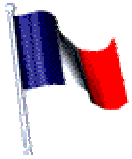


La Trompette

Member Spotlight: HENRI NUSSBAUM



As Alliances around the globe focus on Bastille Day this month, I would like to talk about France's liberation during WWII. Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe member Henri Nussbaum was a member of the French Resistance during some of the bloodiest fighting in WWII. (The F.F.I., or *Forces Françaises de L'Intérieur [French Forces of the Interior]*), served as a valuable manpower addition to regular French troops. Henri recalled that he did not know the last names of the other resistance fighters. *That way, if one of us was taken prisoner, we would not be able to betray our comrades even if tortured. We really didn't know who they were.*

Henri, along with 200 other resistance fighters, managed to hold a dam near Paris against a Panzer division of nearly 10,000. To celebrate this victory, he marched with his division beneath the Arc de Triomphe. Henri chokes with emotion when describing the liberation of his beloved France by American GI's in 1944: *On that day all the sky was filled up with American parachutes. The Americans came down. We hugged each other. We received from them some K-Rations. We were liberated . . .* (From: http://v-prod.com/greatestgeneration_PROD42.html)

Henri's compelling story is profiled in ***Detroit: Our Greatest Generation***, by Emmy award winning Visionalist Entertainment Productions. The documentary premiered at the Fox Theatre in Detroit on December 13, 2009.

The DVD is available for \$25 (+ \$5 S&H) from Visionalist Entertainment Productions, 48345 Beck Road, Suite 404, Wixom, MI 48303, or through www.detroitgreatestgeneration.com.



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15 JUILLET: *Fête De La Bastille* 2010 - sponsored by Alliance Française de Détroit and associated local Alliances and French organizations. Birmingham Community House, 380 Bates Street, Birmingham, MI 48009. COST: \$35. TIME: 6 – 9:30 p.m. Tickets will not be available at the door. Please make checks payable to the Alliance Française de Détroit @ 30316 Stellamar, Beverly Hills, MI 48025. **R.S.V.P. before July 10.** (<http://www.afusa.org/af/detroit/>)

21 JUILLET: *UN FILM, UN LIVRE . . . ET UN SANDWICH!* Bring a sandwich and a drink and come join us for dinner and a movie. **We will start the film at 7 p.m.** and enjoy a lively discussion and our bibliothèque afterwards. Our July film will be the family friendly movie **Astérix et Obélix contre César (1999)**, starring Gérard Depardieu, Roberto Benigni and Christian Clavier. Watch as these world famous and beloved comic book characters are brought to life on the big screen in this worthy film adaptation. The special effects are astounding. Grosse Pointe Woods Public Library (20680 Mack Avenue, GPW 48236 - Corner Mack & Vernier). **7 p.m. FREE**



29 JUILLET: *European Chambers Summer Networking and Wine* at The Lark Restaurant in West Bloomfield, MI. 6 PM – 8:30 PM. Cost: \$50. Enjoy highly acclaimed wine selections paired with great appetizers from the famous Chef de cuisine, John Somerville. Register online at www.faccmi.org.

BREATHLESS (A Bout de Souffle)

France/1960 – directed by Jean-Luc Godard

The epicenter of the French New Wave and still perhaps the coolest movie ever made, Breathless has been restored to 35mm glory for the first time ever, complete with newly translated, updated English subtitles.

As fresh and startling as it was 50 years ago! – Martin Scorsese



DETROIT FILM THEATRE:

Friday: July 23 (7:00 PM) and July 30 (9:30 PM)

Saturday: July 24 (7:00 PM) and July 31 (9:30 PM)

Sunday: July 25 (2:00 PM) and August 1 (4:00 PM)

THE CITY OF LOST CHILDREN (La Cité des Enfants Perdus)

This remarkable sci-fi adventure tells the story a group of tough young orphans caught in a nightmarish world of adults who are no longer able to dream. The film's visual design is unsurpassed in its beauty and complexity. From the creators of Delicatessen and Amélie. (Fully subtitled)

JULY 9 & 10: ROYAL OAK MAIN ART THEATRE

JULY 9: MAPLE ART THEATRE

SALONS de CONVERSATION

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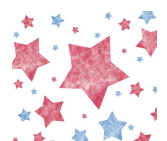
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Le 2e et 4e vendredi de
chaque mois (2 – 4 p.m.)

FRENCH MEET-UP

FRASER: Alternate Thursdays (7:00 p.m.) Warfield
Grille, (34275 Utica Road) Contact: gcbouret@aol.com.
<http://www.meetup.com/Cercle-Francophone-Eastside/>

ROYAL OAK: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (7:00 p.m.)
<http://www.meetup.com/Royal-Oak-French-Speakers/>



ELIZABETH ANN MURR

Memorial Service
for
Ms. Elizabeth A. Murr
July 9, 2010
11:00 am
Christ Church Detroit
960 Jefferson Avenue
Detroit, MI
313.259.6688

Please join us for a luncheon immediately following the service

Floral and Memorial Gifts made be made directly to Christ
Church Detroit

She loved the Alliance so much. I attended a meeting with her, led by Brigitte, where we all spoke French for an hour. For [my aunt] Betty, the Alliance was one of the highlights of her life in her old age. She loved being challenged to read and write in French, she loved attempting to speak French and loved all the people she met with the Alliance. I was always so very impressed with her efforts to keep her mind active and to participate in something which was so meaningful to her. Just last week she mentioned that she had to get better because there were some very interesting Alliance events coming up.

I will miss Betty very much and I am so glad that your organization exists and could give her so much to enrich her last years.

Merci pour tout,

Priscilla Murr