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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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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting  
Monday, February 12, 2024  
Rachel's Kitchen  
11:30 a.m.  
By Reservation Only--\$20

## February 2024 ISSUE

### President's Message

January was a slow month for travel, except for those who went on cruises or traveled south. The Travel Club had only two trips planned, and we had to reschedule the craft beer tour to March 15 for lack of registration. And it's a good thing we did considering the snowfall and cold on January 19. But the Winter Wine Tour went off as scheduled a week later, on a bright, balmy day. Go figure!

For February our only activity is a Valentines/Mardi Gras Wine and Cheese Party for our members on February 12, our usual meeting day in Rachel's Kitchen. Get your \$20 check to the concierge if you have not already registered. No potluck this month.

Looking ahead to March, we have a High Tea at Rosemont Manor, led by Chris Oxford, and a Craft Beer Tour scheduled. See the announcements in this newsletter and register on MTL and get your checks turned in to the concierge.

Check out the cruises that Greg Payonk has scheduled and contact him if you need more information.

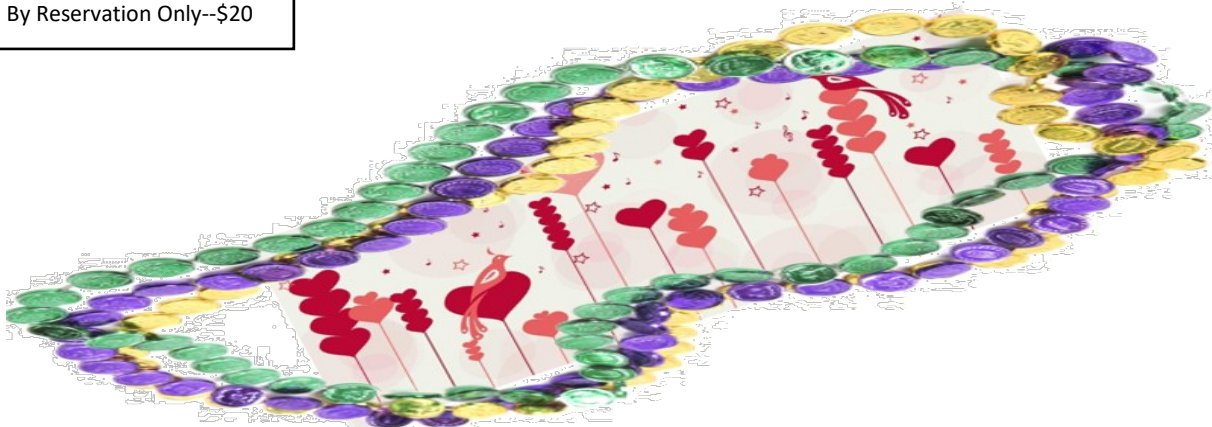
I'm working on a three-day, two-night, trip to Baltimore for the Fourth of July fireworks in the Inner Harbor. It looks like it will be about \$950 each for double rooms in the Renaissance Harbor Hotel with a view of the fireworks. Or we can take a cruise of the Inner Harbor to see the fireworks. I'm trying to include tours of the Aquarium, B&O Train Museum, and Fort McHenry in the package, plus some meals. Let me know if you are interested. We will need at least 20 travelers for this trip.

I hope to see you around our wonderful campus. Be careful if it snows again. Thanks for supporting our club!

George Darnell, President

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## Winter 2024 Wine Tour by George Darnell

January 26, 2024



When we planned this trip, we expected to be sitting in our wineries by a roaring fireplace on a chilly winter day. We never expected a balmy day that would have us sipping wine in shirt sleeves on outside decks. But that was the weather on the day of our trip, and no one complained. It was indeed a treat to get away from the cold and snow that interrupted activities at the lodge and athletic center the week before.



