



La Trompette

Décembre 2024

MOT DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

Chers membres de AF Grosse Pointe,

What a wonderful evening we spent together at the Beaujolais Nouveau celebration! We had over fifty people in attendance, with several new members and guests. The door prizes were a big hit and several people left with a souvenir gift. Thank you to the generous business donors for providing us with different products and certificates, et grand merci to the board members who worked hard to make the event a success!

The Pouding Chômeur dessert was also a big hit and several members have asked for the recipe. I have to give credit to Chef Audrey and her valuable website Pardon Your French. I have used several recipes and they have always turned out delicious. Here is the link to her Pouding Chômeur that we enjoyed at the Beaujolais Nouveau night:

<https://www.pardonyourfrench.com/pouding-chomeur-quebecois-maple-pudding/>

Let us know if you try it!

You can also view the photo gallery from that night at

<https://afdegrossepointe.org/beaujolais-nouveau-novembre-2024/>

We are looking forward to celebrating with you at the Fête de Noël, December 10th, and enjoy raclette, bûche de Noël, and French caroling!

The board of directors and I would like to wish all of you a joyful holiday season as you celebrate the coming of a new year with your loved ones. You are the reason we volunteer our time and resources, and you continue to inspire us to look for new ideas and projects where we can promote the love of the French language and Francophone cultures.

Joyeuses Fêtes et Bonne Année 2025 à tous et à toutes!

Amal Elhosni

Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe

<https://afdegrossepointe.org/>

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AT A GLANCE: Upcoming AFGP Events

Dec. 10, 6:30 pm - Fête de Noël at Tompkins Center in Grosse Pointe Park

Dec. 14, 1:45 pm - Ciné Club "Àma Gloria" at the GP Public Library

Dec. 16 10:00 am - Cercle de Lecture book club

Dec. 17, 6:00 pm - French Conversation Meetup at Village Grill

Jan. 14, 6:00 pm - French Conversation Meetup at Village Grill

Jan. 18, 10:00 am - Cercle de Lecture book club

Jan. 18, 1:30 pm - Ciné Club "Notre-Dame Brûle" at the GP Public Library

Jan. 26, 2:00 pm- Fête des Rois

Feb. 23, 3:00 pm - Bizet's *Carmen* at Orchestra Hall

ÉVÈNEMENTS À VENIR

FÊTE DES ROIS

Who will be king? Who will be queen?

Sunday, January 26, at 2:00 pm

Grosse Pointe Historical Society
375 Kercheval Ave.
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236



Join us for a fun afternoon and enjoy a family oriented French film, followed by a special dessert. Galette des Rois will be served to all, and kings and queens will be declared according to the tradition.

Epiphanie, or Fête des Rois, is a holiday traditionally celebrated on January 6th to commemorate the visit of the Three Kings to the newborn Jesus, bearing with them precious gifts. Today, this occasion is commemorated throughout the month of January, up to Mardi Gras day. A galette des Rois dessert is shared with all present, and whoever finds a special token, la fève, in their piece is declared king or queen.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN AND FREE TO ALL AFGP MEMBERS. FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ALSO WELCOME.

REGISTRATION FOR ATTENDING IS MANDATORY IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE YOUR SPOT. CHILDREN UNDER 14 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. SPACE IS LIMITED, SO BOOK EARLY! RSVP BY JANUARY 21ST.

AFGP FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP

Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 6 pm

Tuesday, January 14, 2024, 6 pm

Village Grille

16930 Kercheval Ave.

Grosse Pointe, MI 48230

We are meeting again at the Village Grille in our favorite private area. Join us for dinner, drinks, and good conversation “en français”! This event is free of charge and is open to anyone, AFGP members and nonmembers alike, with a desire to speak French.

For more information and to RSVP, follow this link: [French Meetup](#)

Nos niveaux de langue française varient largement, donc n'hésitez pas à nous rejoindre, du moment que vous essayez de garder la conversation en français.

CINE CLUB

Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods Branch

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.



Saturday, December 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 year 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.

Saturday, January 18, 1:30 pm

NOTRE-DAME BRÛLE

(2022) Thriller/Drama directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud
An exploration of the impact of the 2019 fire at the medieval cathedral on a diverse group of Parisians, as inspired by true accounts from French firefighters. Nail-biting, thrilling, and dangerous. An homage to the amazing opening in December 2024 following the five-year miraculous reconstruction of this world famous, iconic and historic cathedral.

CERCLE DE LECTURE

Notre groupe de lecture se réunit toujours mensuellement et discute d'une œuvre sélectionnée par nos membres. Les prochaines réunions se tiendront le:

14 décembre: *Ta Deuxième Vie Commence Quand Tu Comprends que Tu N'en as qu'Une* - de Raphaëlle Giordano

18 janvier: *Tartuffe* de Molière



Pour plus d'informations concernant le Cercle de Lecture, prière de nous contacter

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SAVE THE DATE!

