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MEETS THE 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. IN RACHEL'S KITCHEN

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February 2023 ISSUE

President's Message

January was a slow month for club travel. The Caverns Tour only had five registered, so we had to cancel it. If any of you took a cruise or other trip in January that you would like to share with us, please let me know, especially if you have pictures.

We have two big events in February: our Valentine's Luncheon on February 13 and a Valentine's Wine Tour on February 17. Your board decided that we have enough money in the bank to subsidize a catered luncheon for our members. There was some confusion on registration because the event was never posted on MTL by the Lifestyle Department while the director was away in training. We wound up with checks for 40 members before we realized it. So, our meeting may be a little crowded. And you may have to settle for one chocolate cherry and one glass of wine.

To finish up Valentine's week we have a wine tour of Aspen Dale, Fox Meadow, and Valerie Hill. Tastings at Aspen Dale and Valerie Hill are on your own. But Fox Meadow will provide us a culinary and wine education experience with six of their wines at a reduced price. Shenandoah Shuttle, the new owner of Classy Cowboy Vans, is now charging by the day rather than by the person and is reducing their \$750 rate to \$600 for this trip. So, we now have two sources of transportation: Virginia Rides 28-passenger bus at \$90 per hour; and Shenandoah Shuttle 12- or 14-passenger van at \$750 per day.

Michell and I are registered for Shenandoah Tours October trip to Pittsburgh. I hope some of you will join us so we can get picked up in Lake Frederick. If any you are planning trips and would like company, let us know.

Looking ahead, we have several trips listed as TBD. I need help planning and arranging these trips. If you are interested, please let me know. Otherwise, they probably won't happen. Stay warm in your walks around campus. **Also note the new registration deadline schedule in this newsletter.**

Please note the change in my email address darnellgd@hotmail.com
See you around the hood . . .

George Darnell
Club President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting
Monday, February 13th, 2023
Rachel's Kitchen
11:30 a.m.
Valentine Luncheon



Valentine Wine Tour, February 17, 2023

Valentine's is for Lovers and Virginia is for Lovers. What better way to celebrate Valentine's than with a Virginia Wine Tour? We will start with a stop at Aspen Dale Winery in Linden, where we will have time to sample their wines in a rustic converted barn tasting room and explore their grounds.

Our next stop will be nearby Fox Meadow Winery; formerly owned by our Trilogy neighbors Dan and Cheryl Mortland. One of the new owners, Amanda Darwill, is a master chef. She will provide us with their February "Culinary & Wine Education Experiences" at a special price for our club. This will include generous pours of three white wines, a Rose', and two red wines paired with the chef's selection of tasty bites. All of this while we enjoy a spectacular view of the mountains.

Our final stop will be Valerie Hill Vineyard and Winery near Stephens City. The house and grounds date to the colonial period. The house was used as a hospital during Civil War battles nearby and contains artifacts dating from that period. Some say it is haunted. Their wines and hospitality are superb.

Schedule:

6:00 to 10:00 AM – Eat a hearty breakfast at home
11:00 AM – Board Shenandoah Shuttle Van.
11:30 AM – Arrive Aspen Dale
12:30 PM – Depart Aspen Dale
12:45 PM – Arrive Fox Meadow
2:15 PM – Depart Fox Meadow
2:45 PM – Arrive Valerie Hill
4:00 PM – Depart Valerie Hill
4:30 PM – Arrive Lodge

Minimum for this trip is 10 and maximum is 14.

Registration is \$75 for transportation and the Fox Meadow wine pairing. Other tasting, wine and souvenir purchases, and driver tip are not included.

Please drop off your registration check with your contact information and the date of the trip with the lodge concierge no later than Feb. 12, 2023.

George Darnell (703-850-2132)
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Trips Planned for 2023

