Le Cercle Français De Tampa Bay



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Message du President

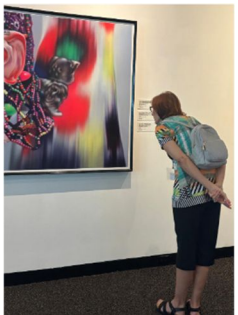
Une visite culturelle et musicale mémorable au musée d'art Leepa-Rattner.

La directrice du musée, **Christine Renc-Carter**, ainsi que la curatrice **Sera Felice**, ont chaleureusement accueilli les 53 membres du Cercle Français de Tampa Bay pour une visite exceptionnelle. Afin de profiter pleinement des lieux, après le déjeuner, les participants se sont répartis en deux groupes pour découvrir les différentes expositions. *Moment fort de la journée, l'artiste **Richard Heipp** a captivé l'audience lors d'une intervention d'environ une heure, partageant sa démarche artistique et sa vision de l'art en général*. La journée s'est poursuivie en musique avec le concert du groupe de blues **« Ramblin' Mutts »**, qui a rencontré un vif succès parmi les participants. *Nous avons également eu l'honneur de compter parmi nous **Helen Hreen**, Présidente de l'Alliance Française de Sarasota, dont la présence a enrichi la qualité de cet événement*. Un grand merci à Wayne et à tous les bénévoles pour leur précieuse contribution à la réussite de cette belle rencontre. Enfin, félicitations à Caroline pour ses magnifiques photos, à découvrir sur notre page Facebook.

A memorable cultural and musical visit.

Museum Director **Christine Renc-Carter** and Curator **Sera Felice** warmly welcomed the 53 members of the Cercle Français of Tampa Bay for a truly special visit. To ensure an enjoyable experience, after lunch, participants were divided into two groups to explore the exhibitions comfortably. *A highlight of the day was artist **Richard Heipp's** engaging one-hour talk, where he shared insights into his artistic process and broader reflections on art*. The event continued a lively note with a blues performance by **"Ramblin' Mutts"**, which was a great success and delighted the audience. *We were also honored by the presence of **Helen Hreen**, President of the Alliance Française of Sarasota, whose participation added even more distinction to the event.*

Special thanks to Wayne and all the volunteers who helped make this event such a success. Finally, congratulations to Caroline for her wonderful photography, be sure to check out the photos on our Facebook page.






Future Events:

June 20 (Saturday): At the Trinity Presbyterian Church **Chef Donna Sagan-Hortz** will give a talk on international cuisine and give recipes.



Let's try to impress her with our potluck dishes from all over the world. Plan your dish to serve 6-8 people and also consider having vegan-friendly dishes – If possible, label your dish.

Location : 2001 Rainbow Dr. Clearwater, 33765

Time: 12:00PM **Fees:** Members free – Guest : $10

International Potluck Dish Assignments (by last name)

- **A–C:** Hors d'oeuvres **D–L:** Entrées **M–R:** Salad **S–Z:** Dessert

July 12: (Bastille Day)

Elegant Bleu, Blanc Rouge French Dinner Experience

Join us at **Voilà, Merci Bistro Restaurant** for a charming and refined evening celebrating the ***Bastille day.***

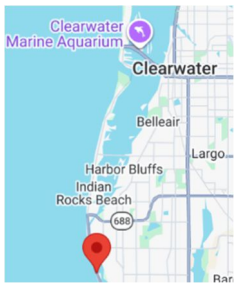


🎶 Enjoy an elegant **"Bleu Blanc Rouge" early dinner**, enhanced by the delightful music of our favorite accordionist, **Eric Zawalich**, bringing a trueFrench ambiance to the night.

👗 **Attire:** Dress nicely, with a touch of France—think chic, relaxed elegance.

🍽️ **A Taste of France**

Chef Philippe and Claire Monnet, originally from Lyon, will prepare an authentic *"à la française"* dinner, including wine and delicious dessert—promising a memorable culinary journey.



📍 **Location:**
Voilà, Merci Bistro
19525 Gulf Blvd
Indian Shores, Florida





More detailed info (timing, menu, fees etc..) will be presented in our next bulletin

Le saviez-vous ? Did you know ?

French companies employ **more than 800,000 Americans** through **5,400 subsidiaries across the United States—more than Apple, Google, Meta, and Microsoft employ worldwide combined**.

— According to Benjamin Dubertret, Minister-Counselor for Economic Affairs at the French Embassy in the United States.

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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, 34677

La Parole Conviviale – Groupe de conversation en français.

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