

Alliance Française–Lansing

• **October 2018 Newsletter**

What's new with you?

We would like to create a member's column in the newsletter in which we would report the activities and adventures of our members. Are you going to be travelling? Let us know. Are you having a garage sale? Let us know. Are you going to appear on TV? Let us know. Are you performing at a local venue? Let us know and we will list the announcements that you submit in a Members' column. We will also list member's activities at the website, www.AFLansing.org, in the "Members Only" section.

Speaking of members,

Will you help Alliance Française-Lansing by becoming a member of the Board of Directors? Every year, three of the positions on the board are up for voting. This year, the positions to be filled are: President (Gaëlle is completing the term of Anne Tonson who was president for only one year before returning to France), Secretary and Director at Large (Nancy Kelly is completing the term of Tayeb Kakeshpour who resigned in May to focus on completing his PhD).

The term of office for each position is two years. The Board of Directors must meet at least four times per year according to our by-laws – (the board usually meets five or six times).

If you are interested or would like more information, you can contact any board member (the current members of the Board of Directors are listed below.)

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Films at the Year of Global Africa event at the College of Communication Arts and Sciences October 11-13

The three day long festival begins Thursday, October 11 at 3 p.m. and will run until 9 p.m. each day. The festival will host an abundance of activities from art and photography, to African cuisine and films. The events aim to highlight the outpouring of content (artistic, scientific, and otherwise) from the continent, as well as raise awareness of the African presence at MSU.

The first day of events will focus on creative arts and include a poetry performance, photography exhibition and a screening of the film "La Pirogue," directed by Moussa Toure alongside a handful of other events.

The second day will focus on changing technologies and will see talks from Susan Wyche, James Odede and Jennifer Olson. The film that will be screened is "An Opera of This World," directed by Manthia Diawara, who will be present and conduct a post-show Q&A with the audience.

The last day of the festival focuses on mobility and creative movement in Africa. Ross Chowles, a South African and ComArtSci AD+PR professor of practice will host a talk, and the films, "Amandla," directed by Lee Hirsch and "Frontiers," directed by Moutafa Djadjam will both be screened.

Film Screening Times

Time	Thursday, October 11	Friday, October 12	Saturday, October 13
7:00 PM	"La Pirogue" Dir: Moussa Touré	"An Opera on this World" Dir: Manthia Diawara	"Frontiers" Dir: Moutafa Djadjam <i>and</i> "Amandla" Dir: Lee Hirsch
	Intro. By Ken Harrow; Respondents: Cheikh Babou, UPenn; Chantal Tetreaut, Anthropology	Intro. By Ken Harrow; Respondents: Diawara, Tama Hamilton-Wray, Res. College in Arts & Humanities, Candace Keller, Art History	Intro. By Ken Harrow & ComArtSci Dean Prabu David; Respondents: Judi Harris, St. Vincent Refugee Center, Safoi Barbana-Hampton, Romance and Classical Studies

DuoLingo

I just finished my French Language lesson! I'm on a nine day streak of completing my daily goals and am learning new vocabulary all the time. DuoLingo is an online language lesson that is more like a game than a classroom. Best part? It's free-- if you don't mind watching an advertisement or two. Even better, I'm able to understand a lot more of the French language as I listen at AF conversation night although I'm still not contributing much to the conversation.

There are at least three ways to have fun and learn French (or any other language including Klingon for the Trekkies out there). The downloadable ap for your smart phone (go to the ap store and search for DuoLingo--again, it's free); on your computer (go to the website, www.duolingo.com); or sign up for Twitter and go to <https://twitter.com/duolingo>. (Be careful on twitter, though. You wouldn't want to get tweets from a twit.). DuoLingo also offers a way to be connected with other learners whom you select. I have not joined or started a group yet, but I'd be interested in one.

DuoLingo allows you to assess your current level of the selected language, set your own daily goals, and even reminds you via email to do your lesson. I have a daily goal of 10 minutes. For accomplishing your goal you receive 'gems' for purchasing more points, streak freezes in case you miss a day, and more. It's arranged in a game format that allows many methods to learn, such as matching, repeating into the microphone (built in to your phone or computer), typing the phrase you hear in French, translating the phrase you read into English.

Are you ready to take your French to the next level? DuoLingo is a fun way to accomplish that--And perhaps we can even start an AF DuoLingo Group.

"DuoLingo" article submitted by Nancy Kelly, Alliance Française-Lansing

French conversation opportunities

AF conversation entre amis will meet October 3, 17 (every other Wednesday) at Aspen Lake Estates Clubhouse, 3879 Lone Pine Rd., Holt, MI 48842 at 6:30 PM. Note: No conversation on October 31 – Halloween.

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 fall schedule for this group.)

Calendar	
(also available at the website: www.aflansing.org)	
Wednesday, October 3: <i>Conversation entre amis</i>. 6:30 PM. Join us for conversation at Aspen Lake Estates Clubhouse, 3879 Lone Pine Rd., Holt, MI 48842.	
Thursday, October 4: <i>Conversation Café</i> at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall 3:00-4:30 PM	
Thursday, October 11: <i>Conversation Café</i> at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall 3:00-4:30 PM	
Wednesday, October 17: <i>Conversation entre amis</i>. 6:30 PM. Join us for conversation at Aspen Lake Estates Clubhouse, 3879 Lone Pine Rd., Holt, MI 48842.	

Thursday, October 18: *Conversation Café* at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall **3:00-4:30 PM**

Saturday, October 20: Alliance Française-Lansing soirée. “*Bal Masqué*” Chez Sullivan. **6:30-10:00 PM.** *What clever costume will you wear this year?*

Thursday, October 25: *Conversation Café* at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall **3:00-4:30 PM**

**Happy
Halloween**