



La Trompette

Octobre 2024

MOT DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

Chers membres de AF Grosse Pointe,

The Season Opener Reception was a great success thanks to the dedication of many people. I want to thank everyone on the board of directors, especially Dr. Ann McReynolds and Dr. Rudy Menchl for opening their home and preparing a wonderful buffet for us, as well as Thomas Jones II for providing and helping set up the outdoor tent and tables. Enjoy the photo gallery on our website

<https://afdegrossepointe.org/2024-season-opener/>

If you have not renewed your membership for 2024-2025, please consider doing so at your earliest convenience and lock in special member ticket pricing, including the upcoming Beaujolais Nouveau celebration on November 21st. You can also look forward to events that will only be open to current members.

I will be heading to Seattle on October 23rd, to participate in the annual National Convention of the Federation of Alliances-USA. I'm looking forward to learning from other chapters from around the country and sharing with them our accomplishments, challenges, and future plans. I will report again in the November Trompette.

À bientôt, j'espère.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The 2024-2025 season is underway. Your membership allows us to continue offering free or reduced fee programs and helps us continue our mission to promote the French language and culture. AF Grosse Pointe members are privy to exclusive events and outings and special ticket pricing.

Renew your membership on line or by mail:

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

HALLOWEEN IN FRANCE

If you're in France in October, don't expect candy, pumpkins or trick-or-treating!

Despite having its roots in the Celtic cultures of Europe extending from Ireland to **northern France**, Halloween isn't traditionally celebrated in France and was only introduced to the country in the 1990s. Many French people consider it to be too "American" and commercialized. However, it is being gradually accepted, especially among the young adults and in the larger cities, and if they wear costumes, expect them to be scary rather than cute or funny! But the day after Halloween, November 1st, is a widely celebrated national holiday in France. This is **La Toussaint**, or All Saints' Day, when families gather to remember and honor the deceased. Schools, banks, and most businesses are closed, and flowers, typically chrysanthemums, are placed on the graves of loved ones.

NEW! FRENCH CLASSES WITH ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE

After months of negotiation, we are pleased to announce that Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe has partnered with our sister chapter, Alliance Française de Détroit and the French Institute of Michigan, to offer French classes starting in Fall 2024. This partnership allows us to offer a wider range of class levels that will better suit each student's abilities and adhere to the CEFR framework of European language levels.

Classes are offered at Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores and in Bingham Farms. Members of AF de Grosse Pointe and AF de Détroit have access to classes at either location. Registration and payment is managed by AF de Détroit. **As a member of AF de Grosse Pointe, be sure to take advantage of the \$30 discount, bypassing membership in AF of Detroit, when registering by using the promo code available to you when you renew your membership.**

This session we are offering two beginning French classes at the Grosse Pointe location at the Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores taught by Nagham El Hage. One class is for absolute beginners and the other is for beginners with a basic knowledge of beginning French. At present, all higher level courses are being offered only at the Bingham Farms location, but we anticipate adding more intermediate and advanced classes at Assumption Cultural Center in January 2025.

2024 Fall Session at the Grosse Pointe location (Assumption Cultural Center, SCS)

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| Oct. 24-Dec. 19 | French A1.101.0 (absolute beginners) | Thursdays 7-8:15 pm (8 wks) |
| Oct. 3 - Dec. 19 | French A1.102.1 (beginners) | Thursdays 5:30-7 pm (10 wks) |

The session for beginners has already started, but if you are an “absolute beginner”, or if you don't remember anything you learned in your high school French classes, then consider registering for French A1.101.0, which **starts October 24**.

To register: <https://afdegrossepointe.org/classes/>. Questions? Contact: afgpeducation@gmail.com.

For more information on all the classes available to you as a member of Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe, from beginners through intermediate and advanced, including thematic courses and conversation classes, go to <https://www.afdetroit.org/french-classes/french-classes-levels/#/>

FRENCH CULTURAL EVENT IN DETROIT

A number of members of Alliance Française of GP took advantage of a cultural event in Detroit on October 10 that was organized by AFGP and posted in the September issue of the Trompette. Dr. Laurent Salomé, Director of the National Museum of **Versaille Palace** and Trianon, gave the 2024 Mopper Memorial Lecture at the **DIA** on the complexities and importance of the Palace, both as a historic monument and as a museum of French art.

The group then enjoyed a wonderful meal together afterwards at **Baobab Fare** on Woodward Avenue, a wonderful East African restaurant founded by refugees from Burundi.

Stay tuned for more cultural events in the coming months!

ÉVÈNEMENTS À VENIR / UPCOMING EVENTS

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.com](https://www.meetup.com), or email afgpeducation@gmail.com. Please RSVP at [Meetup](https://www.meetup.com).

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024, 6:PM

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, 6:PM

Village Grill

16930 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe

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. These events are free to the public and you don't need to be a member of AFGP to attend.

Saturday, Oct. 12, 1:45 PM DIVERTIMENTO

Musical/Drama (2022) - Directed by Marie-Castille Mention-Schaar
Zahia Ziouani (Oulaya Amamra) dreams of becoming a conductor, while her twin sister Fettouma (Lima El Arabi) hopes to be a professional cellist. They want to make classical music accessible to everyone and create their own orchestra. Based on a true story.

Saturday, Nov. 9, 1:45 PM LES ALGUES VERTES (GREEN TIDE)

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 the cause for the recent deaths of locals on Breton beaches.

Saturday, Dec. 14, 1:45 PM

Film to be decided.

CERCLE DE LECTURE / BOOK CLUB

Notre groupe de lecture se réunit toujours mensuellement et discute d'une œuvre sélectionnée par nos membres.



19 octobre: **Vivre Vite** de Brigitte Giraud

16 novembre: **Ta deuxième vie commence quand tu comprends que tu n'en as qu'une**

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

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.

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

RSVP on our [website](#).

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