Fifteen travelers boarded our bus at 11:15 a.m. and headed for our first stop, Cana Winery. It is located on a hill halfway between Middleburg and Aldie. It overlooks Route 50 and the Bull Run Mountains. We entered the main building and were directed to an adjacent glass-enclosed all-weather building with a large stone fireplace at one end. I could envision us sitting in the lounge chairs in front of it sipping our wine, but not this day. The glass doors were open to the vineyards on the hillside. We selected our flights of reds and whites to sample. Then we settled around tables to get better acquainted while we sampled our wine.



Soon it was time to board our bus and head for Barrel Oak Winery and Brewery. On the way, we drove down the two-lane stretch of Route 17 between Route 50 and I-66. It is one of the most picturesque roads in Virginia, and traces of snow on the roadside gave it an added touch. Barrel Oak sits on a hill overlooking I-66. It is one of the largest wineries in Virginia and is a favorite spot for visitors from DC and Northern Virginia.

They were expecting us and helped us select our glasses or flights of wine before we settled around tables on the open-air patio. It overlooks the Virginia countryside, which has a special charm in winter. We continued swapping stories and sipping wine until it was time to move on.



Our final stop was Naked Mountain Winery in Markham near the I-66 exit. The entrance is a winding hilly road that can be challenging in the best of weather. The attendant was expecting us and acknowledged that we had requested a fire in the fireplace. But given the weather she suggested we enjoy our wine on the outdoor wooden deck overlooking the vineyard. That is what we did as the sun slid behind the mountain while our driver waited patiently for us.

We arrived back at the lodge at 6:00 p.m. in time for dinner there or at home. After tipping and thanking our driver, Steve, we said our goodbyes until the next trip. So many wineries—so little time!

## WHERE IN THE WORLD DO YOU WANT TO GO THIS YEAR?





## Trip Ideas for 2024, V3

- Feb 12—Members Wine and Cheese Party in Rachel's Kitchen
- Mar 1—Rosemont High Tea Tour
- Mar 15—Winter Brewery Tour
- Mar 27—Cherry Blossom Walking Tour
- Apr 5—Antietam Battlefield Tour
- Apr 8—Shenandoah River Bluebell Walking Tour
- Apr 12-13—Lancaster/Daniel/Ragtime at Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre. Contact <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Apr 19—Alexandria Walking Tour
- May 4—Apple Blossom Parade Watch Party
- May 10—Mosby Heritage Wine Tour
- May 22-25—Ark Encounter & Creation Museum in KY  
<https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- May 27-Jun 8—Scandinavian Cruise w/Greg
- Jun 7—Endless Caverns, New Market Civil War Museum, Harrisonburg Mennonite Center
- Jun 19-22—Kentucky's Backroads/Toyota Plant Tour  
<https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Jun 23-25—Niagara Falls / Moments to Remember  
<https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- July 10-12—Exploring the Northern Neck; Tides Inn for two nights.
- Jul 22-25—Hudson River Valley  
<https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Aug 4-11—Canadian Rockies by Rail (fly in)  
<https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Aug 9-17—Nova Scotia & Canada's Maritimes (fly in)  
<https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Aug 19-31—Japan Celebrity Cruise w/Greg
- Aug 23—Loudoun Wine Tour
- Sep 8-11—Niagara Falls/Ontario  
<https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Sep 20-21—Lancaster/ Daniel/ Bird-in-the-Hand Theatre  
<https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Sep 26—Gettysburg Battlefield Tour
- Oct 6-12—Autumn in New England – Rails & Sails  
<https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Oct 9-20—American Cruise Lines Tennessee Rivers Paddlewheel Cruise
- Oct 25—Graves Mountain Fall Adventure
- Nov 13-15—Smoky Mountain Christmas  
<https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Nov 29-Dec 2—A Country Christmas at Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN  
<https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Dec 3-4—Candlelight Christmas at the Biltmore <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Dec 8-13—Christmas in Charleston & Savannah r/t DC on AMTRAK Palmetto
- Dec 14—Wreaths Across America in Winchester

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## Trip Registration Deadlines for 2024, V3

