

Alliance Française – Lansing

November 2017 Newsletter

Parlez-vous français?

French Conversation opportunities

'Happy Hour' conversation groups continue **but the beginners group will not meet on Wednesday, November 22.** The advanced group meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month (December 6 and 20). The beginner group meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month – the 13th and the 27th.) The 'Happy Hour' conversation groups meet at 6:30 at LeRoy's Classic Bar and Grill at 1526 S. Cedar St., Lansing.

The 'Conversation Café' meets every Thursday at Schuler's Café at the bookstore in Meridian Mall from 3:00 to 4:30.

Another conversation option! Two MSU French professors conduct a conversation group at the East Lansing Public Library. The conversations are held every other week during MSU terms. There will be one more opportunity to speak French this term on December 4. Then, the group will meet on January 8 and 22, Feb. 5 and 26 (library is closed on the 19th)

Intro to French Conversation (East Lansing Prime Time) www.elprimetime.com

Starting Tuesday, January 9, 2018

In this practical and fun approach to learning a new language, learn how to start little conversations in French. Subjects include greetings, breakfast, clothing, the alphabet, counting, and the days of the week. No purchase of materials is required, but please bring lined paper and a pencil. Supports will be emailed to students after each lesson. Teacher Laurel Ponist has enjoyed working with French for 51 years and has taught it at all levels. Maximum 12 students. Enroll by Jan. 2.

Aux Petits Soins offers French language courses for children and adults. Find winter-term schedules at www.apsfrenchclass.com.

French books for Haiti

Ellen Kamischke

The New Life Primary School in Mizak, Haiti provides a quality education to students in grades K - 8 who might not have the opportunity to attend school otherwise. At this time we are hoping to develop a small library for both student and teacher use. All students in Haiti must learn French and books written in French are a real treasure.

I am hoping to collect books before my next trip to the school May 12 - 21, 2018. Anything written in French is good, but books suitable for children along with literature are especially appreciated. Books can be dropped off at the University United Methodist Church in East Lansing. Simply indicate that they are for Martha Meaders (my mom) and I'll be able to get them. You can learn more about the New Life School on our Facebook page and also on the website of Living Media International (livingmedia.org), our parent organization. Living Media is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. You may also contact me directly: ejkamisc@mtu.edu.

Calendar

Saturday, December 2: AF Soirée (Annual meeting, Holiday party.) Chez Fotiu/Wojtowicz, 18h30.

As part of the **Annual Meeting**, members will vote to fill four positions on the Board of Directors: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Member at Large.

Tuesday, December 5: Book Club meets to discuss Meursault, contre-enquête by Kamel Daoud. Chez Sullivan, 18h00.

Bonnes Vacances!