



La Trompette

Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe

August 2016



Bonjour chers amis,

Bastille Day at the Ford House was a success! We had 103 reservations for la fête and 51 for le tour. The setting was perfect on a beautiful, warm, summer evening. Because of the threat of rain, we moved the event indoors where it was cool and comfortable but guests were still able to go out into the gardens to enjoy their beauty. We were honored to have with us the Honorary Consul of France in Michigan, Pascal Goachet, who spoke about the significance of being at the Ford House and some fun facts about Henry Ford, as well as the influence of the French

on America. He also spoke of the horror of the terrorist attack in Nice, France. La Marseillaise followed his speech as well as the Star Spangled Banner – both were sung by all with great fervor. Our palates were then tempted by delicious hors



Grosse Pointe Park by **Sanda Cook**

d'oeuvres and French wine, accompanied by mini chocolate lava cakes prepared by Chez Chloé. An exhibit from Emily Pitchford-Boeuf's USArt Boutique let us see original art on the theme, "Art – the Engine of the Motor City" and choose a winner. Of 18 works submitted by five entrants, artist Sanda Cook of Hamtramck entered a painting aglow in bright colors entitled "Grosse Pointe Park" which is acrylic and Japanese ink on canvas and shown above. It was the group's favorite and she will be presented an award later this month. Congratulations Sanda! Live music by the Brian Lang Trio set the mood and completed the party. We want to thank Air France, The Boston Consulting Group, Clayton & McKervery, and the French-American Chamber of Commerce - Michigan Chapter, for their generous sponsorship!

August is the time to renew our Membership Dues for the 2016-2017 season. Remember, your paid dues allow you free attendance at the Champagne Opener which is set for Thursday, September 15, at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park. We thought that the Pier Park was such a lovely place to hold our season opener last year that we decided to do it again! Our schedule of events for this next season will be available at that time. The membership application is included with this newsletter. We hope you can join us for some champagne, good food and conversation – à la français!

À bientôt!

Pat Stewart and Marc Robert

Bastille Day Photos



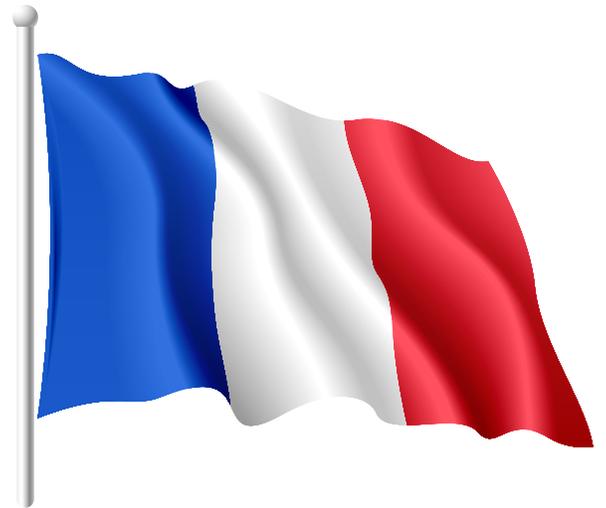
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Learn French Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe

- **ABSOLUTE BEGINNER** - Basic conversation, grammar & vocabulary.
Mondays, 6:00-7:30 pm, beginning September 12, 2016
- **BEGINNER PLUS** – Increasing conversation, grammar & vocabulary.
Mondays, 6:00-7:30 pm, beginning September 12, 2016
- **BEGINNING CONVERSATION** - A beginners class conducted entirely in French.
Mondays 4:30-6:00 pm, beginning September 12, 2016
- **INTERMEDIATE** - Expand on communication skills, grammar, culture, vocabulary and songs.
Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm, beginning September 13, 2016
- **ADVANCED** - Emphasis on conversation/discussions on various topics.
Tuesdays 6:00-7:30 pm, beginning September 13, 2016



All classes are held at the Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores. The fall session is 10 weeks in length and the fee is \$115.

Textbooks required for beginner classes. Fee: \$32; textbook information for the intermediate and advanced classes will be available the first day of classes.

For more information and to register, please contact Christiane Stein at cstein44@comcast.net or at 586-777-4602.

Register by September 8, 2016

Class details are available at www.afgrossepointe.org

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