



La Trompette

Alliance Français de Grosse Pointe

June 2017



PRESIDENTS NOTE

Bienvenue l'été!

Yes, summer is almost here and we welcome it! As we Michiganders know, after months of cold and wet weather, the summer promises sunshine and warm breezes. Let's promise ourselves to enjoy each day to its fullest!

Summer is picnic time! An invitation went into the mail recently for our June 8th Annual Meeting and Potluck Picnic at the Grosse Pointe Woods Lakefront Park beginning at 5:00 p.m. Please come and meet the new members of your Board. Following the meeting, we will enjoy our picnic! An entrée will be provided and we ask that attendees bring a dish to pass and their favorite beverage. Have you returned your RSVP so we can save a place for you at the picnic table? The reservation deadline is June 5.

Summer is getting out and playing! Don't forget that the AF of Detroit/FIM is hosting a French Detroit History Cruise aboard the Diamond Belle 4 which sails from the Stroh River Place on June 11, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Enjoy a relaxing summer boat ride and retrace the French experience at the Strait by cruising along the Detroit River, the region's main street/expressway/railway of the 1700s and 1800s. See and learn about the sites of French presence and history through commentary given in both French and English. The cost is \$25 and space is limited. More details and reservations are available by calling the **Alliance Française de Detroit / French Institute of Michigan** at (248)538-5440 or by going to <http://frenchinstitute.org/events/2017/06/detroit-french-history-cruise-2/>.

Summer is for celebrating! Our annual Bastille Day event is hosted by the Alliance Française de Détroit/French Institute of Michigan and will be held on July 13th at the Detroit Historical Museum located at 5401 Woodward Avenue in Detroit where there will be free parking. Tickets are \$50 and include dinner and big band entertainment by the Tommy James Orchestra. Reservations can be made online at www.frenchinstitute.org or by calling (248) 538-5440. See enclosed flyer for more details.

Summer is planning time! During the summer, your Board will be working on the 2017-2018 Season for the AFGP. Information will be forthcoming on the Champagne Opener to be held in September. Of course, this event is free to members whose dues are paid. Membership applications will be sent out in August. We're looking forward to a great new season! We hope you'll be an active part of it!

À bientôt!

Patricia Stewart



Happy Faces Near the End of the Spring Semester!



Intermediate/Advanced French Class — students are from left in front row: Kelsey Lademan, Jane Frahm, Elizabeth White, and Venus Karchin. From left in back row: James Hamilton, Jim Gerardi, Joe Gerardi (instructor), and Paul Karchin.

Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting and Potluck Picnic

June 8 | 5:00 p.m.
Grosse Pointe Woods Lakefront Park

Bastille Day Celebration

July 13 | 6:30 p.m.
Detroit Historical Museum
— See Flyer

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