

Alliance Française – Lansing

February 2018 Newsletter

King and Queen for a Day

At the January soirée, the program was about “*La Galette des Rois*” – the Kings’ cake. It is a traditional celebration in France celebrating Epiphany and the visit of the three Kings. In French homes, the traditional practice is that a child goes under the table and calls out the names of people in the room. As each name is called, the person receives a piece of the cake. One piece has a charm (*fève*) inside. The person who receives this piece is crowned the king.

Judi Harris got the *fève* in her piece of the cake thereby winning the title of “Queen for a Day”. She chose soirée host (and galette chef) Tom Deits to be the King.



Voulez-vous parler français?

‘AF conversation entre amis will meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month (February 14th and 28th). Aspen Lake Estates

Clubhouse, 3879 Lone Pine Rd., Holt, MI 48842

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

There is a French conversation group led by two MSU French professors that meets at the East Lansing Public Library. The conversations are held every other Monday during MSU terms. The group will meet on Feb. 5 and 26 (library is closed on the 19th)

French books for Haiti

Mesi anpil! (Thank you very much)

I want to thank the members of this group for their generosity in donating books for the New Life Primary School in Mizak, Haiti. The first set of books was transported to the school by a mission team from the Traverse Bay United Methodist Church on January 31. I will take the remaining books with me when I travel there in May with a small team from Ferris State University. The copies of *Le Petit Prince* and the *Petit Nicolas* books are especially prized. If you have additional books that you wish to donate, they can be left at the University United Methodist Church.

One of the staff members from Living Media will be visiting Michigan from February 9 - 16. If you are interested in meeting Kesnel or learning more about the organization, just let me know and I'll try to make the arrangements. Thank you again for your gift of books to the people of Haiti. Ellen Kamischke (ejkamisc@mtu.edu)

Calendar

Monday, February 5: MSU French Conversation group at East Lansing Public Library **7:00 PM**

Thursday, February 8: *Conversation Café* at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall **3:00-4:30 PM**

Wednesday, February 14: *Conversation entre amis.* Aspen Lake Estates Clubhouse, 3879 Lone Pine Rd., Holt, MI 48842 **6:30 PM**

Thursday, February 15: *Conversation Café* at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall **3:00-4:30 PM**

Thursday, February 22: *Conversation Café* at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall **3:00-4:30 PM**

Saturday, February 24 6:30 PM. Alliance Française soirée chez Kelly/Sullivan. **Program:** Fallon Reagan, President, MSU French Club

Monday, February 26: MSU French Conversation group at East Lansing Public Library **7:00 PM**

Wednesday, February 28: *Conversation entre amis.* Aspen Lake Estates Clubhouse, 3879 Lone Pine Rd., Holt, MI 48842 **6:30 PM**