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# La Trompette

Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe



## Calendrier

**9 juin:** Annual Picnic, Meeting and Board Elections.

**18 juin:** Cercle Littéraire

**14 juillet:** Bastille Day Celebration at Bayview Yacht Club – details coming soon.

**25 sept:** Champagne Season Opener at the home of Dr. Ann McReynolds in GPP.

## Cercle Littéraire

Monthly book club

Join other French speakers on Saturday mornings once each month to discuss books in French. For info, Contact Suzie Martin. [culturethequeafgp@gmail.com](mailto:culturethequeafgp@gmail.com).

**18 juin:** *Enterrez Vos Morts* de Louise Penny. Host : Suzie

**16 juillet:** *L'Avare* de Molière (cette pièce est à Stratford cet été)

**20 août:**

**17 sept:**

### AFGP Board of Directors 2021-2022

Amal Elhosni – President  
Kay Burt-Wilson – Vice President  
Christiane Stein – Treasurer  
Wylene Jones – Secretary  
Jane Frahm – Membership  
Elizabeth White – Education  
Ann McReynolds MD – newsletter  
Jane McKeever  
Mary Anne Quinn



## Annual Picnic and AFGP Meeting

The Alliance Française of Grosse Pointe will be having its annual picnic-potluck next week at the Grosse Pointe Woods Lakefront Park, 23000 Jefferson Ave. in St. Clair Shores, on Thursday, June 9. We'll have plenty of hamburgers, veggie burgers, hotdogs and sausages for everyone. Guests are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share, as well as their own beverage. Wine and beer are permitted. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends, meet some new ones, and find out what's been happening at AFGP. We will begin the evening with our annual meeting and elections for the new Board of Directors at 5:30 pm, followed by the picnic at 6: pm.

Everyone is welcome, but you must RSVP. The park will ONLY allow non-residents of Grosse Pointe Woods listed on the RSVP log we provide. GPW residents are welcome with their park pass. Find us at Pavilion 1, by the marina on the far side of the canal.

If you haven't RSVP'd yet, [CLICK HERE](#). (We've extended the deadline until June 6). See you there!

## Un Mot de la Présidente

Chers membres de AFGP,

Our 2021-2022 season is concluding this month with our annual picnic, and we are looking forward to celebrating with you of all! This year has seen a mix of events, some still virtual, others held outdoors with safer protocols, and finally some indoor convivial gatherings. Regardless of the circumstances, our members enjoyed each other's company while participating in new activities. We love your feedback, keep your ideas and suggestions coming! The official season takes a hiatus in the summer, but we still celebrate Bastille Day in July with the Alliance chapter of Detroit, meet for our Cercle de Lecture, and prepare for our Champagne Opener in September. Stay tuned for more incoming information!

I would like to thank the present Board of Directors for their dedication and hard work. They all volunteer their time and different skills to make sure each event is a success! The AFGP is nothing without its tireless volunteers! Please make sure to thank them and recognize them at our picnic, as we elect a new board for 2022-2023.

A très bientôt, j'espère!

Amal Elhosni

## FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE RESOURCES

The mission of the Alliance Française is to promote the French language and francophone cultures and to foster exchanges between French speakers and local communities.

### **French Language Meetups In Metro Detroit**

Grab a Franco-friend and attend a meetup!

[Royal Oak French Language Meetup Group](#) - meets twice each month on Sunday afternoon.

[The Wandering Francophones](#) - meets twice each month on Friday evenings, alternating on ZOOM and in person.

### **Online Sources for Alliance Française Members**

[Federation of Alliances Françaises USA](#) – the national affiliate of 100+ chapters with lots of events, programs and resources.

[Culturethèque](#) – an extensive selection of online books, magazines, and other resources in French. Contact Suzie Martin to get access as part of your membership.

### **French Podcasts**

Whether you want some quick grammar lessons or to catch up on the news in French, podcasts are a great way to listen on the go. Here are some of our favorites. Click on the links for more information.

#### **Podcasts for Beginners**

[Coffee Break French](#) - A production of the Radio Lingua Network, with content for beginner and intermediate levels, hosted by Mark, a charming Scottish man who teaches French.

[Daily French Pod](#) - With over 4,000 episodes, this is one of the only podcasts that has new content every day. Louis, the French host, presents a very short news story or dialog in French, followed by an explanation in English. This is better for learners with some experience.

[Duolingo Podcast](#) - Offering riveting and inspirational stories that improve your knowledge of French culture while learning French.

[French Pod 101](#) - One of the most popular French podcasts and language tools, this has content for beginner to advanced levels. Unfortunately, their free content is somewhat limited.

[JeFrench](#) - A great resource for absolute beginners, although the number of podcasts is limited.

[Learn French by Podcast](#) - Featuring different formats for different levels, the beginner level has dialog by native French speakers followed by explanation in English.

[Learn French with Alexa](#) - A website and podcast for many years with lots of great content for absolute beginners.

#### **Podcasts for Intermediate Learners**

[Audiolude Livres Audio](#) - A selection of classic audio books narrated by Alain Couchot.

[Français Authentique](#) - Intermediate level podcast with Johan

[InnerFrench](#) - One of favorite intermediate level podcasts and YouTube videos with lots of interesting, topical content, hosted by Hugo.

[IMPolyglot](#) - Podcast at normal speed, natural French, including slang, best for advanced intermediate learners.

[Journal en Français Facile](#) - Produced by RFI with a new episode 5 days each week.

[News in Slow French](#) - Covering topics that span the globe, the language is slowed down but retains its complexity.