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Le Quatorze juillet: Fête Nationale Française

Gaëlle Cassin-Ross, Co-President, AF-Lansing

The French National Day, also known as Bastille Day, is celebrated on July 14 in commemoration of the storming of the Bastille in 1789. In France, this holiday is referred to as *la Fête Nationale* ("National Holiday"), *le 14 juillet* (The Fourteenth of July) or *la fête du 14 Juillet* (14th July Holiday). Parties, colorful fairs and fireworks displays take place throughout France in celebration of Bastille Day. In Paris, the largest and oldest military parade in Europe with more than 4,000 servicemen involved on the Champs-Élysées is attended by the French President and other key dignitaries. To learn more about Bastille Day, read <https://www.history.com/topics/france/bastille-day>.

Amid the coronavirus pandemic and gatherings still limited, this year's Bastille Day military parade will be replaced by a ceremony of appreciation on the Place de la Concorde square in central Paris. The ceremony, which will include the traditional fly-over by the French air force, will honor the military's participation in the fight against the coronavirus epidemic as well as frontline health care workers. To learn more about this year's Bastille Day, read <https://www.lefigaro.fr/flash-actu/fete-nationale-du-14-juillet-pas-de-defile-mais-une-ceremonie-20200604>.

Another important event is celebrated on July 14, the birthday of our beloved co-president Yasmina Bouraoui. Please, join us to wish **Yasmina** *un joyeux anniversaire*.

Calendrier

dimanche	lundi	mardi	mercredi	jeudi	vendredi	samedi
Juillet/July			1	2 Conversation Café via Zoom 15H00-16H20♥	3	4
5	6	7 Conversation entre amis via Zoom 15H00	8	9 Conversation Café via Zoom 15H00-16H20♥	10	11
12	13	14 La Fête Nationale Française	15	16 Conversation Café via Zoom 15H00-16H20♥	17	18 AF Virtual Soirée 6:30 PM Read the article for details
19	20	21 Conversation entre amis via Zoom 15H00	22	23 Conversation Café via Zoom 15H00-16H20♥	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

- Conversation Café is coordinated by Amie Kovitvongsa amiekovit@gmail.com

Alliance Française-Lansing Virtual Soirée and Movie Discussion

Darcy Greene, AF-Lansing Board member

At its June 24, 2020 meeting, in view of the complications created by the coronavirus, the Alliance Française-Lansing Board of Directors discussed ways to provide an alternative to member-hosted in-person soirées. The alternative the Board is proposing is a video-based gathering that will use Zoom technology.

The idea is that AF members will watch a predetermined film on their own in advance of the Zoom gathering. During the Zoom gathering a discussion of the film will serve as a replacement for the program that is usually presented at each of our soirées.

Members can join the Zoom session at about 6:30 pm and chat for awhile in English with the entire group. When it is time to discuss the film, members can choose to enter either the French room or the English room. After the discussion, members can choose to continue socializing in either the French room or the English room.

Each member will receive an Evite for the gathering. Each participating member will RSVP to the invitation and click on "view message from host" to find details including the film title, the link to the Zoom session and the password. These details will also be posted in the AF newsletter.

You do not need an account to join a Zoom meeting. However, you will be prompted to download the software when you join your very first session. There are no more set-ups after that. There are easy tutorials online for using Zoom.

You may also contact Darcy Greene at 3m.darcy@gmail.com if you would like help setting up Zoom and trying out its features before the gathering.

- Between now and July 18, watch ***Sage Femme (The Midwife)***, a French film available on Prime Video. The film is in French with English subtitles. Storyline: Two of French cinema's biggest stars shine in this bittersweet drama about the unlikely friendship that develops between Claire (Catherine Frot), a hardworking midwife, and the lively mistress (Catherine Deneuve) of Claire's deceased father.
- Then join us for a Zoom discussion and virtual soirée at 6:30.

Topic: AF-Lansing virtual soirée and film discussion

Time: July 18, 2020 06:30 PM EDT

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/6464662370>

PASSWORD: *soiree*

Film review: *Il a déjà tes yeux* (He even has your eyes)

Eleven Alliance Française-Lansing members met in June via Zoom instead of a traditional in-person soirée to discuss the French film He Even Has Your Eyes. Members agreed that the dramatic-comedy presented the topic of racism in a unique and thought-provoking way. The lead actors, Lucien Jean-Baptiste and Aïssa Maïga handled their roles extremely well. The film earned a score of 6/10 among AF-Lansing members who saw it and discussed it at the virtual soirée.

Join the Virtual Conversation Entre Amis with Zoom!

Use the camera on your phone or computer to log into the website below at the time of the meeting. Click to join the meeting and we can meet from the comfort of our couches!

Nancy Kelly is host.

Topic: Conversation Entre Amis

Time: Tuesday, July 7 and July 21, 2020 15H00 EDT

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/6464662370> Password: soiree

The Food Section:

If you have a French recipe that you would like to share with members, please send it to me: marcsullivan@orange.fr

Josie Wojtowicz, Vice President, AF-Lansing

Salmon au Four

4T. butter

4 Salmon filets, 4-6 Oz. each

1 can artichoke hearts

4 oz. package of garlic and spices Alouette of Boursin cheese

Juice of one lemon

Handful of fresh basil, cut in chiffonade

Butter a large pyrex or other casserole. Chop artichokes and spread in the casserole. Place the salmon filets on this bed. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Spread each filet with the soft cheese. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Dribble lemon juice over all. Bake at 350 for 20 minutes (or 15, if smaller filets).

C'est très facile!

Can be served with Nutted Wild Rice from The Silver Palate cookbook.

A green salad and good bread.....and a lemony dessert is lovely.

Bonne dégustation!