- Feb 1—High Tea at Rosemont Manor
- Feb 1—Scandinavia Cruise with Greg Payonk
- Feb 1—Lancaster/Daniel/Ragtime at Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre. Contact <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Feb 2—Couples Wine and Cheese Party in Rachel's Kitchen
- Feb 3—Ark Encounter & Creation Museum in KY <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Feb 18—Japan Celebrity Cruise w/Greg
- Feb 19—Women's History Tour
- Feb 22—Hudson River Valley <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Mar 4—Canadian Rockies by Rail (fly in) <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Mar 5—St. Patrick's Brewery Tour
- Mar 8—Winter Craft Beer Tour
- Mar 8—Niagara Falls/Ontario <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Mar 17—Cherry Blossom Walking Tour
- Mar 20—Lancaster/ Daniel/ Bird-in-the-Hand Theatre <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Mar 25—Antietam Battlefield Tour
- Mar 29—Shenandoah River Bluebell Walking Tour
- Apr 6—Autumn in New England – Rails & Sails <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Apr 9—American Cruise Lines Tennessee Rivers Paddlewheel Cruise
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**Lake Frederick Travel Club  
Mardi Gras & Valentine's Wine & Cheese Party  
February 12, 2024  
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Rachel's Kitchen  
\$20 per person**

Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day fall very close to our February meeting date. So, we decided to have a catered wine and cheese party to celebrate. Couples and singles are welcome. Because this is a member only party, we are not posting it on MTL Events or Bulletins.

Please drop off a check at the concierge desk with your contact information, made payable to "Lake Frederick Travel Club," no later than February 2, 2024.

Because of space limitations we cannot accept more than 40 reservations.

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# High Tea & Tour of Rosemont Manor

March 1, 2024

\$60



To celebrate Women's History Month, the Travel Club has arranged a private tour and High Tea service at historic Rosemont Manor in nearby Berryville. Return to the "Gilded Age" to enjoy this formal three-course tea in an elegant setting. This dress-up event is open to ladies and gentlemen. We will be carpooling from the lodge at 11:15 a.m. and returning at 3:00 p.m. Chris Oxford will be leading this trip.

Please drop off a check with the concierge for \$60 each (tax & gratuity included) made payable to "[Lake Frederick Travel Club](#)" by February 1, 2024.

The minimum for this event is 10 and the maximum is 20.

For information on Rosemont Manor check their website at [Rosemont High Tea](#).



## Winter 2024 Craft Beer Tour March 15, 2024



Why wait for summer to enjoy the many breweries in our area? Hanging out in a pub in winter is a fine European tradition that was brought to the Valley with the pioneers. For this trip we will continue that tradition and celebrate St. Pastrick's Day a little early with a visit to three excellent breweries in our area. First, we will visit the popular Bear Chase Brewery near Mount Weather. Our second stop will be Escutcheon Brewery in downtown Winchester. We will wrap up the tour in the Woodstock Brewhouse, a popular local hangout with food and music.

### Schedule:

- 11:15 Board bus
- 12:00 Arrive Bear Chase
- 1:30 Depart
- 2:00 Arrive Escutcheon
- 3:30 Depart
- 4:15 Arrive Woodstock Brewhouse
- 6:15 Depart
- 7:00 Arrive lodge

Minimum for this trip is 12 and maximum is 16.

Registration is **\$60** for transportation only. Food, drinks, and driver tip are not included.

Please register on MTL and drop off your registration check payable to **"Lake Frederick Travel Club"** with your contact information and the date of the trip with the lodge concierge no later than Noon March 8, 2024

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**Lake Frederick Travel Club**  
**Scandinavia Celebrity Cruise - May 27 – June 8, 2024 (12 nights)      \$9,742/couple**

**INCLUDES:**

- Book through Celebrity Cruise Line (or United Cruises if want to earn 55,000 United miles – ask me)
- Airfare (direct flights) from IAD
- RT airport/cruiseport transfers
- Cruise, port charges, gratuities, wifi, classic beverage package and prepaid gratuities
- Infinite Veranda stateroom (E2) on Celebrity Apex (Edge class began sailing 2020)
- Additional \$300/stateroom on-board credit

