



La Trompette

Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe
June 2016



Pour votre planning....

4 juin - Annual Meeting
Potluck Picnic 4-9pm at
GPW Lakefront Park

14 juillet - Fête de la Bastille
à la maison d'Edsel et
Eleanor Ford

16 juillet - Maîtrise des Hauts de
France - Young Singers of
Lambertsart at Ste. Anne de
Déroit Catholic Church

12/13 septembre - French
classes begin again

24 septembre - Cercle Littéraire
Le Chapeau de Mitterrand

Cher membres...

Marc and I are finishing our first year as your co-presidents. We welcomed a new season for the AFGP at the Champagne Opener, cooked à la française with Chef Gunnell, celebrated the Beaujolais Nouveau with our French culture friends in Birmingham, enjoyed a festive Holiday Raclette Party together, brought in the New Year with the Galette des Rois, ate crêpes on Chandeleur, chased the Nain Rouge out of town, took in a film at the DIA, and were spectators at le Rouge Detroit City soccer team's game! Yes, it's been a busy year! We hope you were able to join us for some or all of these events!

At our upcoming Annual Meeting on June 4th, we will introduce to you some new Board members and share a potluck "pique-nique" following the meeting along with a game of Pétanque, also known as Boules. It will be held at the Grosse Pointe Woods' Lake Front Park in Pavilion 1.

Your Board is providing the entrée so please bring a dish to pass and your favorite beverage! If you haven't made your reservation yet, please RSVP with Mary Anne Quinn at (313) 881-4162 or email her at mamcmicken@gmail.com. Look for the balloons flying from our pavilion in bleu, blanc et rouge!

Also, with this newsletter, you are receiving information on our Bastille Day Celebration on July 14th. Our chapter is hosting it this year at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House and you don't want to miss out! Please make your reservation before July 7th.

Marc and I look forward to another great year and sharing French traditions with you!

À la prochaine!
Patricia Stewart



**Reminder! Potluck Picnic
this Saturday, June 4th.
Reception 4pm Dinner 5pm
GPW Lake Front Park
Pavilion 1.**

Plus de 40 ont dit "Oui"!



French Classes

Our Alliance Française French classes have ended for the year and begin again September 12th and 13th.

Joe Gerardi has been the French teacher for the Intermediate and Advanced French classes since January 2016. His recap: 2016 has been a time of experimentation and new learning. For each of the ten-week sessions, students in the intermediate and advanced classes have had opportunities for mini-presentations for the class. These have involved a bit of reading and research, memorization in some cases, thoughtful reflection, grammar gymnastics, pronunciation practice and a few good laughs. Highlights have included a dramatic recitation of Prévert's *Déjeuner du matin*, the singing of the Canadian national anthem (en français of course), a presentation of a painting by the artist himself describing inspiration and technique, and a dialogue about finding one's way around Paris.

The goal of the presentations was to get students using French in a creative way that was not bound to a text or set of exercises. While it was challenging, everyone put their French, at various levels, to good use and had an opportunity to show off their creativity!

The Absolute Beginner, Beginner Plus and Beginning Conversation classes on Monday night, taught by Suzie Martin, ended with des amuses-bouches, des desserts et le bon film de 2015 *le Petit Prince*. There

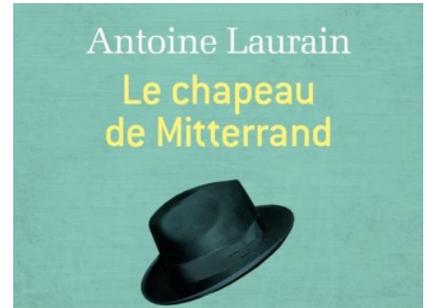


wasn't a dry eye in the audience! This is Suzie's last year teaching for Alliance Française. She thoroughly enjoyed spending four years with her students and wishes to thank all of them for their patience, perseverance and perspicacity!



Cercle Littéraire

Our Cercle does not meet during the summertime as so many people are on vacation. We will reconvene September 24th and discuss **Le Chapeau de Mitterrand** by Antoine Laurain. Other books we will be reading in the upcoming year are **Phèdre** by Racine and **Oublier Palerme** by Edmonde Charles-Roux. For more information, please contact Sarah Ollison at sarahsollison@gmail.com



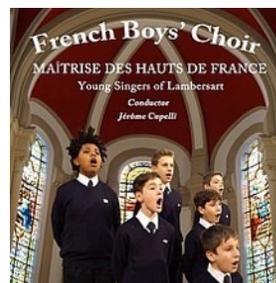
Le Rouge

It was a big event in Hamtramck at the newly renovated Keyworth stadium on May 20th. Co-President Marc Robert and his family, with over 6,000 other fanatical fans, saw a great game that ended in a tie. Next match is this Friday, June 3 vs Buffalo 7:30pm. Tickets and gear available at detcityfc.com



French Boys Choir

La Maîtrise des Hauts de France French Boys' Choir will be offering a free concert Saturday July 16th at 6:30pm at Ste Anne's Church of Détroit near the Ambassador Bridge. They are a super treat.



Many of us were able to see them last year when they were in Berkley or the year before when they were in Flint. They sing as sweetly as the boys in the film *les Choristes* -ça vaut la peine!