



March 2019 Newsletter

Alliance Française-Lansing March Calendar

Carnaval is the French festival leading up to Lent

Carnival (see other spellings and names) is a Western Christian and Greek Orthodox festive season that occurs before the liturgical season of Lent. The main events typically occur during February or early March, during the period historically known as Shrovetide (or Pre-Lent). Carnival typically involves public celebrations, including events such as parades, public street parties and other entertainments, combining some elements of a circus. Elaborate costumes and masks allow people to set aside their everyday individuality and experience a heightened sense of social unity. (Wikipedia)

The French brought the tradition of *Carnaval* to the United States where the most famous event occurs in New Orleans.

Two of the most famous *Carnavals* in France take place in Provence where the *Carnaval* de Nice and the Fête du Citron in Menton draw millions of visitors each year.

Have you renewed your membership for 2019? The by-laws state that memberships must be paid by March 1.

You can renew your membership in three ways.

- 1. Send a check* to AF-Lansing, PO Box 27274, Lansing, MI 48909*
- 2. Go to the website and pay using paypal* (www.aflansing.org)*
- 3. Bring a check* or cash* to the soirée and pay Brian.*

**Remember the membership rates:*

*\$20 – individual
\$35 – family
\$10 – student
\$50 – Sponsor*

Individuals and families who hosted a soirée in 2018 have a complimentary membership for 2019. Thank you for your support!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 Mardi Gras	6	7 Conversation Café at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall 3:00-4:30 PM	8	9
10 Alliance Française-Lansing Board Meeting	11 East Lansing Public Library French Club 7:00-8:00 PM	12	13 Conversation entre amis. Aspen Lake Estates Clubhouse, 3879 Lone Pine Rd., Holt, 6:30 PM	14 Conversation Café at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall 3:00-4:30 PM	15	16
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Calendar entries

Sunday, March 10: Alliance Française-Lansing Board of Directors meeting.

Monday, March 11 and 25: East Lansing Public Library French Club. MSU-led French conversation **7:00-8:00 PM**

Thursday, March 7, 14, 21, 28: *Conversation Café* at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall **3:00-4:30 PM**

Wednesday, March 13 and 27: *Alliance Française-Lansing Conversation entre amis.* Aspen Lake Estates Clubhouse, 3879 Lone Pine Rd., Holt, MI 48842 **6:30 PM**

Saturday, March 23 6:30 PM. **Alliance Française soirée** chez Williams.

FYI : Spring soirées

AF Lansing Board Vice President Josie Wojtowicz has been working on confirming dates and programs for the soirées for the spring. She will provide more details as she confirms dates.

April: Chez Crockett, date to be confirmed

May: Chez Kasra, date to be confirmed

June 22: Chez Lammers

Alliance Française-Lansing Board to meet

Alliance Française-Lansing Co-President Gaëlle Cassin-Ross announced that the Board of Directors will meet on Sunday, March 10. Please contact a board member if you are interested in more information about the meeting.