

Alliance Française–Lansing



April 2018 Newsletter

What was your “Poisson d’avril” joke?

The “Poisson d’avril” joke is the French version and maybe the origin of America’s “April Fool’s Day” jokes. References to “Poisson d’avril” go back to the sixteenth century in France. School children in France try to attach a paper “fish” or other paper object to the back of a friend without the friend knowing it. When “poisson d’avril” falls on Easter Sunday as it did this year, there were jokes about the bells of Rome and their failure to deliver candy to children in France. (In France it is the bells of Rome that deliver Easter candy to children, not the Easter Bunny. – go figure!)

Let Board members know what you like about/want from Alliance Française-Lansing

President: Gaëlle Cassin-Ross
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Voulez-vous parler Français?

AF conversation entre amis meets every other week (April 11 and April 25). 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.

East Lansing Public Library French Conversation participants: (A note from Lucie Aussignargues)

Please mark your calendar with the following dates for our next meetings:

- April 9
- April 23
- May 7

“There is a change that is going to occur this summer (for the East Lansing Public Library

French Conversation group). Matt is leaving town to lead the MSU's French study abroad in Tours and I will move back to France in July. Therefore, we are going to need volunteers to take over the lead of the French club during the summer at least, if you wish to continue meeting. Matt will be back for the Fall semester and we hope that grad students from MSU will be interested to volunteer as well.

In the meantime, Steve is willing to help. Would anyone else be interested in leading the group, and be the intermediary between members and

the library?

We talked to the librarian, Annie, who is our contact. She said that this only requires to fill a volunteer form at the library. Honestly, this is not a lot of work, but a necessary step to keep the French club running.

Please let me/us know if you are willing to participate!" Lucie Aussignargues
lecoqau@msu.edu.

Calendar

Thursday, April 5: *Conversation Café* at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall **3:00-4:30 PM**

Sunday, April 8, Alliance Française-Lansing Board meeting. The meeting will be at 1:00 PM chez Kelly/Sullivan.

Monday, April 9: MSU French Conversation group at East Lansing Public Library **7:00 PM**

Wednesday, April 11: *Conversation entre amis.* Aspen Lake Estates Clubhouse, 3879 Lone Pine Rd., Holt, MI 48842 **6:30 PM**

Thursday, April 12: *Conversation Café* at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall **3:00-4:30 PM**

Thursday, April 19: *Conversation Café* at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall **3:00-4:30 PM**

Saturday, March 21st 6:30 PM. **Alliance Française soirée** chez Crockett.

Monday, April 23rd: MSU French Conversation group at East Lansing Public Library **7:00 PM**

Wednesday, April 25: *Conversation entre amis.* Aspen Lake Estates Clubhouse, 3879 Lone Pine Rd., Holt, MI 48842 **6:30 PM**

Thursday, April 26th: *Conversation Café* at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall **3:00-4:30 PM**