**NOT INCLUDED:**

- Lake Frederick to IAD transfers or IAD parking
- Shore excursions



		Arrive	Depart
<b>Outbound Travel Arrangements:</b>			
26 MAY	UA 918-WASHINGTON (IAD), DC		5:35 PM
27 MAY	UA 918-LONDON (LHR)	5:55 AM	
<b>Pre Cruise Arrangements :</b>			
---	Transfer to Pier		YY
<b>Cruise Itinerary:</b>			
27 MAY	SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND		4:00 PM
28 MAY	AT SEA		
29 MAY	COPENHAGEN, DENMARK	2:00 PM	
30 MAY	COPENHAGEN, DENMARK		5:00 PM
31 MAY	AT SEA		
01 JUN	HELSINKI, FINLAND	11:50 AM	10:00 PM
02 JUN	TALLINN, ESTONIA	7:00 AM	4:00 PM
03 JUN	STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN	8:00 AM	5:30 PM
04 JUN	VISBY, SWEDEN	8:00 AM	6:00 PM
05 JUN	AT SEA		
06 JUN	SKAGEN, DENMARK	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
07 JUN	AT SEA		
08 JUN	SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND	6:00 AM	
<b>Post Cruise Arrangements :</b>			
---	Transfer from Pier		YY
<b>Inbound Travel Arrangements:</b>			
08 JUN	VS 21-LONDON (LHR)		12:40 PM
08 JUN	VS 21-WASHINGTON (IAD), DC	4:05 PM	
<b>Important Notice:</b>			
UA-918 - UNITED AIRLINES - Operated By UNITED AIRLINES			
VS-21 - VIRGIN ATLANTIC AIRWAYS - Operated By VIRGIN ATLANTIC AIRWAYS			
Cruise itinerary may change without notice as conditions warrant.			

Greg Payonk is travel lead for this trip. Feel free to contact him for additional information.  
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### Lake Frederick Travel Club

Japan Celebrity Cruise - Aug 19 - 31, 2024 (12 nights)

\$10,800/couple

#### INCLUDES:

- Book through Celebrity, Costco or United Cruises\* (if want to earn ~40,000 United miles – ask me)
- Cruise, port charges, gratuities
- Veranda stateroom (V2-AquaClass) on Celebrity Millennium
- Airfare (UA nonstop direct IAD-HND – book through Air By Celebrity once have Celebrity reservation#)
- Additional \$75/stateroom on-board credit (OBC varies based on Celebrity promo at time of booking)

#### NOT INCLUDED:

- Lake Frederick to IAD transfers/parking
- Two pre-nights in Tokyo (Moxy with breakfast \$492 for two)
- Shore excursions

Round Trip 12 Nights 8 Ports 3 Sea Days



Day	Date	Port of Call	Arrival	Departure
1	Monday, August 19, 2024	Yokohama (Tokyo), Japan	---	7:00 PM
2	Tuesday, August 20, 2024	At Sea	---	---
3	Wednesday, August 21, 2024	Kobe, Japan	8:00 AM	---
4	Thursday, August 22, 2024	Kobe, Japan	---	5:00 AM
4	Thursday, August 22, 2024	Kyoto (Osaka), Japan	8:00 AM	---
5	Friday, August 23, 2024	Kyoto (Osaka), Japan	---	3:00 PM
6	Saturday, August 24, 2024	Hiroshima, Japan	1:00 PM	10:00 PM
7	Sunday, August 25, 2024	At Sea	---	---
8	Monday, August 26, 2024	Nagasaki, Japan	8:00 AM	6:00 PM
9	Tuesday, August 27, 2024	Jeju City, Jeju-Do, (Cheju-Do), South Korea	7:00 AM	4:00 PM
10	Wednesday, August 28, 2024	Kagoshima, Japan	10:00 AM	7:00 PM
11	Thursday, August 29, 2024	At Sea	---	---
12	Friday, August 30, 2024	Shimizu (Mt. Fuji), Japan	7:00 AM	7:00 PM
13	Saturday, August 31, 2024	Yokohama (Tokyo), Japan	6:30 AM	---

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