



Newsletter

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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
Friday, March 10, 2025
Rachel's Kitchen
11:30 a.m.

Bring a Mardi Gras dish to share

MARCH 2025 ISSUE

President's Message

Happy March!

The warmer weather this past week is a welcome relief from February. Now the winds begin. I checked the daffodils on the hill behind our house and they are beginning to break through the ground. Spring is not too far away.

February Recap

February was a quiet month for travel. We moved our usual lunch meeting on the second Monday to Fox Meadow Vineyard on Valentine's Day. We had so much fun with our wine, cheese, chocolates, and conversation that we forgot to take pictures. Many thanks to everyone who joined us, and a special thanks to Mike and Kay Ericksen for giving Michelle and me a ride.

March Trips

All three of our trips for March are confirmed and registration is closed. If you registered for the Marine Museum Tour on March 3, or the St. Patrick's Day Brewery Tour, or the Cherry Blossom Lunch Cruise on March 31, make sure you get your check to the concierge to confirm your reservation. You will be getting a confirmation email a few days before the trip.

March Meeting

For our lunch meeting on March 10 in Rachel's Kitchen at 11:30 a.m., we will be celebrating Mardi Gras a little late. Bring your favorite Cajun or Creole dish with a Mardi Gras flavor to share and wear your beads if you like. We will have a cash bar in the Crow's Nest from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Nicole Burrows, our Member Services Manager, will be using the TV to give us a refresher on how to use the MTL website to find the information you need to keep up with what is going on in Lake Frederick. Nicole has been with us since the Club opened in 2016 and many of us remember her smiling face at the Concierge Desk. She has a wealth of knowledge to share. Come with your questions.

April Trips

Our only trio for April is on April 29, when we will travel to Balls Bluff Battlefield regional Park near Leesburg, where our Civil War enthusiast, Rick Turner, will guide us around the battlefield describing what happened. Following that, we will have lunch in Leesburg and visit two wineries. Details will be included in our April 2025 newsletter. If you have a particular winery you would like to visit, let me know.

Schedule of Trips Updated

See the list of trips planned for 2025. This may change during the year and more details will be added as we get closer to each trip. We usually post our trips on MTL Events at least a month before the trip for registration.

Foreign Travel 2025

We had to cancel our trip to Ireland, but MTL has one scheduled for September if you are interested.

Check out the cruises and land tours that Greg Payonk has scheduled for 2025 and contact him if you need more information. You can find copies in our August Newsletter. You can find our newsletters on our website Lake Frederick Travel Club

Trip Registration Procedure Clarification

We continue to have trouble with the registration process for our trips. This makes it difficult for our treasurer, Gary McDowell, to sort out who registered and when. Please remember the following.:

1. **TRAVEL CLUB TRIPS ARE NOT ADDED TO MTL EVENTS UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED TO MEMBERS IN A NEWSLETTER. REGISTRATION IS NOT OPEN UNTIL POSTED ON MTL EVENTS.**
2. **REGISTER ON MTL EVENTS FOR TRIPS YOU WANT TO TAKE. THAT GIVES US AN IDEA OF HOW REGISTRATION IS GOING.**
3. **AFTER REGISTERING, WRITE A CHECK MADE OUT TO THE LAKE FREDERICK TRAVEL CLUB AND GIVE IT TO THE CONCIERGE. DO NOT WAIT TO SEE IF THE TRIP IS CONFIRMED. WE WILL DESTROY YOUR CHECK IF THE TRIP IS CANCELLED.**

Stay safe and warm and enjoy our wonderful campus. I hope to see you around campus and at our March 10 meeting.

George Darnell, President

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Trip Ideas for 2025, V6

- Mar 3—Marine Corps Museum Tour
- Mar 10—Travel Club Mardi Gras Meeting
- Mar 17—St. Patrick's Brewery Tour
- Mar 31—Cherry Blossom Lunch Cruise on the Potomac (confirmed)
- Apr 20—Easter
- Apr 28—Battle of Balls Bluff w/Lunch & Winery Visits
- May 2-11—Globus Land Tour: Budapest to Prague with Greg Payonk
- May 12—Luray & Shenandoah Caverns Tour
- Jun 5-6—Fredericksburg Area Civil War Battlefields Tour
- Jun 16—Monticello & Wine Tour
- Jul 14—Fauquier County Wine Tour
- Aug 7-21—Norwegian Fjords & Arctic Circle Cruise w/Greg Payonk
- Aug—Wine & Beer Tours
- Sep—Lexington Upper Valey Tour
- Sep 29—Oktoberfest Bridges & Breweries Tour
- Oct 15-16—Pennsylvania Disasters & Trains Tour
- Oct 23—Fall Colors Lunch Cruise on Smith Mountain Lake
- Nov—Outlet Mall Shopping Spree & Wine Tour
- Dec 3-5—Christmas in Williamsburg VA
- Dec 4-18—Seaboard Antarctica Exploration with Greg Payonk
- Dec 13—Wreaths Across America in Winchester
- Dec 15—Christmas at Mount Vernon

Check out the Shenandoah Tours at
<https://www.shenandoahtours.com>.
Early registration is recommended.
They sell out quickly.