- Jan 20—Luray & Skyline Caverns Tour; \$40 R/T bus—cancelled
- Feb 17—Winter Wine Tour; Aspen Dale, Fox Meadow, & Valerie Hill; \$75 R/T bus
- Mar 17—St. Patrick's Pub Crawl TBD
- Mar 27—Cherry Blossoms/Jefferson Memorial/Lunch on the Wharf; R/T bus TBD
- Mar 30—Bluebell Hike in Front Royal
- Mar 31-Apr 1—Moses/Sister Act; Lancaster, PA; 2 Days/1 Night/ 3 Meals; \$459 pp ~~dbl~~, \$4538 ~~sgl~~, R/T coach; \$100 dep by Feb 1 - Contact <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Apr 5-13—Chesapeake Bay Cruise
- Apr 10-14—Charleston & Savannah: Springtime in the Old South; 5 days/ 4 nights/ 7 meals; \$1349 pp ~~dbl~~, \$1759 ~~sgl~~, R/T coach; \$100 dep by Feb 10 - Contact <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Apr 29—Apple Blossom Parade; reserved seat on parade route plus R/T shuttle TBD
- May 12—Winchester Battlefields TBD
- May 27—Jun 1—Bermuda Cruise w/Greg on Royal Caribbean from NJ; \$552 pp inside cabin by Feb 1; carpool R/T NJ; Contact Gregory Payonk gpayonk@gmail.com
- Jun 5-8—Niagara Falls; 4 days/ 3 nights/ 4 meals; \$769 pp ~~dbl~~, \$979 ~~sgl~~, R/T coach, \$100 dep by Apr 1 - Contact <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Jun 16—Culpeper/Montpelier Wine Tour TBD
- Jun 22—Potomac River Dinner Cruise TBD
- Jul 31-Aug 12—The Best of Alaska: Klondike, Denali & Glacier Bay & Inside Passage Cruise & Train Tour; 13 days/12 nights;/27 meals from \$4727 pp plus airfare (TBA) – \$600 dep by Mar 1 - Contact <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Aug 18—Manassas National Battlefield Park Tour & Brewery Lunch Tour TBD
- Aug 26—Charlottesville Area Wine Tour TBD
- Sep 16—Harpers Ferry, WV Tour TBD
- Sep 24-Oct 1—Globus Iceland Tour w/Greg; 8 days/ 7 nights/ ~~bkfst & dnr~~ daily; R/T air from Dulles; \$4,536 pp w/\$500 deposit by Jun 1; R/T carpool to Dulles; Contact Gregory Payonk gpayonk@gmail.com
- Sep 29—Oktoberfest Brewery Tour TBD
- Oct 12-14—Colors of Autumn: Falling-water, Pittsburgh tour & river cruise, Potomac Eagle train ride; 3 days/ 2 nights/ 6 meals; \$839 pp ~~dbl~~, \$1039 ~~sgl~~, R/T Coach; \$100 dep by Aug 1 – contact <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Oct 23—Camp Rapidan Tour by NPS TBD
- Nov 16—Night at Charles Town Races TBD
- Nov 28-30—Longwood Gardens/Miracle of Christmas in PA; 3 days, 2 nights, 4 meals; \$769 pp ~~dbl~~, \$899; \$100 dep by Sep 15, R/ Coach - contact <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Dec 10-13—Christmas in Williamsburg TBD

Please note: Shenandoah Tours fill quickly; make reservations early!

Trip Registration Deadlines for 2023

- Feb 1—Moses/Sister Act; Lancaster, PA;
<https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Feb 1—Bermuda Cruise w/Greg on Royal Caribbean from NJ. Gregory Payonk
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- Feb 10—Charleston & Savannah: Springtime in the Old South
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- Apr 1—Niagara Falls
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- Apr 19—Apple Blossom Parade
- Jun 1—Globus Iceland Tour
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Bermuda Cruise (6 days) – \$552*/pp May 27 – June 1, 2023

INCLUDES:

- Royal Caribbean Liberty of the Seas departing Port Liberty, Bayonne, NJ (inside cabin)
- Gratuities, port charges, taxes, fees

Cruise Itinerary - Check-in Between: 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM (Embarkation time, itinerary)

Date	Port Location	Arrive	Depart
27 MAY	CAPE LIBERTY, NJ (NY METRO)		3:00 PM
28 MAY	CRUISING		
29 MAY	ROYAL NAVAL DOCKYARD, BERMUDA	9:00 AM	
30 MAY	ROYAL NAVAL DOCKYARD, BERMUDA		6:00 PM
31 MAY	CRUISING		
01 JUN	CAPE LIBERTY, NJ (NY METRO)	7:00 AM	

NOT INCLUDED:

- Transfers from Lake Frederick to Cape Liberty Cruise port (5hr drive; suggest carpooling)
- Parking at Port Liberty pier (\$25/day)
- Excursions in Bermuda (very inexpensive, use public local buses and ferries)

WHAT NEXT:

- Make reservation on Royal Caribbean website or I used Costco (get additional \$25 shop card)
- If you own at least 100 shares of RCL stock, submit online request for \$50 onboard credit



5 Night Cruise from Bayonne
(Round Trip)

Royal Caribbean®
Liberty of the Seas

5 Night Cruise

Departure Date: Sat, May 27, 2023

Embarkation Port: Bayonne

Return Date: Thu, Jun 01, 2023

Disembarkation Port: Bayonne

Hello Neighbors and fellow Bermuda Cruisers

I just wanted to connect us all easily so I created this group. If you want any other emails added, please let me know. So far we have the following going on the trip: Greg Payonk & Louise Liddle, Christine Chu & Frank Hall, and Gary Blevins & Phyllis Ford - We all travelled to New Orleans together. Interesting.

