

# Metro Women's Club

*Just Between Friends*

## NEWSLETTER

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June 2025

Extend the Hand of  
Friendship

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### **THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Hope you all enjoyed our May Luncheon. It was so exciting to present Project'd Pink with a check for \$13,800. They were so grateful. We couldn't have accomplished this without the help of Sarah Chvala and Jean Cully and their Silent Auction and Game Day Committees. And, of course, all of you who attended these events.

A heartfelt congratulations to Pat Goodyear for being the recipient for our yearly Merit Award. I have experienced firsthand how much work and dedication Pat has put forth to make MWC the wonderful club it is. It has been an honor and a joy to serve as one of your Co-Presidents. I look forward, and I am sure Rosemary does too, to spending the next year doing so again. I hope you all are as proud to be a member of MWC as I am.

P.S. Rosemary and I are very much looking forward to visiting Dillard's to spend our President's gifts! Thankfully, LouAnn

### **DINE & DONATE**

Just a quick note thanking those of you who were able to enjoy a great Dine and Donate meal at Texas Roadhouse on Thursday the 15th. I regret setting this event up in May, as it seems there were many conflicting schedules. To finish our year, we actually were blessed to receive \$152.13 from Texas Roadhouse to add to our donation to Project Pink'd. Thanks for being part of this additional gift.

Sarah Chvala

### **CARDS**

If any of our members need a card of Cheer, Get Well, Congratulations or Sympathy sent, please contact Linda Nelson. She will send a card out to them. Staying connected is extremely important to us.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Please help us keep our membership information up to date! If you have moved, changed your email address or phone number, you can let us know by completing "Change of Address" section on the Metro Women's Club website. The following link will take you directly to the form. [www.metrowomensclub.org/change-of-address](http://www.metrowomensclub.org/change-of-address) If you have any questions, please contact Marcelene Lewis. Thank you!

### **FACEBOOK**

**Reminder you must be a paid member of Metro Women's Club. Unpaid members will be removed!**

No questions asked! Members remember to take pictures of your events and submit them to Darlene Gaeta for our private Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact Margi Vice, Sue Pieper, or Jean Welsh.

### **SILENT AUCTION**

Ladies, I know that it seems like our Silent Auction held in October is months away, but your dedicated Team will be starting weekly planning and prep days in the middle of July. We rely on all of you to provide large or small items so that we can create those fun baskets you love to peruse and bid on. Do you know an artist or business that would gift us something as a raffle item? We're collecting at any MWC event. Also, any of you are welcome to join the fun on our prep team. Contact Sarah Chvala with questions or comments. Keep your eyes open for bargains, and have a great summer!

### **DIRECTORY**

MWC Directory team will begin the process of proofing all the database starting on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. We will be meeting in the home of Denise Shroyer. If you are interested in being a part of this process along with Marcelene Lewis, Diane Dobrinska, Julie Dunn and Denise Shroyer please contact Denise.

### **CAN TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE**

Ladies, please collect the can tabs (beer, pop, canned wine, energy drinks/anything that has a pull tab) for the Ronald McDonald House. Margi Vice is collecting them.

For more information  
regarding  
Metro Women's Club  
please call:  
Marcelene Lewis  
New Membership/  
Renewals Director

## IMAGINE

"Beauty is not caused. It is." Emily Dickinson. The beauty inherent in the writing of prose and poetry by our writers is extraordinary as exemplified by Mary Lou Jambor's, "A Day with Nothing to Do," and "A Farm Event," (story of a wedding) and Janis Keim's "Great-grandma's Treasure Box." A story of a wooden recipe box that many of you may have in your home, inherited it from mom or grandma? Karen Saunders challenged us, "What would you do?" after she read us a real-life occurrence from her life. Quite the quandary. Nanci Neal was present to cheer us on and we all missed Kathy Benoit Raynor who was ill. Kelli Barager brought us a handout about narrative perspectives, and taught us there are many more than 'first person' as a choice. Amy Feidler read a touching poem written by her daughter who is in her first year in college. Jean Cully read "A Celebration," her contrapuntal poem honoring her first completed year of writing poetry and reading on open mics. Alice McDermott said, "We are surrounded by story." Our writers in Imagine and in our world prove how true this is. Our May meeting is May 28, and June 25, 2025 will be next. If you are interested in joining a new writer's group, please contact Jean Cully.

