



# La Trompette

Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe

October 2016



## Bonjour chers membres,

Welcome to fall! The weather has certainly changed in the last week. I hope you're enjoying the cooler temperatures after such a steamy summer!

Our Champagne Opener was another beautiful September evening on the waterfront of Lake St. Clair! Many members attended and we enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres and champagne while listening to the music of Christina Dragone, our lovely pianist.

The month of October is starting out with a couple of events. The Alliance Française de Détroit and French Institute of Michigan is sponsoring The Detroit Art Tour which takes place on Saturday, October 8 at 2:00 p.m. It starts out at the Russell Industrial Center and will be in French and English. See the attached flyer for more details. Deadline to RSVP is October 1.

This coming year, our Alliance is partnering with the Alliance Française de Détroit in a series of live broadcasts called the Marianne Midwest Series originating from the University of Chicago. On Monday, October 10th at 6:00 p.m., we will present a French lecture (with English translation) by Christiane Taubira, a French politician who was appointed Minister of Justice of France in the new Ayrault government under President Hollande and then resigned her post earlier this year. She will speak on the subject of "Justice in the Service of Equality." This live webinar format will take place in Wayne State University's Manoogian Hall and allow participants to ask questions through a moderator. See the attached flyer for more information and feel free to share it with your friends. Deadline for reservations is October 7.

For opera lovers, the Michigan Opera Theatre is on stage with Bizet's Carmen which is sung in French with supertitles in English. The "opéra comique" is set in Spain and tells the story of the downfall of Don José, a naïve soldier who is seduced by the wiles of the fiery gypsy, Carmen. When it was first performed in 1875, the scenes of working-class life, immorality, lawlessness, and the tragic death of the main character on stage, broke new ground in French opera and created quite a stir. Tickets are available through the MOT Box Office.

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## Champagne Opener



Julie Morang and Irene Lentine

*See more photos from the 2016-17 Champagne Opener on the backside of this newsletter*

## Cercle Littéraire

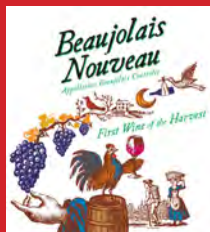
### Next Meeting

October 29: Title: Phedre  
Author: Racine  
Hostess: Christiane Stein

### Tentative Dates and Titles

December 10: Title: Oublier Palerme  
Author: Edmonde Charles-Roux  
Prix Goncourt 1966  
Film: The Palermo Connection, 1990  
Hostess: Harriet Port

January 14 : Title: Une Piece Montee  
Author: Blandine le Callet



**SAVE THE DATE!**

November 17  
Beaujolais Nouveau  
Celebration  
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**MORE INFO TO COME**

## Upcoming Events

### Detroit Art Tour

See [afgrossepointe.org](http://afgrossepointe.org) for Event Flyer  
October 8, 2016 | 2:00-5:00 p.m.

### French Lecture

See [afgrossepointe.org](http://afgrossepointe.org) for Event Flyer  
October 10, 2016 | 6:00 p.m.

### Beaujolais Nouveau

November 17, 2016 | 6:00 p.m.

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## Champagne Opener Photos *(continued)*



Marc Robert and Craig Daily



Cynthia and Pat Haley



Cristina Dragone, Pat Stewart, and Amal El-Hosni



Aphie Roumell and Harriet Port

## Bonjour Cher Membres *(continued)*

SAVE THE DATE for Beaujolais Nouveau! We will once again be celebrating with our friends from the French American Chamber of Commerce and the Alliance Française de Détroit on November 17th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The venue is Cuisine Restaurant which serves contemporary French-American cuisine and is situated in an historic mansion on Lothrop Avenue in Detroit, across the street from the Fisher Building. Chef Paul, who studied at Le Français and Le Cordon Bleu in Paris, is the owner of this establishment and regularly receives accolades from his customers for his "cuisine!" More details to come! We hope you will join us!

*À bientôt!*

Patricia Stewart



Cristina and Jose Menaldi