



July 2019 Newsletter

Alliance Française-Lansing July Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 East Lansing Public Library French Club 7:00-8:00 PM	2 Conversation entre amis. Chez Sullivan 6:30	3	4 Conversation Café at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall 3:00- 4:30 PM	5	6
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The members speak (with a soft voice)

Just as the City Pulse published its "Top of the Town Winners 2019" in a recent edition of the newspaper, we can publish the results of our survey on member habits for buying things French. Unlike the newspaper, our results came from only a few of our members.

Ten of the members of Alliance Française-Lansing (only 20% of the members) completed the survey about consuming things French. (I had hoped for a larger response and I had hoped for some insights to locations about which I was unaware.)

French wine. Of the seven members who answered this question, *Vine and Brew* came out on top with three votes. *Horrocks* and *Russo's* each got two votes. Among the comments, respondents suggested *Kroger* and *Meijer* as other destinations for purchasing wine.

French cheese. *Whole Foods* was the top pick in this category getting four votes (57% of respondents). Runners up were: *Cheese Lady – Grand Rapids*, *Vine and Brew* and *Kroger – West* all received one vote. One member suggested *Cheese Lady – Traverse City*.

French bread. *Horrocks* won this category but with only two votes (eight did not respond to the question). Comments provided additional options: *Stone Circle Bakery*, *Foods for Living*, *Breadsmith*. One member suggested that one cannot find good French bread in the Lansing area (a sentiment with which I agree.)

French pastries. Every one of our members who answered this question (nine of ten respondents) chose *Chapelure*.

French-themed restaurant. *Envie* won this category with three of four votes. *For Crepes Sake* was second. Among the suggestions in the comments section, members listed *Ciao Amici* (isn't that Italian?) in Brighton and *the Bistro* in Williamston.

“Conversation entre amis” goes to the movies

At the last meeting of the Alliance Française-Lansing conversation group, members enjoyed having a theme for the conversation and enjoyed even more having the theme be tasting wine. There were lists of vocabulary to describe wines and Jim and Darcy brought wines for everyone to taste and describe.

The idea of a theme was so popular, members present asked if we could focus the next conversation on a topic and proposed French films and chocolate as possible themes. Someone suggested discussing the last film by Agnès Varda: *Visages Villages* and that idea received such approval, we decided to focus the discussion on the film. (The subsequent meeting of the conversation group will focus on chocolate.)

The conversation group will discuss the film on July 2 at 18h30 chez Sullivan. People who want to participate in the conversation but who have not seen the film should come early as we are showing the film at 17h00 the same evening (RSVP).

14 juillet: la fête nationale (Bastille Day)

Celebrate the day in Detroit with the Detroit chapter: <https://frenchinstitute.org/bastille-day-celebrations/>

Board holds quarterly meeting on June 9

Jean Mallebay-Vacquer, the French Honorary Consul of Michigan, joined the AF-Lansing board members on June 9 for the quarterly meeting. He introduced Nancy Kelly via telephone to Mo Omari, president of French Institute of Michigan, aka, the Detroit AF chapter. Both gentlemen are eager to provide expertise and networking opportunities to AF-Lansing as we work to improve our chapter.



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French language classes

Aux Petits Soins™ will offer 6-week summer French classes from July 8-August 18.

The summer session schedule:

Level A1 (beginner): Mondays at 7:30 PM and Thursdays at 12:30 PM;

Level A2 (intermediate beginner): Wednesdays at 7:30 PM;

Level B1/B2 (intermediate): Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 PM and Wednesdays at 12:30 PM.

You can enroll [online](#). That being said, summer can get busy. If enrolling in a group class is not convenient, consider taking private classes.

As always, Gaëlle is available to chat if you have any questions. You can reach her by phone at (517) 999-7277 or by email at gaelle@apsfrenchclass.com.