



La Trompette

Novembre 2024

LETTRE DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

Chers membres de AF Grosse Pointe,

I had the pleasure of attending the 2024 Convention of the Federation of Alliances Françaises-USA in Seattle at the end of October. It was a great occasion to connect with other Alliance chapters across the nation, as well as Canada and France. The federation counts 106 chapters in the US with varying sizes and numbers. We all learned from each other through interactive discussions and shared experiences. We also attended different sessions and presentations of important topics on how to improve or implement new programs. The sense of camaraderie at the federation convention is unmatched and truly demonstrates who we are, bound by a sense of volunteerism and love of the French language and the Francophone cultures around the world.

I will also have the honor to serve on the Federation's Board of Directors for the next three years and look forward to sharing with you all new ideas and projects we will be tackling.

N'oubliez pas de faire vos réservations et célébrons ensemble le Nouveau Beaujolais, le 21 novembre!

À bientôt, j'espère!
Amal Elhosni

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AT A GLANCE: Upcoming AFGP Events

Nov. 9	1:45 pm	Ciné Club "Les Algues Vertes" at the GP Woods Public Library
Nov. 12	6: pm	French Conversation Meetup at Village Gril
Nov. 19	10: am	"Cercle de Lecture" French book club
Nov. 21	6:30 pm	Beaujolais Nouveau Celebration at Assumption Cultural Center

Dec. 10	6:30	Fête de Noël at Tomkins Center in Grosse Pointe Park
Dec. 14	1:45 pm	Ciné Club "Àma Gloria" at the GP Woods Public Library
Dec. 16	10: am	"Cercle de Lecture" French book club
Dec. 17	6: pm	French Conversation Meetup at Village Grill

ÉVÈNEMENTS À VENIR / UPCOMING EVENTS

THE BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU CELEBRATION

Thursday, Nov. 21, 6:30 PM
Assumption Cultural Center
St. Clair Shores, MI



Beaujolais Nouveau Day is marked in France on the third Thursday in November with fireworks, music and festivals. Under French law, the wine is released at 12:01 a.m., just weeks after the wine's grapes have been harvested. Parties are held throughout the country and further afield to celebrate the first wine of the season.

Join us for our annual celebration of this festive, young wine with music and a wonderful selection of hors d'oeuvres.

A SPECIAL SURPRISE DESSERT AND MYSTERY DOOR PRIZES AWAIT YOU!

**MAKE SURE YOU HAVE RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024-2025,
AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SPECIAL MEMBERS' TICKET PRICING**

Cost: \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members
RSVP on our [website](#) or with the PDF at the end of this newsletter.

FÊTE DE NOËL

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6:30 PM
Tompkins Community Center
14920 Windmill Pointe Drive
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230



Join us for a traditional French raclette dinner of potatoes, cold cuts, side salads, and a delicious fondue of raclette cheese! Enjoy live Noël music, have some of the traditional Christmas cake, Bûche de Noël, and join us as we sing our favorite French carols. Just bring your own beverage and holiday cheer! Wine and beer are permitted.

Cost: \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members

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CINE CLUB

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

Attend one of our monthly French film screenings at the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Films are in French with English subtitles and are followed by a discussion in English. Ciné Club is a free event and open to the community at large.



Saturday, Nov. 9 1:45 pm

LES ALGUES VERTES

Drama/Thriller (2023) Directed by: Pierre Jolivet. The true story of a crusading journalist who comes to Brittany to investigate the mystery surrounding green algae that may be a cause for the recent deaths of locals on Breton beaches.

Saturday, Dec. 14 1:45 pm

À MA GLORIA

(2023) Directed by: Marie Amachoukeli. Enchanting and tender portrayal of the complex bonds between children and their nannies. A six yr.old and her beloved Cape Verdean nanny are given one last summer to say goodbye when her nanny must suddenly return home to care for her own children.

CERCLE DE LECTURE / BOOK CLUB

Notre groupe de lecture se réunit toujours mensuellement et discute d'une œuvre sélectionnée par nos membres. La prochaine réunion se tiendra le:

mardi 19 novembre: *Vivre vite* de Brigitte Giraud

lundi 16 décembre: *Ta deuxième vie commence quand tu comprends que tu n'en as qu'une* de Raphaëlle Giordano



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

AFGP FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP

No matter your level of French, you are welcome to attend our monthly French conversation group. This is free, and you don't have to be a member to attend. Join us for dinner or a drink and good conversation "en français". We are meeting at Village Grill in Grosse Pointe Park in our favorite private area. For information: [Meetup](#), or email afgpeducation@gmail.com. RSVP is necessary at [Meetup](#).

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, @ 6:00PM

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2024, @ 6:00PM

Village Grill

16930 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230

LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

DIA- European Paintings Council's Autumn Lecture

Nov. 20, 2024 5:30 pm

Fragonard's Landscapes: An Enlightenment Journey

Join the European Paintings Council for a public lecture on renowned 18th century French painter, Jean Honoré Fragonard, by Associate Director of Collections at the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles, Richard Rand.

<https://dia.org/events/european-paintings-councils-autumn-lecture?ref=/search>

DIA- Detroit Film Theatre

Nov. 23-24, 2024 (matinees)

Dahomey

(2024) Director Mati Diop. This documentary film blends facts and fiction to narrate the stories of 26 royal treasures taken from the African Kingdom of Dahomey to France in the 1800's as they make their way from Paris back to their homeland in Benin.

<https://dia.org/events/dahomey>

FRENCH CONVERSATION PRACTICE AT THE ROSEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Papotage & Cie is a program for French conversation practice with a French native speaker (and librarian!) that is available to any teenager or adult who speaks some French and wants an informal and safe place to practice with others. Members of AF de GP have been invited to attend this twice-monthly event. Ages 11+. For information, [click here](#). Next event:

Wed., Nov. 20, 2024 6 - 7:30 pm

Roseville Public Library

29777 Gratiot Ave., Roseville

CULTURETHÈQUE

What is Culturethèque? It's your very own French e-library! 24/7 access from your personal computer, tablet, or smartphone. Access your favourite French language magazines as they hit newsstands, view concerts and shows, listen to lectures, introduce children to cultural materials, read e-books, comics, and more. Culturethèque is a FREE service for all members of Alliance Française.

For information on registration, contact afgpeducation@gmail.com

AF FEDERATION-USA ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

The national AF organization is a wonderful source to supplement your exposure to different French experiences, both linguistic and cultural. The Federation organizes many virtual opportunities every year and makes them available to Alliance Française chapters at no cost to members. Your membership dues allow you to resister, free of charge, to any program that interests you. Please refer to the Upcoming Events section on the homepage of the AF Federation-USA website.

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

<https://www.afusa.org/cultural-events/online-events/>

