

Alliance Française–Lansing

 **August 2018 Newsletter**

Congratulations to the French Football Team for winning the World Cup



L'été en France

Summer in France is a time for local festivals, outdoor activities and performances and vacations. The average French worker has 30 days of vacation per year. The French use their vacation time to travel – both within

France and outside of the country. For instance, the population of Vaison la Romaine – a small village in Provence – doubles in July and August – from 7,000 to 14,000. Coastal cities experience an even larger increase of visitors.

Rosé

Summer in France is also the season for Rosé. This pink wine goes well with summer evenings and picnics. In most cases, it is lower in alcohol than its white or red cousins so it is easier to enjoy on hot days. France-Amérique had a nice article on rosé wines in the June 2018 magazine. The article indicated that “Sales of rosé wine shot up 53% in the United States last year.”

Last year, Alliance Française-Lansing held a rosé wine tasting event. Finding French rosés was a bit of a chore as few stores had more than two or three rosés. This year, stores are offering a lot more choices dedicating several shelves to their rosé selections.

Club de Lecture

The next book for the Club de Lecture is the “One Book One Federation” selection for 2018: La tête en friche by Marie Sabine Roger. (The book can be ordered through the Federation website: AFUSA.org for \$8.50. The AFUSA

website also offers a glossary and a set of discussion questions related to the book.) The Club de Lecture will meet at 6:30, Monday, August 6 chez Sullivan.

La Nuit Blanche à Toronto

Toronto Transformed by Artists
Saturday, September 29, 2018

Toronto’s free all-night contemporary art event invites adventurous residents and visitors to take to the streets from sunset to sunrise. Experience Toronto transformed by hundreds of Canadian and international artists. One night only, all night long.

(The Board first learned about *Nuit Blanche – Toronto* from former Board member Tom Deits who suggested that Alliance Française-Lansing might like to organize a trip to the all-night event. In order to organize group transportation, we need a count of those interested. Please respond to this email or go to the website and use the “contact” tab ASAP if you are interested.)

French conversation opportunities

AF conversation entre amis will meet August 8 and August 22 (every other Wednesday) at 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.)

Calendar

Thursday, August 2: *Conversation Café* at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall **3:00-4:30 PM**

Wednesday, August 8: *Conversation entre amis. 6:30 PM.* Join us for conversation at *Aspen Lake Estates Clubhouse, 3879 Lone Pine Rd., Holt, MI 48842.*

Thursday, August 9: *Conversation Café* at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall **3:00-4:30 PM**

Sunday, August 12: Alliance Française-Lansing board meeting. **2:00 PM** Chez Sullivan. If you would like to attend and need directions, call Mark at 517-484-7417.

Thursday, August 16: *Conversation Café* at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall **3:00-4:30 PM**

Saturday, August 18: Alliance Française-Lansing **soirée.** Chez Zabinian. **6:30-10:00 PM.**

Wednesday, August 22: *Conversation entre amis. 6:30 PM.* Join us for conversation at *Aspen Lake Estates Clubhouse, 3879 Lone Pine Rd., Holt, MI 48842.*

Thursday, August 23: *Conversation Café* at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall **3:00-4:30 PM**

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