



La Trompette

mai 2026

Mot du Président:

Chers membres de AF de Grosse Pointe,

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend, and I would like to extend a belated and very warm Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in our Alliance.

We have recently launched our membership survey, and we sincerely encourage all members, whether long-standing or newly joined, to participate. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us understand what we are doing well and where we can continue to improve your experience within our organization and programs.

Looking ahead, we are also preparing for our annual picnic in June. This is always a highlight of the year, offering a relaxed and welcoming opportunity to gather, connect, and enjoy each other's company. This is also when we elect our new board members. We welcome any that are interested to join our collegial board – it is a fantastic way to get more involved as well as meet and form deeper connections with your fellow members.

I am also excited to share that we will once again have our Bastille Day celebration in July. This festive event is one of our most anticipated traditions, and we look forward to celebrating French culture, history, and friendship together with the Alliance Française de Détroit at Bayview Yacht Club.

As always, thank you for your continued support and involvement in the life of the Alliance. We are grateful for your participation and look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events.

Cordialement,
Thomas Jones II

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

We are committed to offering the best possible experience for our members, and your feedback is essential. Whether you have been with us for years or have just joined, we would love to hear your thoughts on what you enjoy and how we can improve.

Please take a few minutes to complete our brief survey using the link below. Your responses will help guide our future programming and will be shared at our Annual Meeting and picnic on June 4, 2026.

[2026 AFGP Membership Survey - CLICK HERE](#)

Thank you for helping us make Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe even stronger!

ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC

Our annual meeting and picnic will once again be held at Lake Front Park. At this annual meeting, we will review the results of our membership survey, vote on new board members, and share a beautiful evening together. If you or anyone you know might be interested in joining the board, please email us at alliancefrancaisegrossepointe@gmail.com – we hope to see you soon!

Thursday, June 4, 6:00 pm
Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park
23000 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores

**Menu: Hamburgers, hotdogs, sausages, salads, side dishes
and desserts will be provided**

Cost: Free of charge to all AFGP members & their families

**What to bring: Just your own choice of beverage
(beer and wine are permitted)**

NEW THIS YEAR: FRANCE TRIVIA!

RSVP at the link below:

[CLICK HERE](#)

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).

mercredi 13 mai, 6 pm



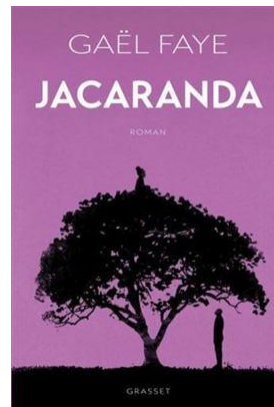
CERCLE DE LECTURE

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 16 mai, 10:00 am:
Jacaranda – 2026 One Book One
Federation Choice

Dans ce roman, un narrateur explore mémoire, exil et identité à travers histoires familiales et paysages africains, révélant blessures intimes et espoir de réconciliation durable.

<https://www.afusa.org/cultural-events/one-book-one-federation-2026/>



samedi 20 juin, 10:00 am:
Bille en tête

Un adolescent rêveur et déterminé affronte les obstacles de la vie avec audace et humour, poursuivant ses passions, découvrant l'amour et forgeant son identité personnelle.



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!

Please note: Cine Club takes a summer break and will return in September 2026. No films in June, July, or August.

BASTILLE DAY



La Fête de la Bastille: Bastille Day Celebration
Sunday, July 12th from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information and to get your tickets, please follow the link below:
[Bastille Day Sunday July 12th - CLICK HERE](#)

The Alliance Française de Détroit/French Institute of Michigan and the Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe will again host the traditional Bastille Day celebration this year in partnership.

Join us and enjoy good company in celebration of Bastille Day 2025 at Bayview Yacht Club, which is a chic and relaxed waterfront spot on Lake St. Clair. Guests will enjoy **Live French music, cocktails and a dinner buffet.**

BONNE FÊTE DÉTROIT 325



Rendez-vous Détroit is planning a celebration for Détroit's 325th birthday, July 24–25, 2026. Commemorating the city's founding on July 24, 1701 by Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, the weekend will take place at the historic Fort Pontchartrain Hotel, on the original fort site. Highlights include:

- Friday tribute at the Cadillac Convoy Plaque in Hart Plaza.
- Friday evening cocktail reception at Fort Pontchartrain Hotel
- Friday night French-Canadian dinner with speaker, music, and dance.
- Saturday morning conference with Jim Verney and Claire-Marie Brisson, Ph.D.
- Saturday afternoon French History Cruise or Detroit Historical Museum tour.
- Saturday evening traditional French Canadian music and dance.

Register and more at: <https://www.rendezvousdetroit.org/>



The Real Cost of Living in France—What It Actually Costs (and Why It May Surprise You)

Saturday, May 16, 2:00 PM

Registration and more information available at:

<https://www.afusa.org/event-rsvp/the-real-cost-of-living-in-france-what-it-actually-costs-and-why-it-may-surprise-you/>

Is it really cheaper to live in France?

The answer is... yes—and no.

After more than 30 years of living, working, and helping clients relocate to France, Adrian Leeds can tell you this with certainty:

The cost of living in France is not just different—it's structured differently.

And unless you understand how it works, you can easily misjudge what your life here will truly cost.

In This Webinar, We'll Break It All Down

Join Adrian, along with our partners at AFUSA, for a candid and practical look at what it *really* costs to live well in France—based on real experience, not theory.



The Paris Effect: Its Power to Inspire and Seduce

Friday, May 21, 4:00 PM

Registration and more information available at:

<https://www.afusa.org/event-rsvp/the-paris-effect-its-power-to-inspire-and-seduce-2026/>

What is it about Paris—and French culture—that so powerfully moves and inspires people around the world?

In this engaging talk, journalist and longtime Paris resident Elaine Sciolino explores the answer in one compelling word: seduction. She reflects on the emotional pull of France and invites us to consider how a simple street, the source of a river, or the hush of a museum can awaken curiosity, imagination, and connection. What makes Paris more than a destination? Why does French culture continue to captivate across generations and borders?

Elaine Sciolino, best-selling author of six books, including *La Seduction*, *The Only Street in Paris*, *The Seine* and most recently *Adventures in the Louvre*, is a contributing writer and former Paris bureau chief for The New York Times, based in Paris. In 2010 she was decorated chevalier of the Legion of Honor, the highest honor of the French state, for her “special contribution” to the friendship between France and the United States.