Le Cercle Français De Tampa Bay



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Bulletin d 'information – June 2026

Message du President

La rencontre du Cercle Français de Tampa Bay, tenue le samedi 20 juin, s'est déroulée dans une ambiance chaleureuse et conviviale. Plus de 60 membres se sont réunis pour partager un agréable repas entre amis.

Le point fort fut la présentation de la Cheffe Donna Hortz, qui a captivé l'auditoire avec un exposé passionnant sur le patrimoine culinaire français. Elle a évoqué les traditions régionales, l'évolution de la cuisine française, ainsi que l'influence d'Auguste Escoffier, pionnier de l'organisation moderne des cuisines inspirée d'une brigade militaire.

La Cheffe a ensuite mis en lumière plusieurs plats emblématiques, illustrant la richesse et le raffinement de la gastronomie française à travers le monde.

« Un grand merci à la Cheffe Donna Hortz pour cette remarquable présentation, ainsi qu'à tous les bénévoles qui ont contribué au succès de cette belle journée. »

The Cercle Francais de Tampa Bay meeting, held on Saturday, June 20, took place in a warm and friendly atmosphere. More than 60 members gathered to enjoy a pleasant meal together among friends.

The highlight of the event was the presentation by Chef Donna Hortz, who captivated the audience with a fascinating talk on French culinary heritage. She discussed regional gastronomic traditions, the evolution of French cuisine, and the influence of Auguste Escoffier, who revolutionized kitchen organization by modeling it after a military brigade system.

The Chef then showcased several iconic dishes, highlighting the richness and refinement that make French cuisine renowned worldwide.

"Many thanks to Chef Donna Hortz for this remarkable presentation, as well as to all the volunteers who contributed to the success of this wonderful day."

Pictures of the event will be soon posted on our Facebook page – Please visit and like us there

Some special announcements were made by our President, Jean-Pierre:

The Cercle Français de Tampa Bay now has over 104 members, and a surprise will be planned for the 100th member at our next event.

He also announced that the next gathering will take place on July 12 in a French restaurant to celebrate both the 250th anniversary of the United States and Bastille Day. (See details below and RSVP as soon as possible).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Réserver les dates - Reserve the dates

SUNDAY JULY 12

Le Cercle Français célèbre la Fête Nationale Française du 14 Juillet.

Elégant, Bleu Blanc Rouge « French Dinner Expérience »



When: 07/12/2026 - 4 :00 PM

Where : Voila, Merci Bistro
19525 Gulf Blvd
Indian Shores, Florida
Attire: Dress nicely, with a touch of France – think chic – relaxed elegance.
Fees: Members benefits: 50% discount offer by the Cercle Francais de Tampa Bay –

Members: $ 25 Guests: $ 50

RSVP: NO LATER THAN July 5th and Chose your Entrée : 1.Chicken or 2. Fish or 3. Veggie

Two Nations, One Celebration: When USA 250th Anniversary Meets Bastille Day

Join us for an elegant" Bleu Blanc Rouge "early dinner, enhanced by the delightful music of our favorite accordionist, Eric Zawalich.



Au Menu: Apéritif de Bienvenue (Mimosa, bellini, rosseco)

Hors d'oeuvre : Salade, tomates, poulet pesto, croutons, oignons, œufs mimosa et Baguettes française .

Entrees : 1 Emince de volaille sauce moutarde a l'ancienne, riz pilaf ou gratin dauphinois – (Chiken)

2. Filet de poisson sauce citron beurre blanc, riz pilaf ou gratin dauphinois (Fish)

3. Végétarien : Ratatouille, gratin dauphinois.

Desserts : Pâtisserie, crêpes sucrées

Wine and soft drinks – All included in price.

Menu prepared by Chef Philippe Bonnet from Lyon, France

AMERICA AND 250 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE - THE FRENCH CONNECTION

While Americans celebrate their independence, France played a crucial role in helping the United States win the Revolutionary War by providing supplies, troops, and naval support. Motivated by rivalry with Britain, France's involvement—along with key figures like Marquis de La Fayette—was instrumental in securing American independence.

Note : The restaurant Parking maybe limited, Carpooling is recommended.

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August – September:
Summer Break – No events scheduled



Le saviez-vous ? Did you know ?

Bastille Day is not called Bastille Day in France!!!

The first thing you need to know about Bastille Day is ***it's not called Bastille Day in France***. Only English speakers call it Bastille Day. It would be like calling the 4th of July "Declaration Day." It just sounds strange.

Similar to how Americans call their Independence Day "the 4th of July", the French refer to Bastille day *as* ***"quatorze juillet***," which means **"14th of July. "**

APPRENDRE LE FRANCAIS- LEARN FRENCH

Alliance Française de Sarasota

SUMMER CLASSES AT THE ALLIANCE – SARASOTA

REGISTRATION IS OPEN
Classes begin July 6th.
ZOOM Classe available – starting July 7th.

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La Parole Conviviale – Groupe de conversation en français.
See previous bulletins for more information - *Inscription: Contactez Thuyen Herman à thuyenh@aol.com*

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.*

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