Le Cercle Français De Tampa Bay



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Bulletin d 'information – Mars 2026

Message du President

Comme prévu, les élections annuelles du **Board of Directors du Cercle Français de Tampa Bay** se sont tenues lors de la **réunion du 15 mars**. Le quorum a été atteint.

Deux membres actuels du Conseil, **Wendy Edson** et **Paula Potter**, ont été confirmées dans leurs fonctions de Directeur, et **deux nouveaux membres** du Cercle ont été coopté au Board of Directors comme officiers.

Vincent Nico, Sharon Dante et Bob Querido ont démissionné. Ils ont tous servi le Board pendant de nombreuses années, et nous les remercions sincèrement pour leur engagement et leur services. Nous espérons continuer à les compter parmi nous et à bénéficier de leur participation pendant encore de nombreuses années

*As scheduled, the annual elections of the **Cercle Français de Tampa Bay Board of Directors** were held during the **March 15 meeting**. A quorum was met.*

*Two current board members, **Wendy Edson** and **Paula Potter**, were confirmed in their roles as Directors, and **two new members** of the Cercle were elected to be officers the Board.*

Vincent Nico, Sharon Dante and Bob Querido have resigned. They have all served the Board for many years, and we sincerely thank them for their commitment and service. We hope to continue to have them with us and to benefit from their participation for many years to come



The Cercle Français de Tampa Bay participated **and represented France** this year at the 50th St. Pete International Fair on March 7, 2026. Many volunteers came to support our stand and meet potential new members











- SPIFFS marked its **50th anniversary** with a **successfully and well-attended fair**, with cultural performances, food, parades, and educational days for schools leading up to the public day on March 7.

- The SPIFFS organization itself states, ***"We had a wonderful Fair this year!"*** in their post-event messaging.

France was among the 24 countries represented through food, music, dance, exhibits, and cultural organizations.







LAST EVENT



The Western Pique-nique à la Française of March 15 .

The Western *Pique-nique à la Française* held on March 15 was a wonderful success. Nearly 70 people attended, including several new faces we had the pleasure of meeting at the Spiffs.

The BBQ, delivered by Sonny, was unanimously praised and thoroughly enjoyed by all. A heartfelt thank you also goes to everyone who contributed delicious salads and desserts, which added the perfect sweet touch to a memorable afternoon. Thank you to all who joined us and helped make this event such a warm and convivial gathering!

The event was a huge success with lots of dancing, big pétanque tournament and beautiful singing from our new member Charles.



Bonne humeur….



Serieuse partie de petanque



Line Dancing





Unfortunately the day at the racetrack has been canceled, as we were unable to secure the required 40 participants early enough. It may be partie remise for another time.

However, please mark your calendars for a wonderful **new event**:

Spring Potluck & Wine Tasting Gathering 🍷

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Join us for a delightful afternoon at **The Lake Tarpon Lodge at Highland Lakes**, featuring a **potluck luncheon and an exclusive wine tasting** presented by Augustin Tari the owner of **Crownable Wine Company**—a true professional with **eight generations of winemaking experience**.

📍 **Venue** **The Lake Tarpon Lodge at Highland Lakes (see map and directions on page 6 below)**
127 Lakeside Lane
Palm Harbor, FL 34684

🕛 **Schedule** Lunch begins at Noon

💲 **Cost** **Members: $10** **Guests: $15**

✅ **Payment Required to reserve your attendance before April 8, 2026**

Please make your payment on time so we can properly prepare for the wine tasting event. See payment options on the last page.

🍽️ **Potluck Dish Assignments (by last name)**

- **A–F:** Dessert
- **G–K:** Salad
- **L–Q:** Entrée
- **R–Z:** Hors d'oeuvres

We look forward to sharing great food, fine wine, and wonderful company!

UPCOMING EVENTS: More events details to be posted later

May 17, 2026: Visit of the LRMA Museum + Jazz Concert at Tarpon Springs

June 20, 2026 : Trinity Church**,** Clearwater .

July 12, 2026: Bastille Day at Voila-Merci Restaurant – Indian Rock

La Parole Conviviale – Groupe de conversation en français.

