



MILWAUKEE

FRENCH IMMERSION FOUNDATION

Join us for our next
Feast for French Immersion!



Thursday, October 17

The Red Dot

2498 N. Bartlett Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53211

More on page 2!

**Just how
fabulous
are French
Immersion
teachers?**



Did you know that much of the support for MFIF in fiscal year 2013 came directly from teachers in the French Immersion Program?

Kris Cartens (MFIS) and her family hosted language model, Aline Leang and Kelly Guthery and her family hosted Audrey Fly last year.

Jennifer Krutina (MFIS) provided a donation to fully fund an Amity Language Model for an entire year. Many teachers, including from MFIS, Kate Laritson, Katie Rudig, Jill Mulhern, and MSL, Kelly Guthery and Valerie Stadler, also give of their time and talents by serving on committees. Countless teachers donated to our efforts and attended our events to support our mission.

The Second Annual Milwaukee French Immersion Foundation's silent auction will be held on Nov. 2, 6pm to 10pm at Blue's Egg restaurant.

The evening will include hors d'oeuvres, a fine selection of silent auction items, a wine pull, a 50/50 raffle (get your tickets now!), and some surprise live auction fun! Enjoy a night of fun, friends, and food all while you support the French Immersion program.

2nd Annual
MILWAUKEE
FRENCH IMMERSION
FOUNDATION
**Silent
Auction**

Saturday, November 2nd, 6pm - 10pm
Blue's Egg Restaurant
317 N. 76th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53213

Tickets on sale soon on our website

(www.frenchimmersionfoundation.org).

If you would like to (or know someone who would like to) make an in-kind donation of an item to auction (tickets, gift certificate, others?) please contact us at

info@frenchimmersionfoundation.org.



YES, we need you!

Oui!

As we grow as an organization, and more importantly, as our children grow and move through the grades, we are always looking for people to join us. Share with us just a bit of your time and you will have contributed to bettering the Milwaukee French Immersion experience.

Join a committee.

Plan an event, write a newsletter article, interview Amity Language Model candidates, staff a table at an event. These are some of the things we do to help keep the Foundation running. Please join us – email jpilmaier@frenchimmersionfoundation.org to learn more!

Become a host family.

The Amity program is funded at such a high level because it is our centerpiece and provides the greatest return on our investment. In order to continue this program, we need host families for our language models. Please consider opening your home for one semester (or a full year if you prefer). Email jpilmaier@frenchimmersionfoundation.org for more information.

You Can Make a Difference....

Last year we rolled out our first annual campaign. One of the benefits of the French Immersion Program is that we are diverse (economically and culturally). Many families feel that a large donation does not fit into their budget, but we need financial support in all amounts!!! **If each family in the French Immersion Program gives at least \$5.00 per month, we will be able to fully fund the Amity Language Model Program.** It is easy to sign up for your first year of automatic payments through our website at www.frenchimmersionfoundation.org. **Sign up today!!**



Welcome to Gina Bianchi and Donald LaBonte

Late last summer, long-time and highly talented MFIS teacher **Gina Bianchi** was named the new principal at MFIS. Madame Bianchi has been a supporter of the Milwaukee French Immersion Foundation since its beginning and is asking that each MFIS family volunteer 5 hours per semester to the school. Jump in!



On August 29th, MSL welcomed a new principal, **Don LaBonte**. Don brings over 20 years of teaching experience as high school English teacher at Pius XI, Hamilton and Brookfield East as well as success in administrative leadership – the last 8 years as the head principal of Brookfield Central High School. He has an undergraduate degree from UW-Madison and Masters degrees from Viterbo University and Marian University. He chose to leave Brookfield Central due to the opening at MSL, a successful unique school he had watched for some time. After MFIF met with him recently, we were very encouraged with his vision for MSL as well as his support for our mission.

MSL Open House

On October 10th, Milwaukee School of Languages will host an Open House from 6 to 8pm. We hope all MFIS' families take the opportunity to explore the continued immersion education available at MSL for both middle and high school students.



Enjoy your meal while the program enjoys your support!

Many of you have seen the flyers, but have you dined at **Chez Jacques, Pastiche, Coquette Café, Pizzeria Piccolo** during a Feast for French Immersion? Drop by for an appetizer or take the family to dinner; each participating restaurant agrees to donate a certain percentage of that day's sales to the Milwaukee French Immersion Foundation. And these donations add up!

Mark your calendars and invite friends and family to join you for these upcoming Feasts for French Immersion

Thursday, October 17
The Red Dot*
2498 N. Bartlett Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53211
Phone: (414) 964-5720

Date in November TBD
Chez Jacques*
1002 South 1st Street
Milwaukee, WI 53204
Phone: (414) 672-1040

Date in December TBD
The Soup Market
(MFIS Family Owned!!!)
New Location on
54th & Vliet

* Reservations recommended

Contact Susan Susan Smieja at susansmieja@yahoo.com or (414) 218-9567 if you know of area restaurants that may be interested in participating.



