



La Trompette

novembre 2025

Mot du Président:

Chers membres de AF de Grosse Pointe,

As autumn deepens and the holidays draw near, I am delighted to share the many exciting happenings within our vibrant community. November brings an abundance of opportunities to engage, from lively conversation groups and cultural soirées to unique events that celebrate French art, cinema, and gastronomy. Whether you are polishing your French or simply seeking good company and good cheer, there is something for everyone in the weeks ahead.

Last month, several members of our Michigan AF community proudly represented us at the annual convention for the National Federation des Alliances Françaises USA in Miami, Florida. The gathering brought together chapters from across the U.S. and beyond for a weekend of learning, inspiration, and connection. I was especially proud to see our very own Vice President Scott Forster and Immediate Past President Amal Elhosni, who serves on the national federation board, representing Grosse Pointe. Our heartfelt thanks as well to the president and staff of AF Detroit, with whom we continue to share wonderful collaboration (you can see our Michigan contingent in the photo below!). Next year's convention will take place in Chicago, and we're already looking forward to it!

Thank you, as always, for your enthusiasm and support. Our *petite communauté francophone* thrives because of your participation, curiosity, and love of French culture. I look forward to seeing you soon at one of our upcoming gatherings.

Thomas Jones II



UPCOMING LOCAL AFGP EVENTS

15 novembre	10 am	Cercle de Lecture
15 novembre	1:30 pm	Ciné Club
20 novembre	6:30 pm	Beaujolais Nouveau
6 décembre	1:30 pm	Ciné Club
11 décembre	6:30 pm	Fête de Noël (details to come later!)
16 décembre	6 pm	French Conversation Group

For more AFGP events, go to afdegrossepointe.org

BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU

Just two more days to get your tickets for our annual celebration of the Beaujolais Nouveau! RSVP and find more information at <https://afdegrossepointe.org/event/beaujolais-nouveau-celebration-2/>

LET'S WELCOME THE BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU

November 20, 2025 - 6:30-9:30
Assumption Cultural Center – Hellenic Room

**JOIN MEMBERS & FRIENDS FOR A FUN EVENING, DELICIOUS FOOD,
NEW WINE, FRENCH MUSIC, AND EXCITING DOOR PRIZES**



**MAKE SURE YOU HAVE RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2025-2026,
\$50 PER PERSON FOR MEMBERS AND \$60 PER PERSON FOR NON-MEMBERS**

AFGP FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP

Have you ever attended one of our French Conversation Meetups? Every month we welcome new guests from throughout metro Detroit with levels of fluency from intermediate to native francophone. This is a free event and you don't have to be a member to attend. We meet at Village Grill in Grosse Pointe. For information and to RSVP, go to [Meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com/france-detroit/).

mardi 16 décembre, 6 pm



CINÉ CLUB

Come experience our Ciné Club, where language, culture, and storytelling come together on the big screen. Whether you're fluent in French or just love international film, you'll feel right at home. So bring a friend and join us at the Grosse Pointe Public Library – Woods Branch!

samedi 15 novembre, 1:30 pm:

LE PANACHE

A heartfelt, warm and edifying dramatic comedy adapted from the play "Being Cyrano" that tells the story of Colin, a 14 y/o boy who takes refuge in an imaginary world to escape the violence of his father. He has just started at a new school, and panics about how he will cope since he stutters. His encounter with Monsieur Devarseau, a charismatic French teacher, pushes him to confront his fears and break out of his isolation.



samedi 6 décembre, 1:30 pm:

APPRENDRE

A documentary that unveils the profound impact of teachers' devotion to their students. Witness their daily triumphs and struggles as they inspire young minds with unwavering dedication. With care, tenacity and effort, children are trained to become not only responsible citizens but also human beings.