## MONTHLY LUNCHEON GREETERS

The **Greeters** will meet at the home of Jean Cully on June 23, 2025 at 10:00 AM for coffee to discuss next year's plan. Please respond to RSVP so we know who can attend. Thank You, Margi Vice and Jean Cully

## NEWSLETTER CRISIS??

Have you been out and about and needed some information that is in your MWC Newsletter, but you don't have your Newsletter with you??? Did you accidentally delete or lose your Newsletter?? Or, did you want to share your Newsletter with a prospective new member but your Newsletter is at home? Maybe you did not receive your monthly Newsletter?? Go to the website on your phone or computer. Yes, go to [metrowomensclub.org](http://metrowomensclub.org) and click on the tab "**Newsletter**" then click the **current month**. Our webmaster normally posts our Newsletters the 3rd Sunday of each month (the Sunday after the Board Meeting). The only change from the Newsletters that are mailed/ emailed to you is the absence of personal information, i.e. member's phone numbers and addresses. This is done to protect your privacy because our website is accessible to everyone. There is also a printer icon in the upper right corner where you can also print your Newsletter. So don't panic...Just click! **Ladies, do not contact your newsletter editor, either go to the website, or contact the Newsletter Circulation Person if you don't receive your Newsletter via email, she is the one who makes sure your email is correct. If you receive via snail mail, check your mailbox and don't throw it away.**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**LUNCHEON 2nd Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am SOCIAL 12:00pm LUNCH**

**At: Arbor Hall, 14040 Arbor St, Omaha, NE**

Please DO NOT call Arbor Hall to make or cancel reservations – call: Deann Zens, Julie Dunn or Cella Best listed below.

**Menu:** Mini burgers with toppings, pulled pork, mac and cheese, coleslaw, watermelon. Coffee, tea, and water. Ice cream bar with toppings (Vanilla ice cream) Cash Bar Available

**Cost:** \$25.00 per person includes taxes and tip. Cash or Check only, **WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS.**  
Please have your form of payment ready prior to heading to the cashiers, this makes for a faster check in and gives you time to socialize before lunch is served.

**Members:** All members will be contacted by their caller. If you are not called by Tuesday, June 3rd please call Deann Zens 402-639-8153 or Julie Dunn 402-332-8976. If you are bringing a guest, please give your caller the guest's name.

If you do not receive a call by **Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>** and wish to attend, please call **Deann Zens** or **Julie Dunn**. If you are bringing a guest, please give your caller your guest's name. **Must RSVP** if you don't want to be turned away at the door. Thank you.

**Cancellations:** Must be called in to Deann, Julie, or Cella no later than noon on Wednesday, June 4th. If you make a reservation, you will be responsible for payment in full, no cancellation will be accepted after Noon on Wednesday June 4th. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**Callers:** Please have your attendees' count to Julie — Reservation deadline is Tuesday, June 3rd

**Luncheon co-chairs: Deann Zens, Julie Dunn & Cella Best**

**Program:** Indoor picnic for making new friends and just relaxing!

**Program co-chairs: Mary Ellen Anderson & Peggy Christ**

**Members: We love to hear you socializing, chatting and catching up prior to the Luncheon! Just remember to turn your focus to the podium and to whomever has the microphone when "noon" approaches. Be sure to silence your phone. Your cooperation is GREATLY appreciated!**

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## **BOARD MEETING 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am**

**At: Millard Branch Omaha Public Library, 13214 Westwood Lane, Millard**

Board Members, Committee Chairpersons, Socials and Special Events Chairpersons and all Special Interest Activities Chairperson are expected to have their information to Lorraine Mines for the newsletter the **Friday prior to the board meeting**. If you are scheduled to report please be at the board meeting, If unable to attend please call LouAnn or Rosemary. Information needs to be to Lorraine Mines and Linda Cisarthe Friday prior to the board meeting.