MILWAUKEE
FRENCH IMMERSION FOUNDATION

The Foundation was started by parents and we need more parents to be involved. If you've hesitated about getting involved, talk with us or send us an email at info@frenchimmersionfoundation.org and find out where your talents can be put to use.

frenchimmersionfoundation.org

MFIF Board Members
Jason Pilmaier, President
Gina Dee, Vice President
David Guthery, Vice President
Stephanie Wesselowski, Treasurer
Kate Gaudreau, Secretary
Russell Morgan
Delara Chaoui
Patrick Callahan
Stephanie Purvis
Cara Thenot
Lori Banks
Dan Elko



Amity Language Model Spotlights

Michel Ponterac From Dakar, Senegal

Monsieur Pontarec speaks 4 languages (Wolof, English, French, and Portuguese)! Although his native language is Wolof, he studies in the French language at his university. He studies English literature and has some experience teaching English as an unpaid intern and tutoring in Senegal to gain teaching experience. He noted that he would like to share traditional dance and music from his culture and plays the guitar. Rumor has it that he would like to learn American football!

Laurine Lengal From Brabant le Roi, France (Lorraine Region)

Mademoiselle Lengal studies English language and literature. She has spent the past year studying in Glasgow, Scotland. During the last three years, she has been taking a class called French as a Foreign Language (and English as a Foreign Language when she moved to Glasgow) will prepare her for a Master's degree and for becoming a French teacher in an English-speaking country. In Glasgow, she also took a class called "Learning How Others Learn," which discusses the different learning stages through childhood and adulthood. Mlle. Lengal played basketball for 9 years and likes to play sports in general. Also, she likes helping her neighbor with basic farm work and spending time with her family.

Laurianne Cotte From Saint-Fargeau Ponthierry, France (Île-de-France region)
Mademoiselle Cotte is studying to be a French teacher. She has already traveled to the U.S. in San Francisco to improve her English and she helped in a classroom setting. Her supervising teacher was a native speaker and students in her class were all from different countries including Brazil, Korea, Germany, France, and Japan. She has also tutored and had an internship with a speech therapist. Mlle. Cotte has many interests including drawing, cooking, hiking, dancing (Zumba, Sh'Bam), and jogging.

Laureline DeFranceshi From Bitschwiller-les-Thann, France (Alsace region)
Mademoiselle DeFranceshi is studying to be an elementary teacher in Strasbourg. Last year she conducted an internship one day per week as part of her teacher training. She participated in several training periods with different class levels last year. The first one was with four- and five-year-old children while the second one was with seven- and eight-years-old children. Last year, she was able to teach pupils who are nine and 10 years old (22 pupils in the class). Mlle. DeFranceshi likes to jog, swim, read, take nature walks, and has two cats (Cali et Lola).

Alexandre Thomas From Caen, France (Basse Normandie region)

Monsieur Thomas has tried studies in medicine and law at university but never found a perfect fit. After having studied English language up to "License II", he found his way to studying FLE (French as a Foreign Language) and now wants to be a French teacher. In addition, he created a stage fencing association in which he served as president from 2004 to 2011. He also likes volleyball, chess, and is part of an organization that puts on a medieval fantasy festival.

Start thinking about becoming a Host Family for the 2014-2015 school year!



In order to continue to bring Amity Language Models to the program, we need (you!) host families. MFIF pays the administrative fees and stipends for the Language Models, but we need host families to provide a home.

What it takes to be a host family:

- Have a private room for the Language Model
- Provide three meals per day (sack lunch during the week)
- Desire a valuable cultural experience

Hosting opportunities are available for one semester or a full school year. Nine weeks may be possible.

To learn more, please contact us at carathenot@gmail.com.

Visit our website:

www.frenchimmersionfoundation.org

"Like" us on Facebook!

Milwaukee French Immersion Foundation

P.O. Box 100227
Milwaukee, WI 53210

Join us for our next
Feast for French Immersion:

Thursday, October 17
The Red Dot*

2498 N. Bartlett Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53211
Phone: (414) 964-5720

Date in November TBD
Chez Jacques*
1002 South 1st Street
Milwaukee, WI 53204
Phone: (414) 672-1040

Date in December TBD
The Soup Market
(MFIS Family Owned!!!)
New Location on
54th & Vliet

* Reservations recommended

**Enjoy your meal while the program
enjoys your support!**

 **MILWAUKEE**
FRENCH IMMERSION FOUNDATION
frenchimmersionfoundation.org



Shhh

2nd Annual
 **MILWAUKEE**
FRENCH IMMERSION
FOUNDATION

**Silent
Auction**

**The Second Annual
Milwaukee French Immersion
Foundation's silent auction
will be held on November 2, 2013
at Blue's Egg restaurant.**

Join Us
Blue's Egg Restaurant
Saturday
November 2nd
6pm - 10pm
317 N. 76th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53213

**Order your tickets
online now!**

frenchimmersionfoundation.org