

Bulletin d 'information – Septembre 2026

An important message from the Board of Directors to the membership

Le Cercle Français de Tampa Bay is seeking member involvement to help lead the organization following the departure of Jean-Pierre Amsallem. Wendy Edson is serving as interim Vice President to provide continuity while the club determines its next steps.

The club is inviting interested members to **self-nominate for the role of President**. The board emphasizes that the position is about guiding and supporting the club's future, not handling everything alone. Members who are passionate about French language and culture and willing to help move the organization forward are encouraged to consider the role.

Those who are **not** interested in serving as president are asked to **recommend other members** who may be good candidates. The club is also looking for volunteers to serve on a **nominating committee** that would help identify and recruit potential leaders.

Thank you for being part of Le cercle Francais de Tampa Bay and for helping us to determine where we go from here.

Please write to : cfdetampabay@gmail.com for nominations, recommendations, committee volunteering, or questions about the role.

Un message important aux membres du Cercle **Français** de Tampa Bay

- Le **Cercle Français de Tampa Bay recherche un nouveau président** à la suite du départ de Jean-Pierre.
- Temporairement Wendy **assure l'intérim** comme vice-présidente.
- Les membres sont invités à :
  - **Se porter candidats** à la présidence.
  - **Recommender** un autre membre.
  - **Participer** à un comité de nomination.
- Le Board of Directors souligne que le président sera soutenu par une équipe engagée.
- L'objectif est de **préserver et de développer Le Cercle**, organiser des activités conviviales et promouvoir la langue et la culture française.
- Toute personne intéressée ou souhaitant en discuter peut écrire à **cfdetampabay@gmail.com**

Potluck & Antique Road Show

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Join us on Saturday, October 10, at Trinity Church for an afternoon of friendship, good food, and wonderful memories.

Our October gathering will begin with a **potluck lunch featuring an Oktoberfest theme**. We invite everyone to bring a favorite dish inspired by the flavors and traditions of Oktoberfest and enjoy a festive meal together. ***Sorry NO ALCOHOL*** *is authorized in the church facility – So get only non-alcoholic Beers if you like to keep the Oktoberfest spirit*

Following the great success of last year's event, we are delighted to bring back this event:

Our Own Antique Road Show!

Inspired by the popular *Antiques Roadshow*, this activity is not about appraisals or sales. Instead, members are invited to bring a cherished object, family heirloom, souvenir, or keepsake and share the story behind it. Whether your treasure is valuable or simply meaningful, we look forward to hearing the memories, history, and personal stories that make it special.

Come ready for an enjoyable afternoon filled with good food, fascinating stories, laughter, and the warm camaraderie that makes Le Cercle Français so special

What to Bring to Potluck? Assignment by last name

Appetizer:	**S to Z**
Entrée:	**A to J**
Dessert:	**K to R**

Tip: Plan for approximately **10–12 servings** per dish. If possible, please **label your dish**, especially if it contains common allergens

Please note: A contribution to the Food program of the Presbyterian Church is always appreciated. THANK YOU.

What to Bring at the Antique show?

- An antique or meaningful object with a story.
- It could be an old hat, a painting, a tool, a piece of jewelry, or anything else that holds personal value
- The more curious or touching the story, the better!

The Church needs to have number of visitors: please RSVP before Oct 3 at cfdetampabay@gmail.com

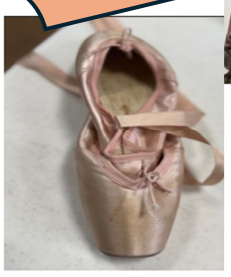
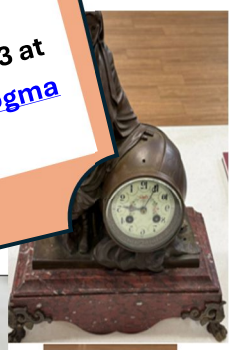
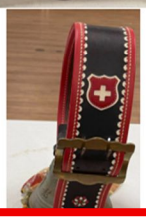
WHERE: Trinity Presbyterian Church 2001 Rainbow Dr. Clearwater FL 33765

WHEN; Saturday October 10, 2026, Noon to 3:00PM

COST: ***$ 10*** for non- members and guests Members: free





Our next events: **November 15, 2026**, at the Tarpon Lodge - **Better Than Beaujolais" Party**! 🍷 🍷

December 13, 2026, at the Bellair Country Club – **2026 Holidays Party !** 🎉 🎉 🎉

Le saviez-vous ? Did you know ?

The American HAPPY HOUR or the French Cinq a Sept ?

Does the French expression "***cinq à sept*" *(5 to 7)*** traditionally have a very different meaning from the American "***happy hour***"?



• In the **United States**, a *happy hour* is typically a social gathering after work, often held in bars or restaurants that offer discounted drinks and food. It is mainly associated with relaxation, socializing, and networking.



• In **France**, the traditional expression *cinq à sept* **historically** referred to a discreet romantic rendezvous, often involving an extramarital affair. The period between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. was seen as a convenient time to meet a lover before returning home for dinner and family obligations.

The idea comes from bourgeois society in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

But today , the concept that comes closest ***to the 5 à 7*** is often the aperitif ("apero") , a social ritual that takes place after work (drink and light snacks : olives, nuts, cheese, charcuterie ....)

PAYMENTS AND RSVP : How to pay with Zelle: *To pay with **Zelle,** first enroll your email or mobile number through your banking app. Add new recipient (Cercle Français de Tampa Bay). Then, select the recipient, enter the amount you want to send, and confirm the transaction; the money will typically arrive in their bank account within minutes.*

USE ONLY THE CF EMAIL FOR YOUR ZELLE PAYMENT:

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To Pay by Check: Make your check payable to: **Cercle Français de Tampa Bay** and mail it to**:** Wayne Rychak, 1419 Briargrove Way, Oldsmar FL