## **BIRTHDAY BASH— 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am**

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

**At: Otoro Sushi & Ramen Asian Cuisine (Panda House)**

**14459 West Center Road 402-691-0099**

**Please RSVP**

Sign up at the Social Noon Luncheon, or call/text Judy Mumm or Dee Bigge to attend or to cancel.

## **GAD-A-BOUITS 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday June 24<sup>th</sup> 11:45 am**

Lunch at Dolomiti Pizzeria and Enoteca (1105 N. 13<sup>th</sup> Street) 11:45 a.m. followed by a tour and glass blowing demonstration at 1:30 p.m. Hot Shops Art Center (1301 Nicholas St). Tour and demonstration \$5 cash per person payable on site.

3-hour free parking available along Nicholas Street in front of Hot Shops Art Center. Carpoolers meet at the Family Fare parking lot (south area) 144<sup>th</sup> & Center Streets no later than 11:10 a.m. RSVP Dorris Heaston. Hope you can join us!

**Dorris Heaston & Sandy Major—co-chairs**

# FUTURE EVENTS

## **COFFEE & CHAT 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am—Noon**

**Hostess (provides event location):** Deborah Merritt Jones

**Co-hostesses (provides event snacks):** Cindy Carlson and Pat Goodyear

**Chairperson:** Bert Harrifeld

## **JULY SOCIAL— Save the date—July 27<sup>th</sup>**

Musical production of "Rock of Ages"

See page 6 for more information

**MUST sign up by July 16<sup>th</sup>**

## **LET'S GO PLACES**

**CANCELLED** - August 2025 Southwest National Parks tour. No interest.

**AUGUST 15-22, 2025** - Bermuda cruise - still interested? Call me to get contact information. Not sure if there's openings or not.

**APRIL 2026** - Cruise down eastern coast of Africa! Madagascar, 2 other island nations, 3 days in South Africa, 3 days at sea. Cruise is \$2300 pp. Airfare is extra. If you have interest, call me!

**JUNE 18 2026** - 11 days French Riverboat cruise, includes all meals, cruising, 3 nights in Paris, day at the Louvre, full day at Normandy/Omaha beach, palace of Versailles, ground transportation, **airfare...** through Gate 1. Already have 6 people booked! Call me for info to book. Riverboats have very limited cabins. Yes it will sell out! Down payment now, final due December 31. \$4900 pp

**AUGUST 2026** - Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park. So excited to offer this at a great price!!! More later.

Barb Bures -

## **Travel Club—Co-chairs: Cece Carlson & Cindy Carlson**

Travel Cat Tours

1) Jersey Boys is full

2) Leavenworth, First City of Kansas July 22nd. \$125 . Refer to brochure on page 8.

3) My Iowa Show With Brown Family August 21st \$127 Refer to brochure on page 9.

**MUST SIGN UP FOR THIS SHOW NOW BECAUSE BILL SAYS IT ALWAYS SELLS OUT. You don't have to pay until later.**

4) Nebraska City Apples & Fall Colors October 15th \$105

To register for tours, Travel Cat Tours 531777-2124 or [info@travelcattours.com](mailto:info@travelcattours.com)

**PLEASE PUT IN NOTES THAT YOU ARE WITH METRO WOMENS CLUB**



# THE PERSONALS

June 2025

## THINKING ABOUT YOU

Marilyn Conner - Son-in-law's Passing  
 Donna Arlt - Knee surgery  
 Mary Lou Jambor - Fell  
 Sandy House - Surgery  
 Deb Friend - Sister's Passing

