

The mission of Alliance Française – Lansing (AF-LANSING) is to promote, share and enjoy the culture, language and friendship of the French-speaking world.

Vision Statement: *Alliance Française-Lansing fulfills its mission of increasing French awareness and French learning opportunities for its members by partnering with and inspiring Francophone and Francophile organizations in the Greater Lansing area. AF-LANSING works collaboratively on behalf of its members to share expertise and ideas that promote a growing awareness, exchange and mutual understanding of French language and culture.*

**AF-LANSING** is a member of La Fédération des Alliances Françaises USA.

The Board of Directors is pleased to provide this summary of activities of 2017.

### 1. Alliance Française Activities

- The **soirées** (*potluck and program*) continue. A sincere **THANK YOU** goes to all of the members who hosted soirées in 2017: Yasmina Bouraoui, Greg and Elahé Crockett, Tom Deits, Randy Fotiu and Josie Wojtowicz, Jim and Darcy Greene, Don and Giovanna Lammers, Jason and Jill McMahon, Linda Potter, Mark and Ellen Sullivan, Anne Tonson, Kasra Zarbinian.
- **Happy Hour Conversation** was started by President Anne Tonson. The Intermediate/advanced group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, the debutant group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.
- **AF-Lansing** sponsored “Timbuktu”, a French film shown at Studio C!
- The **Club de Lecture** read and discussed several books in 2017 including *Lettres de Mon Moulin* by Alphonse Daudet; the One Book, One Federation selection *La Commissaire N’aime Point les Vers*; by Georges Flipo; *En Attendant Bo Jangles* by Olivier Bourdeaux, *L’Etranger* by Albert Camus and *Meursault, Contre-Enquête* by Kamel Daoud. The **book**

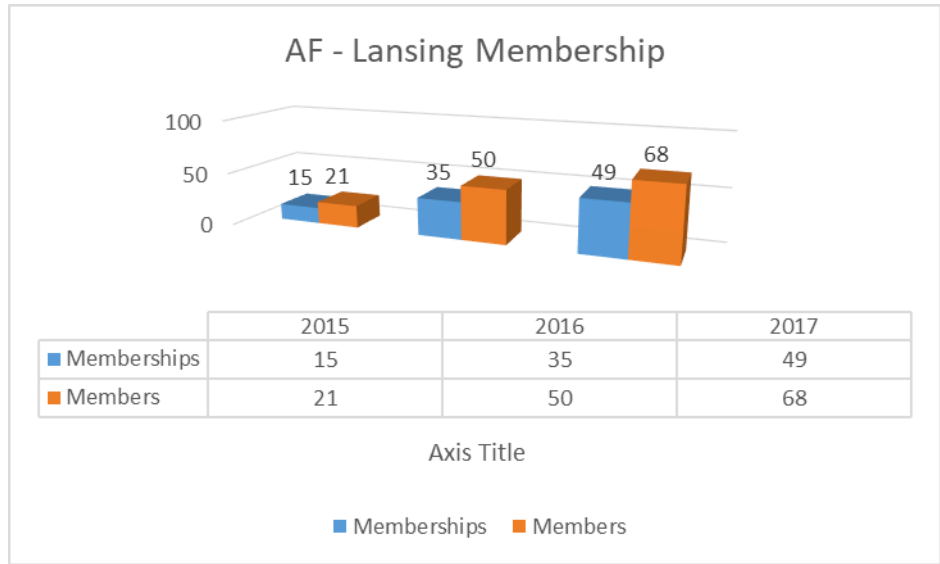
**lending library** travels to soirées where members can check out a French book or contribute another.

- Alliance Française – Lansing continues to receive *France-Amérique* magazine. It is available at soirées for members to peruse.
- The Board organized three wine tastings. One in March, a rosé wine tasting in August and a Beaujolais/Burgundy wine tasting was held in conjunction with the annual release of *Beaujolais Nouveau*.

### 2. Alliance Française Communications with members

- ✓ Facebook page for Alliance Française-Michigan Capital Area Chapter
- ✓ AF – Lansing chapter web page. Go to: [www.aflansing.org](http://www.aflansing.org).
- ✓ The chapter has initiated a bi-monthly newsletter for members.

### 3. Membership continued to grow in 2017. There are 49 memberships representing 68 individuals.



### ***We thank you for your service***

Exiting board members have served Alliance Française well.

Anne Tonson, President  
 Laurel Ponist, Vice President  
 Ed Ponist, Treasurer  
 Tom Deits, Member at Large

## ***Financial Report***

*As of December 1, 2017*

Beginning Balance	\$1786.30
MSUFCU	\$2370.61
AF PayPal	261.38
Ending Balance	\$2631.99
Gain	<b>\$845.69</b>

### **2017 Board of Directors**

Anne Tonson, President  
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