



September 2019 Newsletter

Alliance Française-Lansing September Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Conversation Café at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall 3:00-4:30 PM	6	7
8	9 East Lansing Public Library French Club 7:00-8:00 PM	10	11 AF-Lansing Conversation entre amis. Chez Sullivan 6:30	12 Conversation Café at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall 3:00-4:30 PM	13	14
15 "Founding Heritages of Detroit" 11h00-19h00 Ste. Anne Detroit	16	17	18	19 Conversation Café at the café in Schuler's Bookstore in Meridian Mall 3:00-4:30 PM	20	21 AF-Lansing Soirée Chez Greene 18h30
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The AF Board proposes new procedures for selecting host families for the soirées

The board is hoping to revamp the method of selecting host homes for the Alliance Française soirees. There are members who have hosted for many years, and we're very appreciative of their hard work and efforts. However, some of those people would like a break (for example: Josie and Randy would like a break from hosting in December) or who would prefer to host in a different month, and there are others who would like to host or who have hosted before and would like to host again, but perhaps are not on our radar.

We're proposing that people interested in hosting starting in January of 2020 let Josie know ASAP which month or months they would be available and interested in hosting. Then we'll start contacting people and making arrangements so that we know at least a couple of months in advance where the next soiree will be located.

The board would also be willing to be more involved in planning and clean up because we know entertaining for 20-40 people can be overwhelming.

We are also really interested in having people volunteer to provide a program. Just hosting is a big job, and the added effort of providing a program as well may make hosting too daunting for many. It would be advantageous to have a calendar in place with programs and host homes set far in advance so members and hosts could plan ahead for the year. So, please consider hosting, especially if you have a house large enough to host 20-40 people and are really open to the French language.

We have heard from some French speakers that not enough French is actually spoken at the soirees, and we want to encourage everything French! And very importantly, if you have ideas for a program, or are willing to be a presenter, especially a program involving the French language or the culture, history, art, or music of a French speaking country, please let Josie know ASAP because 2020 will be upon us soon. You can contact Josie by text or phone at (517) 974-2015, or by email at josiemw@hotmail.com or josiemw@gmail.com.

Rendez-vous at Ste. Anne Parish de Detroit

Sunday, September 15 @ 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Celebrate the founding heritages of Detroit at the 2019 Rendez-vous at Ste. Anne Parish de Detroit. Enjoy French Canadian, Metis, and Native American music, dancing, food and cultural exhibits, plus a beer and wine tent, children's activities, and artisans featuring French, Native American, Michigan and Detroit themed merchandise.

Music by LaCompagnie, Spirits Rising and the All Nations Dancers and the Bell Family

Tickets will also be sold in advance and at the door.

Admission

- \$10 adults
- \$5 seniors and students
- \$25 family pass
- Children under 5 are free

For more information: ste-anne.org/events/rendez-vous/

The Alliance Française-Lansing Board of Directors is organizing carpools for members who would like to attend the *Rendez-vous* in Detroit. Please complete the evite for the event so that the Board can determine the interest among members in attending the event.

AF Board invited to meet with other Michigan AF Chapters

Four members of the board attended a social event at the home of the French Honorary Consul, Jean Mallebay-Vacqueur in SE Michigan on August 16, 2017. It provided a wonderful opportunity to meet and learn about the organization and implementation of various activities by these chapters. The evening also had a goal to discuss the upcoming 2020 Detroit National Meeting of the Federation of Alliances Francaises USA, which AF-Lansing will have to opportunity to help host, desired.

Lancement officiel du Centre Francophone de Michigan

Le Centre Francophone de Michigan a eu son lancement officiel le 17 Aout 2019 a Grand Rapids. Les co-presidentes d L'Alliance Francaise de Lansing, Yasmina Bouraoui et Gaele Casiin-Ross, etaient present pour

soutenir ce lancement, représenter notre Alliance Française de Lansing, et pour montrer du support à ce projet. Les activités principales du centre est de promouvoir la Francophonie ; la nouvelle technologie ; servir comme organisation culturelle et éducative ; et encourager l'entrepreneuriat et développement de partenariat. Le centre est affilié avec le Centre de la Francophonie des Amériques, qui contribue à la promotion et la mise en valeur d'une francophonie porteuse d'avenir pour la langue française dans le contexte de la diversité culturelle en misant sur le renforcement et l'enrichissement des relations ainsi sur la complémentarité d'action entre les francophones et les francophiles de Québec, du Canada, et des Amériques. AF Lansing envisage d'explorer des collaborations avec cette organisation.

English: Official début of the Francophone Center of Michigan

The Francophone Center of Michigan had its official debut on August 17, 2019 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Yasmina Bouraoui and Gaelle Cassin-Rossin represented the AF Lansing Chapter to support and encourage this new center. The principal goals of the center are to promote francophony; new technology; to serve as a cultural and educational organization; and to encourage small business development. The center is affiliated with the Francophony Center of the Americas, which contributes to the promotion of French language within diverse cultural groups and with a focus on encouraging and reinforcing the exchanges and links between the francophones and francophiles of Quebec, Canada, and the Americas. AF-Lansing may explore future collaboration with this organization.

French classes

This fall, it's easier than ever to get involved with one of Aux Petits Soins' many programs. You can now design your own program and decide your own level of immersion – you can join a class, enroll in one of our clubs, get a library card, or just attend one of our special cultural events. It's all up to you, and **enrollment for all kid and adult programs is now open!** The Fall session runs Sept. 9-Dec. 22, 2019, with full details available in our latest Newsletter (WWW.APSFrenchClass.com).

Conversation entre amis gets « cheesy »

After evenings of wine tasting and chocolate tasting, the group focused on tasting a wide assortment of cheeses – from *doux* to *fort*, from cow's milk, goat's milk and sheep's milk and from regions all across France.

The *degustation* started with *brie* (Seine et Marne). We then traveled to Auvergne to taste *St. Nectaire*. We compared French *Comté* (Franche-Comté) with Swiss *Gruyère*. The goat cheese that we tasted included *Ovalie Cendrée* (Poitou-Charentes). We finished with two sheep's milk cheeses: *Agour Ossau-Iraty* (Basque: Pyrénées-Atlantique) and *Roquefort* (Aveyron).

Conversation entre amis is leaving the “*salles degustation*” and heading to the music room. At the next meeting, the group will bring/listen to/discuss French music of the '60s¹ (and other music favorites). Conversation entre amis will next meet on September 11, chez Sullivan.

¹ From Azneavour to Zouzou