**Congratulations** to Pat Goodyear having received the MWC Merit Award

## YOU'VE GOT MAIL

"It was an honor to be chosen for this years merit award. Thank you for all your kind wishes and for the Dillard's Gift Card.  
 In Friendship, Pat Goodyear"

## BIRTHDAY GALS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!**

06/01	Shirley Puls	06/07	Joyce Bluhm	06/12	Mary Ellen Anderson
06/13	Juanita Hammen	06/15	Valerie Kirzmilller	06/15	Nanci Neal
06/21	Sue Chevalier	06/21	Doris Helfrich	06/24	Angela Stoll
06/25	Cindy Carlson	06/27	Janet Johnson	06/28	Linda Svatora

## June 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 1	2 Dining Inn	3 Marathon Bridge	4 Evening Bunco	5 Social Hour	6 Golf Walking With the Animals	7
8	9	10 Monthly Luncheon	11 Bridge	12 Mah Jongg	13 Golf Lunch Time Bunco Walking With the Animals	14
15	16 Dining Divas	17 Birthday Bash Board Meeting	18 Lunch Bunch Morning Bunco	19 Imagine Writers	20 Book Club Garden Club Golf Walking With the Animals	21
22	23	24 Gad-a-bouts	25 Stitch and Chat	26 Mah Jongg	27 Cinema Chicks Golf Walking With the Animals	28
29	30	Jul 1	2	3	4	5

# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

June 2025

<p><b>EVENING BUNCO</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm <b>Hostess: Carolyn Will</b></p> <p><b>Month Results:</b> Most Wins: Juanita Hammen Most Buncos: Carolyn Will Low Score: Connie Gibb Door Prize(s): LouAnn Norton</p> <p>Contact Diane if interested in serving as a sub</p>	<p><b>LUNCH TIME BUNCO</b> 2nd Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am <b>Hostess: Patricia Thompson</b></p> <p><b>May Results:</b> Most Wins: Deborah Jones Most Buncos: Ann Thomson Low Score: Linda Davis Door Prize: Denise Swanson</p>	<p><b>MORNING BUNCO</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am <b>Hostess: Marcelene Lewis</b></p> <p><b>May Results:</b> Most Wins: Darlene Gaeta Most Buncos: LouAnn Norton Low Score: Shirley Raleigh Door Prize: Deborah Jones</p> <p>Contact Diane if interested in serving as a sub</p>
<p><b>ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, TBD 11:30 am</p> <p>Will start again in the Fall</p> <p>Any questions, please call Celeste Giery</p>	<p><b>SWEET PEA GARDEN CLUB</b> Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am</p> <p><b>Memorial Park Rose Garden</b> With Lunch following at Goldberg's</p> <p>See page 7 for details</p> <p>If interested in the Garden Club please email Patricia Thompson</p>	<p><b>BRIDGE</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday June 11<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am <b>Zio's Pizzeria</b> 12997 West Center Road, Omaha</p> <p><b>May Results:</b> First Place: Marilyn Conner Second Place: Rosemary Bliss Third Place: Carole Thompson</p> <p>This is not a closed group, if you want to play please contact Anna Nelson</p>
<p><b>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - NOON DELIGHTS—1<sup>st</sup> Monday</b> June 2<sup>nd</sup> 12:00 pm</p> <p><b>Hostess: Ann Thomson</b></p>	<p><b>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - DINING DIVAS—3<sup>rd</sup> Monday</b> June 16<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm</p> <p><b>Hostess: Cindy Carlson</b></p>	<p><b>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - LUNCH BUNCH—3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday</b> June 18 12:30 pm</p> <p><b>Hostess: Pat Goodyear</b></p>
<p><b>BOOK CLUB</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am <b>Abrams Branch Omaha Public Library</b> 5111 N. 90th Street, Omaha</p> <p><b>Book: THE BOND WE SHARE</b> <b>Author: Patrick Butler</b></p> <p>This is our local author with such an interesting story, bring a friend if you like</p> <p><b>Questions: Juanita Hammen</b></p>	<p><b>WALKING WITH THE ANIMALS</b> <b>Every Friday all year round</b></p> <p>Morning walk at the Henry Doorly Zoo. Walking club members check in at 7:30 AM during the summer months and 8:30 AM during the winter. Must be a Zoo Member!</p> <p><b>Contact: Lorraine Mines</b></p>	<p><b>SOCIAL HOUR</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm <b>Legacy Chop House (formerly Upstream and Jams)</b> 17070 Wright St (Just South of West Center Rd) Will be on the back patio</p> <p>Please no saving seats! Chance to meet and have fun with your fellow members! You never know who you might meet!</p> <p><b>Chairperson: Doris Helfrich</b></p>
<p><b>IMAGINE WRITERS GROUP</b> 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>Hostess: Jean Cully</b> <b>Chairperson: Jean Cully</b> Group is closed, wait list at this time.</p> <p>Please reach out about the Evening Writers Group</p>	<p><b>GAD-A-BOOTS</b> 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 11:45 am <b>Glass Blowing Demonstration</b> <b>Hot Shops— 1301 Nicholas St</b></p> <p>More information on page 3</p>	
<p><b>CINEMA CHICKS</b> 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Watch your emails Tuesday or Wednesday of that week for movie choice, theater &amp; lunch location.</p> <p>After this newsletter info, Diane Stein will be the Cinema Chicks Chairperson, starting in June. I've enjoyed having lunch and seeing movies with many of you ladies over the past 4 years! Chris Sagenbrecht</p> <p>Any questions, call or text <b>Diane Stein or Deann Zens</b></p>	<p><b>AMERICAN MAHJONGG</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 1:00 pm—4:00 pm June 12<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup> Converge Church 14515 Harvey Oaks Ave, Omaha</p> <p>Contact Sandy for lessons. Observers are welcome!!</p> <p>We are looking for new players! Come and join the fun, we'd love to have you!</p> <p><b>Sandy Simpson</b></p>	