Right now, Greg is planning to depart LF 5AM on 5/27 and will be carpooling with Christine/Frank. Gary will follow and may continue up to Lake George after cruise returns or possibly come back home depending on his carpool situation. Please tell others about this inexpensive cruise. The more the merrier. I've attached the trip info George Darnell asked me to put together and he said he was going to mention it at the LF travel club.

Once we get onboard, we can link our reservations and then we would be able to all sit at the same table for dinner. If you prefer to dine separately on any particular night, no problem, just let the dining reservationist know when you show up for dinner. There will probably be two formal nights so plan accordingly. Each stateroom can bring two bottles of wine in luggage. If you don't plan to use your allowance, let others know so a bottle can be added to your bag for exchange once on board. Frank and Greg purchased a soda beverage package (was promo at 50% off so if you are interested watch for that. Now I see only 35% discount. Alcohol packages are not worth it IMO -- please contact me for more info!)

Do create Royal Caribbean account and join their Crown and Anchor Society frequent cruiser program and call Royal with this number to add to your reservation. And download Royal app as you will use it extensively on-board to communicate with each other and check your daily itinerary and make reservations.

On May 29, I'm planning to take public bus transportation (available at the pier) to Horseshoe Bay and spend most of the day on the beach. I'm not a beach person, but this beach is world renown and spectacular. You will need some sort of sun protection. I have a pop-up beach tent I'm bringing that folds flat. Amazon link below. Make sure you practice how to get the tent back in the bag (Louise and I can help)!!

<https://www.amazon.com/SUNBA-YOUTH-Instant-Portable-Shelter/>

May 30, AM will take a ferry from Royal Dockyards (at pier terminal) to St. Georges and then probably take a bus back to cruise terminal. May stop off in Hamilton (shopping district) depending on time. This way you will cover the entire island and get to see the scenery and locale. Public transportation is very inexpensive and a great way to do an island tour. There are ship-based tours as well you might consider as well (book in advance if you like as there will be no discounts once on-board).

As you have other thoughts or questions, respond to this email so we can all be better prepared.
Greg Payonk

Iceland Tour - \$4,536*/pp Sept. 24 – Oct. 1, 2023 (8 days)

INCLUDES:

- Scheduled tours with expert local guides as outlined in itinerary.
- VIP sightseeing access to iconic sites.
- Includes full buffet breakfast and 3-course dinner daily.
- First class hotels.
- Tour transportation beginning day 2 to completion day 8.
- Roundtrip, nonstop Iceland Air (IAD – KEF, departing 9/23/2023 8:35 p.m.).
- Roundtrip transfers from KEF (Reykjavik airport) to downtown hotel (Hilton Reykjavik Nordica)

NOT INCLUDED:

- Roundtrip transfers from Lake Frederick to Dulles (available \$25 pp each way).
- Optional excursions at particular points on tour during scheduled free time will be made available for booking as tour date gets closer.
- Morning of arrival after Iceland airport transfers to hotel to drop bags (before 2 p.m. check-in), we will take 3 hrs. Viator Reykjavik sightseeing tour by minibus \$54

WHAT NEXT:

- \$500 non-refundable deposit (cancellations 90 days prior, deposit applied to a different Globus tour).
- Decide on purchase of Globus travel protection (\$299/pp) paid at time of deposit.
- Contact Leslie Dean 303.703.7769 or ldean@globusfamily.com Ask for discounts!!! *Price quoted was based on airfare booking Nov 4, 2022 and may change based on airfare at time of your booking)
- I emailed passport info for each passenger (full name, number, birthdates, state of birth, issue and expiration date) and Leslie called me back to take credit card info for deposit. Or you could give all that info when she calls if you prefer.
- Do mention you are part of Lake Frederick Travel Club group and ask to be attached to reservation #859935 so your booking will count towards our group discount and rooms and dinner reservations will be booked together.