CERCLE DE LECTURE

Notre Cercle Littéraire vous invite à nous rejoindre pour une lecture. Nous lisons une grande variété de livres en français et en discutons en français. Nous nous réunissons chez nos membres une fois par mois, par roulement. Si vous souhaitez nous rejoindre pour une discussion, un essai ou si vous avez besoin d'aide pour vous procurer un de nos livres, veuillez nous contacter à l'adresse alliancefrancaisegrossepointe@gmail.com

samedi 15 novembre, 10 am:

La Nature Humaine de Serge Joncour suit la vie d'Alexandre et de sa famille dans une ferme rurale du sud de la France, retraçant leurs luttes et leurs espoirs des années 1970 aux années 2000. Le roman mêle changements personnels, politiques et écologiques, révélant le lien fragile entre l'homme et la nature.



2025 PRE-WINTER FRENCH LANGUAGE CLASSES

The Alliance Française de Détroit and the French Institute of Michigan are once again offering classes in our community. As members of the Alliance Française of Grosse Pointe, you are entitled to a discount on these classes. If you register before November 16, you can receive early bird pricing. For registration and more, please visit afdetroit.org or email afd@afdetroit.org.

EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: "A FRENCH CHRISTMAS"

Christ Church Grosse Pointe
61 Grosse Pointe Blvd Grosse Pointe, MI 48236
Sunday, December 14, 2025, **4 pm**
Pre-concert lecture at 3 pm
Given by the Christ Church Chorale and Orchestra

Celebrate the joy of the Christmas season in this festive afternoon of traditional favorites and choral masterpieces. This year's concert features selections from the French choral tradition including Marc-Antoine Charpentier's *Messe de minuit pour Noël* and other holiday favorites. Then, the audience is invited to join in to sing some of our favorite Christmas carols and the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's *Messiah*.

Tickets: \$25 at <https://cbo.io/app/public/bidapp/frenchchristmas/tickets/tix>

More information can be found at <https://christchurchgp.org/concerts-and-special-events>

"Uncanny Spectacle:" John Singer Sargent in Paris 1874-1884

Stephanie L. Herdrich, Curator of American Painting and Drawing at The Met

Detroit Institute of Arts
5200 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48202
Wednesday, November 19, **6:00 pm**



This lecture highlights the astonishing early career of John Singer Sargent, from his arrival in Paris in 1874 as a precocious 18-year-old art student through the mid-1880s, when his infamous portrait *Madame X* was a scandalous success at the Paris Salon. Through skill and social acumen, he quickly situated himself at the center of artistic society and his boldly ambitious paintings earned him critical acclaim and awards. Sargent would carry the lessons and friendships of this formative period across his extraordinary career.

No reservation is required. The lecture is free and open to the public.

More information can be found at <https://dia.org/events/uncanny-spectacle-john-singer-sargent-paris-1874-1884>

LA FÉDÉRATION DES ALLIANCES FRANÇAISES USA



The Federation of AF USA is planning to publish a cookbook of favorite French and Francophone recipes from around the Alliance Française network in the US.

- **Do I need to submit a personal photo with my recipe?** No, a personal photo is not required. You may use a photo from the internet if needed.
- **Should I credit the source of my recipe?** Yes, please credit the original source if your recipe comes from a cookbook, the internet, or another chef. The recipe does not have to be original, and family recipes from newspapers or magazines are also welcome.
- **Can I submit a recipe from a famous chef?** Absolutely! Just mention the source, for example: “My favorite Julia Child Madeleines.”
- **Is there a required difficulty level for recipes?** No, there is no requirement regarding difficulty. However, keeping the recipe to one page is preferred.
- **Is there a limit to how many recipes I can submit?** No limit — submit as many recipes as you’d like!
- **Do recipes need to be original?** Originality is not required. Recipes inspired by other francophone cultures are encouraged and welcomed.

If you are interested, please consider submitting soon, as the Federation is hoping to publish the cookbook for the 2025 holiday season. You can submit a recipe and find more information at

<https://www.afusa.org/blog/federation-of-af-usa-livre-de-cuisine/>

ANNUAL ONLINE AUCTION

*Our French-Themed Online Auction is Back!
Bidding will be open from
December 1 to December 12, 2025.*

Find more information about this annual online auction and place your bids at

<https://cbo.io/app/public/bidapp/afusa2025>

There are many more events available to you as a member of AFGP through the Federation of Alliances Françaises USA. Go to [afusa.org](https://www.afusa.org) to learn more.