Ci-dessous les dates **2026** pour nos réunions LPC (premier samedi de chaque mois), via Zoom, de 10h à 12h. (minimum : 4 personnes - maximum:12 personnes).

Samedi 04 avril Samedi 02 mai Samedi 06 juin Samedi 04 juillet Samedi 01 août Samedi 05 septembre Samedi 03 octobre Samedi 07 novembre Samedi 05 décembre	Vous souhaitez pratiquer votre français dans une ambiance détendue et conviviale ? Rejoignez ***La Parole Conviviale !*** **Fréquence** : Une fois par mois **Lieu** : Zoom (Max participation :12) **Inscription** : Contactez **Thuyen Herman** à **thuyenh@aol.com** pour confirmer votre participation. Le lien Zoom sera envoyé quelques jours avant la session.

Welcome to a new member volunteer to be our official photographer and serve as an officer of the Board. –



"Plusieurs d'entre vous m'ont rencontré dimanche au pique-nique. J'adore prendre des photos et faire des vidéos pour les publier. J'espère que cela ne vous dérange pas ! J'aime particulièrement les photos en noir et blanc, en gros plan. Des clichés spontanés. Pas posés. La dégustation de vin d'avril sera une excellente occasion pour moi de créer de l'art en noir et blanc de ceux qui seront présents ! J'espère que cela ne vous dérange pas."

Caroline Brown

Welcome to Daniel Conklin a new member volunteer to serve as an officer of the Board .

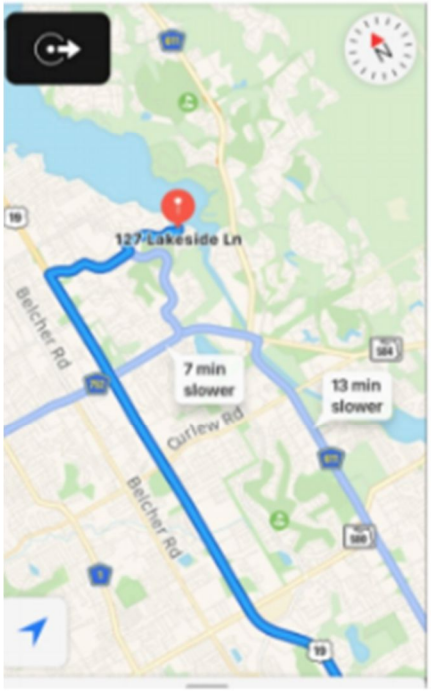
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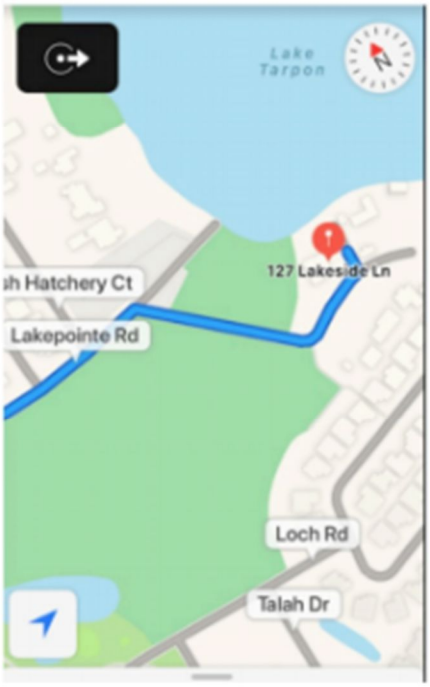
Map & Driving Instructions

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS

FROM THE SOUTH: Rte 19 North, cross Tampa Road and Nebraska Ave. - then take a right on Alderman Road, follow Alderman Road past Cobbs Landing until you turn left on Lake Pointe Road to be followed to the end.

FROM THE NORTH: Rte 19 going South past Innisbrook then turn left on Alderman Road, follow Alderman Road past Cobbs Landing until you turn left on Lake Pointe Road to be followed to the end.





Note: Some GPS do not show Lakeside Lane. They may only show Lakepointe Road. Follow Lakepointe Road and you will see the sign for Lakeside Lane. Your GPS may use 127 Lakepointe Rd. as the address.

Payments and Registrations

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:
Cfdetampabay@gmail.com

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, 34677.





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