February 23

Carmen at Orchestra Hall - This beloved opera by French composer Georges Bizet is coming to Detroit. Jader Bignanmini leads an all-star cast with the DSO in a performance celebrating the opera's 150th anniversary. Mezzo-soprano J'Nai Bridges has "the allure, fiery stage presence, and a stunning voice at its prime" (Chicago Tribune) required for the title role. We hope you can join us in attending this fabulous event together!

Alliance Française de GP has reserved 20 tickets at \$20.00/each. More details to follow!

Un Grand Merci to our Door Prize Donors!

Our **Fête du Beaujolais Nouveau** on November 21, held the third Thursday of the month in keeping with French tradition, was a festive celebration of the new wine. We are especially grateful to the generous business donors of the door prizes this year. Un grand merci!

DONOR

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PRIZE

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Lucite Napkin Tray
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Merci !

For pictures of all winners with their prizes, check out the event album on our website:
<https://afdegrossepointe.org/beaujolais-nouveau-november-2024/>

FRENCH CLASSES - WINTER SESSION

Registration is open for the Winter session. Take advantage of the **early-bird discount** and register before December 31. The session runs for 10 weeks, from January 14 - April 3. Classes available at Assumption this session:

French A1

A1.101.2 Thursday 7 - 8:15 pm (**beginners**, but not absolute beginners)

A1.102.1 Thursday 5:30 - 7 pm (**beginners** who have completed the first class)

French A2

A2.201.1 Tuesday 7 - 8:30 pm (**novice**)

French B1

B1.301.1 Tuesday 5:30 - 7 pm (**intermediate**)

Location: Assumption Cultural Center
21800 Marter Rd., St. Clair Shores

Instructor: Mme. Nagham Makhoul

If you aren't sure about which course is right for you, please take the placement test which is available online. For more details and to register go to our website: afdegrossepointe.org.

FRENCH CULTURAL EVENTS AROUND TOWN

TARTUFFE by MOLIÈRE

Hilberry Gateway Theatre

4715 Cass Ave., Detroit

January 31 - February 9

This 1664 comedic play satirizing religious hypocrisy became one of Molière's masterpieces, celebrated by its wit and sharp critique of social norms.

Consider reading *Tartuffe* in French with our Cercle de Lecture in January before attending the play!

For more information, [click here](#) or go to theatreanddance.wayne.edu.

BÛCHE DE NOËL WORKSHOP / HALCYON PATISSERIE

Michigan Central

2001 15th St., Detroit

December 21, 12-3 pm

This festive cake commemorating the Winter Solstice and Christmas time has made its way onto many tables since 1870. In this class, participants will learn how to make an elevated Bûche de Noël, or Yule Log cake to take home and present for the holiday season. Bring yourself and be ready for a fun time!

Camrey Smith, the woman behind Halcyon Patisserie, is a Pastry Chef and Cake Artist specializing in seasonal pastries and Palette Knife-style bespoke cakes. She infuses French techniques learned in culinary school with beloved flavors inspired from all over the world.

For information, [click here](#) or go to halcyonpatisserie.com.

CHRISTMAS AT THE STRAIT

NOËL FRANÇAIS AU DÉTROIT

Ste. Anne de Détroit

1000 Ste. Anne St., Detroit

December 28, 2024, 1-6 pm

Music by French Canadian group Trois Bouffons, dancing, refreshments, Noël sing-a-long, French Detroit trivia, tour of the Basilica of Ste. Anne, followed by a **French language mass at 5 pm.**

This event is sponsored by Rendez-vous Detroit. For tickets or information, [click here](#) or go to www.rendezvousdetroit.org.

FÉDÉRATION DES ALLIANCES FRANÇAISES-USA EVENTS

The Federation organizes several virtual cultural events every month for all Alliance Members in the US. Events are free of charge, but you do have to register ahead of time in order to get a Zoom link.

Crossing the Cultural Divide - The Toughest Part of Moving to France with Adrian Leeds

December 12, 11 am PT / 2 pm ET

REGISTER

Take just one hour to get the inside scoop from a long-time resident of France, Adrian Leeds, to learn how to successfully cross the cultural divide between life in North America and life in France. The French...they may look like you, but they don't think or behave like you! If you can't bridge the gap, you'll have a much tougher time acclimating to life in this beautiful country.

French Cinémathèque: *Illusions perdues*

December 16, 4 pm PT / 7 pm ET

REGISTER

The Federation of AF USA's One Film One Federation program presents French Cinémathèque in collaboration with Telescope Film. Watch the film at home via streaming, then join us as Peter Debruge, Chief Film Critic for Variety, hosts a discussion about *Illusions perdues* / *Lost Illusions* (2021)

- *Serious Eats* has just published this [article](#) on the best things to eat in Paris, and where to find them – *les bonnes adresses*.
- Une journaliste pour le quotidien français Les Echos est en quête de jeunes salariés expatriés français (- 40 ans) aux Etats-Unis, et qui travaillent pour une grande entreprise américaine. Cliquez [ici](#) pour plus d'informations.
- France Today is offering [membership at \\$18, or 30% off, for AF members](#). In addition, check out their [2025 France Today Calendar](#).