OTHER INFO:

- Depending on group size, we would get additional per person discounts. 8-12 \$100, 13-16 \$150, 17-24 \$200
- Final Payment due 7/26/2023.
- Northern lights peak periods are September and March (equinoxes).
- This is a small group tour with 24 people max.

Greg Payonk is travel lead for this trip.

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Hello Iceland Travelers - Update

We have all booked the Iceland airfare and RT local transfers through Globus.

After many emails with the Viator tour operator for the Reykjavik City tour, you will need to consider the following information whether or not to keep or cancel the Viator reservation:

- We arrive 6:30AM and have to deplane and collect luggage
- Then exit through customs/immigration (I was told this is zero time by another LF Iceland traveler)
- Find the Globus transfer vehicle 45min ride to downtown hotel

Assuming flight arrives on time (could be earlier too?), and baggage is expedient and transfers to downtown hotel are smooth (I contacted Globus rep about this and she reached out to transfer agent and was told once we load into van, it would depart immediately and direct to hotel), we should arrive before 8:30AM which is the latest hotel-pickup time the tour operator would agree to.

So the risk is we pay \$54 for the tour and lose this money because we are late and tour will not wait for us.

Viator cancellations are 24hrs prior full refund but we wouldn't know our timing till morning of the tour.

All this said, I'm going to keep my reservation and risk it because the alternative is we arrive very early in Reykjavic and have nothing to do all day and no other day available to see the city. However, I just wanted all my fellow travelers to understand the issues and make their own decision.

I also contacted a private tour operator but they did not write back (several weeks now). I asked Globus if they offer a city tour and they said they use Viator. If anyone has other ideas please circulate to the group.

<https://www.viator.com/tours/Reykjavik/Reykjavik-Sightseeing-Tour/d905-2970AH10>

Colors of Autumn, Rails, & Riverboats

October 12-14, 2023

Tour # 23006 Cost of Tour - Per Person

Twin \$839 Single \$1079

3 DAYS * 6 MEALS It's Autumn, and Mother Nature has put on her spectacular coat of many colors. Join Shenandoah Tours for the Autumn Serenade River Cruise in Pittsburgh, and a scenic rail excursion on the Potomac Eagle train in Romney, West Virginia. Rediscover the real America from the rivers and the rails. Visit Fallingwater, the famous home of Frank Lloyd Wright, cantilevered over a mountain waterfall. Don't delay...book today for this scenic journey!

- Day 1 - Thursday - October 12

Travel to Pennsylvania

Fallingwater / Arrive in Pittsburgh

All aboard for our scenic Autumn adventure. This morning we'll make our way into Pennsylvania's beautiful Laurel Highlands for a visit to Fallingwater, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. This architectural masterpiece was built over a waterfall and was used as a mountain retreat by the Edgar Kauffman family. It's a must-see attraction. Continue to Pittsburgh and check into the Drury Hotel for a two night stay. Tonight, enjoy a light dinner at the hotel with fellow travelers. (D)

- Day 2 - Friday - October 13

- Autumn Serenade River Cruise Pittsburgh Sightseeing Tour

- Ride on the Duquesne Incline

An exciting day awaits as we board the Gateway Clipper Autumn Serenade River Cruise. Sit back and rediscover the real America with her scenic vistas and spectacular foliage. Enjoy an included lunch and entertainment while gliding along the river. Afterwards join our local guide for a tour of Pittsburgh's highlights and take a ride on the Duquesne Incline to the top of Mount Washington for the Three Rivers view. Again, dinner is included at the hotel this evening. (B,L,D)

- Day 3 - Saturday - October 14

- Travel to West Virginia,

- Board the Potomac Eagle Train Excursion

- Travel Home

This morning we head to Romney, West Virginia, to board the Potomac Eagle Autumn Train. This train excursion takes us through narrow valleys and along the South Branch of the Potomac River, offering views of fall's brilliant colors that can only be enjoyed from the rails. Keep your camera ready for magnificent eagles that make their home here among the high valley walls. Later this afternoon, we'll board our coach and head for home bringing with us fond memories of our "Colors of Autumn" adventure. (B,BL)

Australia & New Zealand Cruise (14 days)
Nov 18 – Dec 1, 2024 \$5,900/couple

INCLUDES:

- Book through Celebrity Cruise Line (or United Cruises if want 35,000 United miles – ask me)
- Sunset veranda balcony room (a “real balcony” compared to “infinity fake balcony” room type)
- Cruise, port charges, gratuities
- Additional \$450/stateroom on-board credit

