



La Trompette

August 2023

MOT DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

Chers membres de AF Grosse Pointe,

It is with excitement and renewed enthusiasm that we look forward to the 2023-2024 season! As you know, the AFGP season runs August 31st, 2023 to September 1st, 2024, and our new board of directors is starting to fill the calendars.

We celebrated the end of the year with our annual picnic and general elections. The picnic was very well attended and everyone enjoyed the yummy barbecue and big spread. Please find the names of our 2023-2024 officers below. I would like to thank everyone who attended and a special merci to those who have volunteered to be on the board again. AFGP would not be the same without you.

Pictures of the picnic can be found on our website:

<https://afdegrossepointe.org/annual-meeting-picnic-2023/>

The Fête de la Bastille was a great success, with about 90 people attending! The venue was beautifully decorated by our volunteers and the food and music did not disappoint. Members and friends of AFGP and AF Detroit, the former French Consul Jean Mallebay-Vacqueur, and several consuls from other countries were in attendance.

Check out the Bastille photo gallery on our website:

<https://afdegrossepointe.org/la-fete-de-la-bastille-2023/>

We kick off the 2023-2024 season with our membership drive, starting August 1st. We have decided to keep the membership fees at their same low annual rate and hope that you renew your membership before the end of August. Your active participation is vital for the future of our chapter, and we would love to see you all at the different events and occasions in the works for this year!

Au plaisir de vous revoir très bientôt,

Amal Elhosni

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<https://afdegrossepointe.org/>

AFGP BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2023-2024

- President: Amal Elhosni
- Vice-President: Ann McReynolds
- Secretary: Wylene Jones
- Treasurer: Christiane Stein
- Jane Frahm
- Thomas Jones II
- Jane McKeever
- Mary Anne Quinn

ÉVÈNEMENTS À VENIR



AFGP ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

August 2023

Join or renew your membership with the Alliance Française, and become part of a year-long celebration of French and Francophone culture!

Membership with AF de Grosse Pointe comes with many benefits:

- free access to Culturethèque, an e-library of French resources
- invitation to members' free events and programs
- discounted member's pricing to AF Grosse Pointe ticketed events
- receive special free access to a variety of French Federation of Alliances USA virtual events
- join French Federation monthly conversation groups
- camaraderie and friendship with other Francophiles in the area.

Our AFGP chapter works hard to create monthly French social and cultural activities for members to enjoy.

Once again, we are making membership renewal an easy and seamless process online. You can safely fill in the information and pay on our secure platform. Head to our website today!

<https://afdegrossepointe.org/afgp-annual-membership-renewal/>

If you would rather mail in your membership renewal/application with a check, please find the form at the end of La Trompette.

SEASON OPENER RECEPTION

September 24th, 2023

6:00- 9:00 pm

Location:

679 Westchester Rd.

Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230

Let us welcome the 2023-2024 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 (preferred method) on our AFGP website

<https://afdegrossepointe.org/season-opener-reception/#champagne>

If you would rather mail your RSVP with a check, please print and fill out the invitation at the end of La Trompette then mail them back by September 15th, 2023.

Don't forget to renew your membership in August in order to take advantage of the members' reduced price.

FRENCH CLASSES WITH AFGP

FALL SESSION

September 11 to November 16, 2023

Location:

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

Tuition:

\$130 for each class session of ten weeks

We are thrilled to bring back the Advanced French Conversation class, and look forward to having Mme Makhoul and Dr. Saab lead our students again. Both advanced classes will meet the same night but will have a different focus. Students can register for both classes for maximum benefit.

BEGINNER FRENCH:

With Dr. Saab

Mondays, 6:15- 7:45 pm

INTERMEDIATE FRENCH:

With Dr. Saab

Wednesdays, 6:15- 7:45 pm

ADVANCED FRENCH:

With Mme Makhoul

Thursdays, 5:30- 7:00 pm

ADVANCED FRENCH CONVERSATION:

With Mme Makhoul

Thursdays, 7:00- 8:30 pm



For more detailed description of our classes and registration, head to our website. You will also find a small biography about each professor.

<https://afdegrossepointe.org/>

Questions about our classes? Contact us at AFGPeducation@gmail.com

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 19 août: Le mystère Henri Pick, de David Foenkinos

Le 22-24 août: Séjour à Stratford, Canada (complet)

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

Pour plus d'informations concernant le Cercle de Lecture, prière de nous contacter sur alliancefrancaisegrossepointe@gmail.com



AFGP FRENCH CONVERSATION MEETUP

September- Look out for a date coming soon!

Rejoignez notre groupe de conversation qui se rencontre mensuellement pour faire connaissance, discuter, et prendre un pot ensemble. Nos rencontres sont conviviales et vous êtes encouragé à parler français quel que soit votre niveau.

Last month, our group met at Windmill Pointe Park and enjoyed a wonderful evening outdoors by the lake.



AF FEDERATION -USA ACTIVITIES 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 add AF Grosse Pointe where required during registration.

Enjoy virtual meeting and lunch with Chef Jacques Pépin, this September 14th, 2023.

Make sure to register early in order to get the Zoom link.

<https://afusa.org/featured-events/>

SPOTTED ONLINE

Here are our recommendations for this month.

NETFLIX

Vortex (2023)- 6 episodes

Tomer Sisley stars alongside Camille Claris in this murder mystery-meets-love triangle sci-fi thriller series.

(Great practice for comprehension when you choose French as audio language and subtitles!)

AMAZON PRIME

Heavy Duty (2019)

Starring Gerard Depardieu, Christian Clavier, Farida Rahouadj

A man wearing a coat meets one dressed in rags. All of this would be trivial if it weren't for the fact that one of them possesses the script of their lives and deaths.

KANOPY (*free online sign-up available through your public library*)

Le Mystère Henri Pick (2019)

Starring Fabrice Luchini, Alice Isaaz, Camille Cottin

An editor discovers a novel that she considers to be a masterpiece, in a library whose particularity is to collect manuscripts refused by publishers. The text is signed Henri Pick, a Breton pizza maker who died two years earlier.

LE SAVIEZ-VOUS?

Assumption Day, August 15th in France has been considered a national holiday for almost four hundred years.

Despite a dramatic decline of church attendance, on the day Catholic people celebrate the Assumption of the Virgin Mary (ascension to Heaven), administrations, businesses, and shops are generally closed.

The tradition started in 1638, when King Louis XIII made a vow to consecrate himself, the royal family and France to Mary and chose Our Lady of the Assumption as their patroness. He instituted the date August 15th as a national day of processions in honor of Mary throughout the kingdom.

The first procession occurred at Notre dame de Paris on August 15th, 1638. Louis XIII vowed to reconstruct the high altar of Notre dame.

For more information and pictures of celebrations throughout France:

<https://frenchmoments.eu/assumption-day-in-france/>

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Invites you to join us our

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Or mail the stub below with your check by **September 15th, 2023**

Check payable to Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe

Mail to: AF Grosse Pointe, 23009 Maxine, St Clair Shores MI 48080

Don't forget to renew your AFGP membership to 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 = _____



Membership Application 2023-2024

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, 2023- August 31st, 2024)

Please check one:

___ Individual \$50.00/year ___ Family \$75.00/year ___ Patron \$150.00/year
___ AFGP Student \$35.00/year ___ College Student \$25.00/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 <https://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:

Jane Frahm, Membership Chair

1350 North Oxford Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236