

# Alliance Française–Lansing



## June 2018 Newsletter

### Fête de la musique: 21 juin

The Alliance Française - Lansing always dedicates the June soirée to *La Fête de la Musique* (the music festival). We listen to French music on CD's or sometimes played by talented members of the group, sometimes we sing French songs. I have enjoyed our little tribute to *La Fête de la Musique* but had no idea of how big the celebration was in France or more accurately in Vaison.

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On the evening of the Solstice, musical groups started playing at around 6:00 PM. There were at least six venues where musicians were playing simultaneously. The groups came and went but the music continued well into the night. All of the cafés and bars had

added tables and chairs and they were all full. I have never seen so many people in town as were there for *La Fête de la Musique*. The central square was filled with people as were the other streets and gathering areas. It was harder to walk from one venue to another than it is to walk through the Tuesday market. Some of the music enticed people to dance - and they did! It was a fun-filled enjoyable evening and a wonderful way to celebrate the Solstice. *La Fête de la musique* is a joyful way to start summer. From *ChezSullivan.Blogspot.com, July 8, 2016.*



### French film at Celebration- Lansing

*“Let the sunshine in”* (Un beau soleil intérieur), starring Juliette Binoche is playing at Celebration Cinema in Lansing during June. Check their schedule for times.

## **Wanted:**

Alliance Française-Lansing members willing to serve on board committees. The board has created two committees: Social Media and Special Events. If you can help, please contact Gaëlle by phone (643-8059) or via the website.

The Board of Directors also invites members to identify programs or to become program presenters for AF-Lansing soirées.

Members have a breadth of knowledge and experiences of things French and the Board would like members to share their knowledge with other members at the soirées.

If you have an idea for a program and/or would like to make a 20 minute presentation at one of the soirées, please contact Josie Wojtowicz, Vice President of Alliance Française-Lansing or any of the other board members.

## ***French conversation opportunities***

***AF conversation entre amis*** meets every other Wednesday (June 6 and June 20) at 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:**

*(Please check with the librarian, Annie, to learn about the summer schedule for this group.)*

***Le Club de Lecture*** va discuter le livre Meursault: Contre-Enquête de Kamel Daoud. *Le Club de Lecture se réunira lundi, le 2 juillet à 18h00 chez Sullivan. Il faut RSVP à Mark (484-7417). Il vous enverra l'adresse et une liste de questions qu'il a créées pour la discussion.*

## **Calendar**

**Wednesday, June 6: *Conversation entre amis*. 6:30 PM.** Join us for conversation at **EnVie** for conversation, food and wine-tasting in downtown Lansing.

**Thursday, June 7: *Conversation Café*** at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall **3:00-4:30 PM**

**Thursday, June 14: *Conversation Café*** at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall **3:00-4:30 PM**

**Wednesday, June 20: *Conversation entre amis*. 6:30 PM.** Venue not yet determined.

**Thursday, June 21: *Conversation Café*** at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall **3:00-4:30 PM**

**Saturday, June 23 at 6:30 PM.**  
**Alliance Française soirée.** A monthly event for members and their guests.

**Thursday, June 28:** *Conversation Café*  
at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in  
Meridian Mall **3:00-4:30 PM**

**Monday, July 2:** **Club de Lecture** à  
18h00 chez Sullivan.