

# *Alliance Française – Lansing*



March 2018 Newsletter

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## **March 20 International Francophonie Day**

The International Organization of Francophonie (**OIF**) is made up of members (countries and representatives of governments) who share the French language and certain values in common; notably, cultural diversity, peace, democracy, human rights and protection of the environment.

Join us at the **Alliance Française soirée** on Saturday, **March 24** to celebrate la journée internationale de la Francophonie, friendship and our commitment to the goals of the **OIF**.

## **Alliance Française Connection with MSU French Club**

As a result of an invitation from AF-Lansing President Gaëlle Cassin-Ross and the interest of Alliance Française-Lansing in coordinating events with other French groups, Fallon Reagan, president of the MSU French Club and two other MSU French Club board members, Sarah McCabe and Garrett King, came to the Alliance Française soirée hosted by Brian and Nancy Kelly on February 24. The MSU French Club was the focus of the program at the soirée.

The club is interested in doing more activities off-campus. Since French gastronomy seems to be high on their interest list in the French culture, Gaëlle will explore the possibility of finding events/places where we could come together.

## **APS Carnaval**

Aux Petits Soins will host its 2nd Annual Carnaval Celebration this Sunday March 4 from 4-6 p.m. This event is designed for kids 2-12. However, if adults want to test traditional French beignets, they can stop by just to purchase some and connect with other members of the local French community. More details at:

<https://www.apsfrenchclass.com/event/carnaval-celebration-2018/>.

## **March French Films: “Visages Villages”, “Happy End”**

Susan Woods, Director of the East Lansing Film Festival, announced that there are two French films to see in the month of March as a result of the collaboration between ELFF and the Indie Film Series at Celebration Cinema’s Studio C! in Okemos.

“*Visages Villages*” (Faces, Places) is a collaboration between filmmaker Agnes Varda and photographer JR. IMDB rating: 8.0/10. “*Visages, Villages*” is nominated for a 2018 Oscar as best documentary feature.

“*Happy End*” is a drama about a family living in Calais with the European refugee crisis as the backdrop. Starring Isabelle Hupert. IMDB rating: 6.9/10.

Write to [susanw.woods@gmail.com](mailto:susanw.woods@gmail.com) or visit [elff.com](http://elff.com) to get the Indie Film Series schedule that differs each week.

## **Meet Our “Conversation Entre Amis” Facilitator**

Amy Sheppard became a member of Alliance Française about two years ago while she was working on a Bachelor’s degree in French. She says that: “I have loved the French language since I first heard it when I was 13. For me, being part of Alliance Française is a way to practice the language with people who share my passion for all things French.” During the daytime, she teaches Spanish, French and biology for Holt Schools. She and her family live in Holt.

## ***Voulez-vous Parler Français?***

***AF conversation entre amis*** meets every other week (*March 14 and 28<sup>th</sup>*). Aspen Lake Estates Clubhouse, 3879 Lone Pine Rd., Holt, MI 48842 at 6:30 PM.

***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 evening during MSU terms. The group will meet next on March 12 and March 26.*

# Calendar

**Sunday, March 4:** Aux Petits Soins **Carnaval**.

<https://www.apsfrenchclass.com/event/carnaval-celebration-2018/>.

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

**Monday, March 12:** MSU French Conversation group at East Lansing Public Library **7:00 PM**

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

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

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

**Saturday, March 24 6:30 PM.** **Alliance Française soirée** chez Williams. **Program:** *International Francophonie Day*

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

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

**Thursday, March 29:** *Conversation Café* at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall **3:00-4:30 PM**

**Coming soon: Watch for an announcement about our newly redesigned website! The new website will include an Alliance Française-Lansing calendar and a section for members only.**