)

Antonio's in the Park, 15117 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Park MI 48230

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

We are meeting again at Antonio's in the Park. We have been guaranteed a quiet, private area to enjoy a meal and converse in French.

Please, make sure to sign up on the special MeetUp link and RSVP.

<https://www.meetup.com/grosse-pointe-french-language-meetup-group/events/291939153/>

FISH FRY WITH FRIENDS

Friday, March 17

5:30-8:00 pm

Assumption Cultural Center , 21800 Marter Road, St Clair Shores MI 48080

Join us for an All You Can Eat Seafood Buffet and enjoy dinner and conversation with friends. Marchiori Catering has been serving up delicious Friday buffets during Lent season for many years and we know a good thing when we see it!

No need to make reservations, just drop in anytime and look for the AFGP table (You are in charge of our own meal).

For buffet information and pricing:

<https://www.marchioricatering.net/general-8>

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:

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 AFGP 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. Since we still have a few weeks of cold winter ahead of us, so here are our recommendations for March.

Netflix: TV Series

MARSEILLE (2 seasons)

French drama series, starring Gérard Depardieu.

A betrayal ignites a bitter war between a master politician and his hungry protégé in this sweeping tale of corruption, seduction, and revenge.

Amazon Prime:

EIFFEL (2022) (dubbed)

After completing the Statue of Liberty, celebrated engineer Gustave Eiffel is on top of the world. Now the government is pressuring him to design something spectacular for the 1889 Paris World Fair.

Kanopy

FRANCE (2021)

Léa Seydoux brilliantly holds the center of Bruno Dumont's unexpected, unsettling new film, which starts out as a satire of the contemporary news media before steadily spiraling out...

LE SAVIEZ-VOUS?

LA FÊTE DE LA VIOLETTE

March marks the season of flowers, but in the village of Tourrettes-sur-Loup of Provence, the violet takes center stage. Every year since 1952, the Violet Festival takes place during the first weekend in March. Over the years, the festival has become a veritable institution, attracting tourists and violet enthusiasts from all four corners of the world. The flower is showcased in bouquets, decorated bicycles and carriages, different foods and confections.

For more information and pictures of the violets of Tourrettes-sur-Loup and the festival, check out the Côte d'Azur, France website:

<https://cotedazurfrance.fr/en/to-do/flowers-and-perfumes/the-emblematic-violets-of-tourrettes/>