

The Royal-tea Club

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CLUB CONTACTS

For Reservations for RTC events, the Bethlehem Trip:

Contact **Donna Lerew** at 717-741-2684 or email her at donnalerew@gmail.com.

For Tea Club Payments, except ads:

Send checks made out to 'The Royal-tea Club' to **Carol Lee Bettendorf**, 115 Highland Avenue, Abbottstown, PA 17301-9562. Should you need to contact her, call 717-259-5577.

For New Membership Applications or Renewal of

Dues: Contact **Betsy Green**, 410-259-1853 or email her at anbgreenacres@gmail.com. Mail should be sent to The Royal-tea Club, c/o **Betsy Green**, 1233 Old Fridinger Mill Road, Westminster, MD 21157-3365.

For the Newsletter or Ads:

Contact **Sharon Hart** at 717-332-5851.

HOW DO WE USE CLUB MONEY?

Over the years many people have asked what do we do with all (yes, we have accumulated multi-millions at just \$5 a pop!) the money we get from you. In lieu of an Editor's Note this quarter, I am going to attempt to answer this question.

The number one item we spend club money on is our Annual Club Luncheon. This is a gift the club gives back to its' members, but many have not taken advantage of it.

We do ask members to pay \$5 to attend. This fee just barely covers the basics such as decorations and place settings.

We still must pay for the use of the church hall and kitchen, as well as the entertainment. Frequently, we need to get assistance to set up or take down the tables and chairs. And we provide door prizes and favors. Many years the club has contributed significantly for this event.

We also use club funds to pay deposits for trips and some special events. Yes, we do get these back (most of the time, but if a trip is cancelled, we may not) but we must have cash always available to do this.

Then there are the costs associated with the paper newsletter such as printing, envelopes, address labels, return address label, and postage. We still have approximately 100 members who prefer to get their newsletter via a paper copy. Those people have paid an additional \$5 in their dues for that privilege.

And there are the fancy Welcome letters being sent to new members for the last two years, and there also are general mailings such as when someone requests a paper trip brochure.

There are a multitude of miscellaneous expenses such as office supplies and many other little things that seem to pop up from time to time.

None of the committee receives a salary and they work for the club strictly on a volunteer basis. In fact, our webmaster pays for our domain and does our web work at no cost. She saves us quite a bit.

This is our 12th year and dues have only been raised for those who receive a paper newsletter to cover the additional costs. For the rest, they have remained at \$5 for all of our many years. Perhaps the real question should be, "How do we do so much with so little?"

As always, yours in tea,

Sharon

2016 UPCOMING ROYAL-TEA CLUB EVENTS

Please read the following instructions:

- ❖ Telephone number for each establishment is provided should you need directions.
- ❖ Reservations may ONLY be made through the Tea Club by contacting **Donna Lerew**, 717-741-2684, or by email.
- ❖ Prices always include tax and tip.
- ❖ The cutoff date for each tea is the last date reservations may be canceled and still get a refund or credit. (Refunds are only sent after the last tea event of the year.)
- ❖ Do not send money without confirming you have a reservation.
- ❖ Make checks payable to: The Royal-tea Club!
- ❖ Send payment to **Carol Lee Bettendorf**, 115 Highland Avenue, Abbottstown, PA 17301-9562 within 10 days of reservation.

Reservations are now being taken for the following events:

August 31st, 12:00 Noon – Our Christmas Tea was so nice here, we decided to check it out in warmer weather. Our event will again be at **Antrim 1844 Country House Hotel**. The tea will be held in the summer Garden Room. Then, tour the gardens and the house after the tea. They employ three gardeners, one for the roses, one for the lawns, and one for the other flowers. Everything should be spectacular!
Members Price: \$40.00. (Non-members price: \$42.50.)
Address: 30 Trevanion Road, Taneytown, MD 21787.
Telephone number: 410-756-6812. *Cutoff date:* August 22nd. Maximum seating is 100.

September 10th, 1:00 PM – Travel to the wonderful town of Lititz, voted 'America's Coolest Small Town' in 2013 by Budget Travel. Along with the many interesting and varied shops, you will also find Wilbur's Chocolates, Sturgis Pretzel Bakery, and the Moravian Church. While in Lititz, we will have tea at **The Tea Affair**, also home to a lovely gift shop and they have a large selection of loose teas to purchase.
Members Price: \$31.00. (Non-members price: \$33.50.)
Address: 8 Sturgis Lane, Lititz, PA 17543. *Telephone number:* 717-627-1776. *Cutoff date:* September 1st. Maximum seating is 40.