## Our Metro Women's Club Socials Group invites you to Rock Around The Clock with **ROCK OF AGES !**

**Rock of Ages** is a high-energy, nostalgic musical that takes audiences on a wild ride through the 1980s rock-and-roll scene. ROCK OF AGES is a summer musical production presented by the Ralston Community Theatre group.

Get ready to ROCK  
Sunday, July 27th, 2:00 PM  
Stocks & Bonds  
8528 Park Drive  
Ralston NE

\$18.00\* per person (hubbies and friends are welcome) no refunds  
RSVP: Darlene Gaeta  
**MUST** RSVP and pay Darlene before Wednesday, July 16th.  
Make checks payable to Darlene Gaeta

Spaghetti Works after the musical

For more information about the musical, email : <https://ralstoncommunitytheatre.org>  
\*The cost is based on an attendance of 20 or more ... invite friends!



# Garden Club

**Thursday, June 19th**

**Memorial Park Rose Garden**

**Meet at 10:30**

Lunch at Goldberg's on Dodge 12:00 PM

Please RSVP for Lunch:

Patricia Thompson





# Leavenworth

## First City of Kansas

**Est. 1854**

Photo Courtesy of Leavenworth County Historical Society

**Founded in 1854, Leavenworth is the first city established in Kansas. Discover its rich history with a tour of Fort Leavenworth, learn about the iconic federal prison, and enjoy a nostalgic lunch hosted by the 1890s Harvey Girls reenactors and barbershop quartet. Do not miss the chance to ride a beautifully restored 1913 wooden carousel at the C.W. Parker Carousel Museum.**

This morning, we travel to Leavenworth, Kansas, to visit the C.W. Parker Carousel Museum, a treasure trove dedicated to preserving the charm of antique carousels. Tour the restoration rooms and discover the intricate process behind bringing these beautiful works of art back to life. Then, enjoy a ride on a fully restored 1913 wooden carousel -- complete with easy-to-access bench seats for those who may find it difficult to climb onto a traditional horse.



