

November 3, 2026

Welcome to November

We are still aglow from our anniversary celebration. As one celebrant wrote: "The party was super! There were so many interesting people there." Thanks so much to everyone for all the planning and attention to detail that went into this event.

In this month's issue we highlight:

- Our 20th Anniv. Celebration
- December's Holiday Party
- The 2026 AF Convention in Chicago
- French Intensive Studies in Lyon and Bordeaux
- The 2026 Beaujolais Nouveau

20th Anniversary Celebration

Un grand merci to everyone who made our 20th anniversary celebration a success. It was wonderful seeing so many of our friends and teachers having conversations in French and English. Between the delicious food from **The Blue Bears**, and music from **Eva Martin & Le Jazz Fun**, we were transported to Paris for a few hours.



Robert and Frances prepare to cut the Cake!



Eva and her band provided an evening full of French jazz and familiar standards.



Save the Date: Dec 4th

Our annual Holiday Party will be held on December 4th from 6:30pm - 9:00pm at **The Alice** apartments next to the Princeton Shopping Center.

It will be catered by **The Blue Bears**.

Click here for additional information and to purchase tickets

The 2026 Annual Convention of Alliances

Françaises



Our president, Gail Bruno, traveled to Chicago to attend the **2026 Annual Meeting and Convention of Alliance Françaises**.

There she met with other Alliance Française chapter presidents, AF USA executive directors and board members and representatives from the Paris Headquarters.

When Gail attended the convention last year, our chapter was one of the smallest. This year, we are now at 150 members and 90 students!



Immersion Trip to Lyon, France - April 1-10, 2027



In cooperation with the **Alliance Française de Lyon (AFL)**, program participants will have the opportunity to enroll in a group class at the Alliance Française de Lyon in the morning and attend cultural activities in the afternoon.

Click here for program details

A similar program is being planned for beginners in Bordeaux in 2027.

The 2026 Beaujolais Nouveau

On November 19th, the 3rd Thursday of the month, the 2026 Beaujolais Nouveau arrives!

Beaujolais Nouveau is a French red wine made from 100%, hand-picked Gamay grapes, in the Beaujolais appellation of Burgundy.

It's a young wine - fresh and fruity, with a low level of tannins compared to other reds. It's sold the same year it's harvested and meant to be consumed shortly after purchase.

Each year, the wine merchant, **Georges Duboeuf**, labels their bottles with an artistic design.



[Click here for more information.]

Conversation Groups

On the second and fourth Mondays each month, Gail Bruno leads French conversation groups in the Princeton Shopping Center. This month the group is meeting from 10-11:30 AM on November 9th and 23rd upstairs in McCaffrey's Supermarket Cafe at the Princeton Shopping Center. Please reach out to Gail Bruno at **gailbruno7@gmail.com** for more information.

This month Gayle Frederick's Zoom conversation group will be meeting on the first and third Tuesday from 11 AM to noon (this month on November 3rd and 17th). RSVP to **grf1029@gmail.com** for the link and other details.

John Penrod's evening Zoom conversation group picks up again this month from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM on the THIRD Wednesday of the month, this time on November 18th. Please email John at **tresbavard@yahoo.com** for the link.

Membership

Thinking of becoming a member? As a member, you receive discounts on classes and events, attendance at member-only events, and access to the Alliance Française USA programs.

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