Saturday, September 17th and Saturday, September 24th, 1:00 PM each date – Please join us for tea at Royal Sonesta Harbor Court Hotel at Baltimore's beautiful Inner Harbor. Each tea will be in the Explorer's Lounge. Parking in the hotel garage is \$5

and valet parking is also available. We had tea here quite a few years ago and it was lovely.
Members Price: \$43.00. (Non-members price: \$45.50.)
Address: 500 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.
Telephone number: 410-347-5681. *Cutoff date:* September 7th. Maximum seating is 20 each date.

Saturday, October 22nd – SPECIAL EVENT! Steam into History Train Ride and Tea

We will board The William H. Simpson #17, a faithful replica of the Civil War steam locomotive that carried Abraham Lincoln to deliver his now famous Gettysburg Address. These same tracks carried Lincoln's funeral train two years later. Come experience history as you ride in custom built coaches, pulled by a 1860s replica steam locomotive.

The train will depart the New Freedom (PA.) Train Station promptly at **11:00 AM**. We will travel to Glen Rock where we will disembark at 11:30 AM to have tea at The Glen Rock Mill Inn. After the tea, we will re-board the train and depart at 1:00 PM for our return to the New Freedom Train Station at 1:30 PM. A costumed guide will be on board to discuss the Civil War and Victorian teas.

Members Price: \$45.00. (Non-members price: \$47.50.)
Address: 2 W. Main Street, New Freedom, PA. 17349
Telephone number: 717-942-2370. *Cutoff date:* October 12. Maximum seating is 40.

NOTE: If this date and time fill, we will make additional arrangements.



Thursday, November 3rd or Saturday, November 5th, 11:30 AM– Twice before we have visited the fabulous Silver, Wood, and Ivory duo. Now, back by popular request - we will once again travel to Lititz for lunch and a concert in Cindy's beautiful sunroom. (www.silverwoodandivory.com) You will have a catered tea luncheon in Cindy's home, enjoy a performance by these very talented ladies, AND you will take home one of their CDs, of your choice, to always remember this wonderful event. **Member Price:** \$63.75. (Price for non-members: \$66.25.)
Address: 510 South Walnut Street, Lititz, PA. 17543.
Telephone Number: 717-626-7409. *Cutoff date:* April 24th. *Number of seats:* 32. *Number of seats available:* 32.

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teaclub.org/pages/teatrips.htm](http://www.theroyal-teaclub.org/pages/teatrips.htm) for complete
trip information and itineraries.***

Christmas in Historic Bethlehem

December 1 – 2, 2016

NOTE: This trip is full. Please contact Donna Lerew if
you would like to be placed on the waiting list.

Bethlehem, known as the Christmas City, was originally
settled by the Moravians, the oldest Protestant
denomination in the world. The city got its name on
Christmas Eve in 1741, when Count Zinzendorf of
Saxony visited a two-room log house that housed both
people and animals. Today, a huge electrical star shines
nightly from the peak of South Mountain.

Here are the planned activities:

Visit - Christkindlmarkt

See - Christmas Show with Tony Orlando

Dine – Dinner at Prime Steakhouse

Rest – At the Historic Bethlehem Hotel

Tea – At the Historic Bethlehem Hotel

Learn – Take a costume-guided tour of Bethlehem

Bethlehem's Christkindlmarkt is an open-air market
recognized by Travel and Leisure magazine as one of
the top holiday markets *in the world*. Christkindlmarkt
features more than 100 artisans and everything from
pottery to holiday crafts and more. It is open from mid-
November until the weekend before
Christmas.



See the full trip brochure on the club's web site.

To make reservations or for more information, contact
Donna Lerew at 717-741-2684.

NOT A TEA CLUB TRIP!

On occasion, a small group of very friendly members who also love to travel have invited other club members to go with them on their adventures. Past trips have been Wales and Alaska.

You are invited to join us for a European River Cruise. The cruise will take us to five countries: Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, Germany, and The Netherlands).

The cruise dates are September 9th to September 24th, **2017** and we will travel from Budapest, Hungary to Amsterdam, the Netherlands on Gate 1's Monarch Queen.

<https://www.gate1travel.com/river-cruises/europe-river-cruises/2017/DANUBE-CRU/danube-monarch-queen-16dbudamsqen17.aspx>

Most tours are already included in the price, as well as all meals, beer, and wine.

If you sign up by October 28th, you save \$800.

Also, if you pay your final balance by check, not credit card, you will save an additional 5%. Never traveled with Gate 1 before, mention my name and you will receive a \$100 credit per booking (not per person.)

One person is looking for a roommate.

So far, thirteen of us have signed up. (Yes, some are men.) We would love to have you join us.

Please contact Sharon Hart at

717-332-5851 for more information or call Gate 1 directly.

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