**C.W. Parker 1913 Carousel Ride**

Leavenworth was once home to Fred Harvey, the visionary who launched a chain of restaurants in train depots across the country during the late 1800s. These establishments became famous for their uniformed hostesses, known as "Harvey Girls", who provided food and refreshments to hungry train passengers. This afternoon, we will enjoy a delicious barbecue brisket lunch at the historic downtown train depot, served by women dressed in traditional Harvey Girl attire. Adding to the fun, musical entertainment will be provided by performers in classic black and white jail stripes.



**Harvey Girls Luncheon**

After lunch, we meet our local guide for a fascinating tour that begins at an overlook near the infamous Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary. There, we will hear stories about the prison's colorful history and some of its most notorious inmates, including the infamous Birdman of Alcatraz. The tour continues with a visit to Fort Leavenworth -- established in 1827 and often referred to as the "Army University" due to its world renowned officer training school. The fort played a significant role in maintaining peace among Native American tribes and the growing wave of westward bound settlers. We will also explore Leavenworth's charming downtown, featuring historic homes and buildings.



**Tuesday, July 22, 2025**

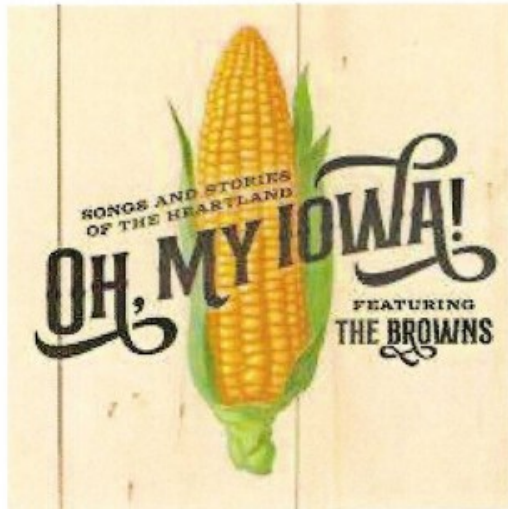
**7:30 am – 7:00 pm \$120 per person**

For reservations, register online at [www.travelcattours.com](http://www.travelcattours.com)  
531-777-2124. Registration deadline is June 20, 2025





# OH, MY IOWA!



It is truly a family affair when The Browns take the stage. Comprised of Adam, Michaela, Shelly, and Andrew, this Dove Award nominated group brings excitement and harmony to every performance. For over 20 years, The Browns have been delighting audiences across the United States, evolving from a local favorite into a nationally and internationally recognized touring ensemble.

Join The Browns for a special two hour show dedicated to their beloved home state of Iowa. This unique performance features songs that are connected to Iowa -- whether through their subject matter, an Iowan artist, or a notable Iowa location. The diverse musical lineup includes everything from the swinging sounds of Glenn Miller's jazz to timeless hits by The Everly Brothers, Buddy Holly, and Andy Williams. Fans of Broadway will also enjoy memorable selections from "The Music Man" and "State Fair".

Before the performance, enjoy a luncheon buffet featuring slow cooked roast beef, potatoes, vegetables, salad, and cheesecake for dessert. After the performance, visit the Wells Blue Bunny Ice Cream parlor for an afternoon delight.



**Thursday, August 21, 2025**  
**9:30 am - 7:00 pm Le Mars, Iowa**  
**Deadline July 18, 2024**  
**\$127 per person**

Includes lunch buffet, Brown Family performance, ice cream at Wells Ice Cream Parlor, transportation, and gratuities.

Contact Travel Cat Tours, LLC to register 531-777-2124 [info@travelcattours.com](mailto:info@travelcattours.com)  
Or register online at [www.travelcattours.com](http://www.travelcattours.com)