NOT INCLUDED:

- Airfare
- Shore excursions
- transfers

WHAT NEXT:

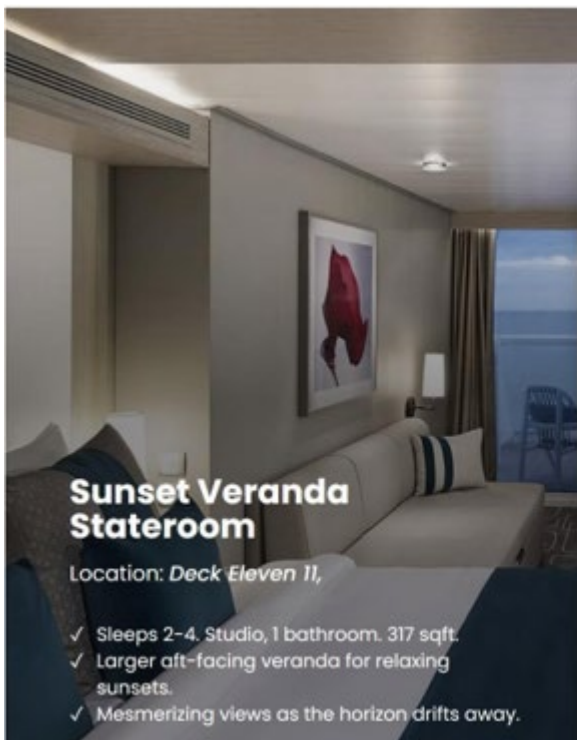
- have 2 couples with reservations as of Dec 2022

Greg Payonk is travel lead for this trip.

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106 Witherod Court



Sunset Veranda Stateroom

Location: *Deck Eleven 11,*

- ✓ Sleeps 2-4. Studio, 1 bathroom. 317 sqft.
- ✓ Larger aft-facing veranda for relaxing sunsets.
- ✓ Mesmerizing views as the horizon drifts away.

Sunset Veranda Stateroom	
First Guest Total	\$5,198.00
Second Guest Total	\$5,198.00
Discounts	
Semi-Annual Sale Savings	-\$400.00
Non-Refundable 75% 2nd Guest Discount	-\$5,199.00
BONUS OBC NRD (\$50.00 to spend Onboard)	
SAVOBCOFFER NRD (\$400.00 to spend Onboard)	
Dining	
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner included at select venues	
Main Dining Time - 06:00 PM	
Add-ons	
Prepaid Tips	\$455.00
Taxes & Fees	
Taxes, Fees, and Port Expenses	\$647.18
Trip Total	\$5,899.18 USD



Cruise Itinerary

Itinerary: 13 Night New Zealand (Sydney Roundtrip)
Departing On: November 18, 2024
Returning On: December 01, 2024
Cruise Line: Celebrity Cruises
Cruise Ship: Celebrity Edge
Dining Request: Dining Time: 06:00 PM
Room Type: SV (Sunset Veranda)
Room Number: 12264
Day-by-Day Itinerary:

Day	Date	Port of Call	Arrival	Departure
1	Monday, November 18, 2024	Sydney, Australia	---	6:45 PM
2	Tuesday, November 19, 2024	At Sea	---	---
3	Wednesday, November 20, 2024	At Sea	---	---
4	Thursday, November 21, 2024	Bay Of Islands, New Zealand	10:00 AM	5:30 PM
5	Friday, November 22, 2024	Tauranga, New Zealand	7:15 AM	6:30 PM
6	Saturday, November 23, 2024	Auckland, New Zealand	6:30 AM	6:00 PM
7	Sunday, November 24, 2024	Napier, New Zealand	2:30 PM	8:00 PM
8	Monday, November 25, 2024	Picton, New Zealand	10:00 AM	7:00 PM
9	Tuesday, November 26, 2024	Lyttelton (Christchurch), New Zealand	9:00 AM	7:00 PM
10	Wednesday, November 27, 2024	Port Chalmers (Dunedin), New Zealand	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
11	Thursday, November 28, 2024	Cruise Dusky Sound	8:30 AM	10:15 AM
11	Thursday, November 28, 2024	Cruise Doubtful Sound	11:45 AM	1:15 PM
11	Thursday, November 28, 2024	Cruise Milford Sound	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
12	Friday, November 29, 2024	At Sea	---	---
13	Saturday, November 30, 2024	At Sea	---	---
14	Sunday, December 01, 2024	Sydney, Australia	6:30 AM	---