



THE ROYAL-TEA CLUB NEWSLETTER, APRIL, 2019

S P R I N G IS HERE! According to the calendar Spring arrived almost six weeks ago. Some days it feels like the temperatures have not gotten tthe message. Through this past winter I have longed for spring. For me it is agony waiting for the first flowers to show themselves and to feel the warmth of sunshine. Recently I read how tea culture uses agony to describe the brewing process of Tea.

*There is a centuries-old tea brewing phrase -- the agony of the leaves- which describes the effect the hot water has on the loose tea leaf. According to **Terri Firestein**:*

This beautiful dance goes unnoticed by many but it is so critical to the brewing of a great cup of tea. So critical in fact that the tea industry felt compelled to name the process. Give yourself a treat sometime and observe your loose tea brewing. Take pleasure in the sight of the leaves swirling, unfolding, writhing, opening, hydrating, growing, and yes, dancing! It is a dance of anticipation. If you like science then know that technically the phrase describes the transformative moment when the oxygen of the boiling water allows the tea leaf to release its flavor, tannins and caffeine. *Terri Firestein, Manager, Dollies Tea Room*

How do I make a reservation for a tea?

1. Contact Donna Lerew by email at donnalerew@gmail.com OR call her at 717-741-2684
2. When your reservation is confirmed, write a check payable to The Royal-tea Club and mail to:
Donna Lerew
110 Reynolds Mill Rd.
York, PA 17403
3. Payment is due within 10 days of your reservation.

How do I cancel a tea reservation?

1. If you are cancelling the reservation BEFORE the cutoff date, contact Donna by email donnalerew@gmail.com OR call her at 717-741-2684. You will receive a credit for the tea to be used at a future event.
2. If you are cancelling AFTER the cutoff date and there is a waiting list, Donna will try to find a replacement for your seat. If there is not a waiting list, you can ask a friend to take your place. If no one can fill your seat, you forfeit your payment.

PLEASE NOTE-- Parking space is often limited or the tea room is a distance away. Car pooling is a smart option to consider. Anyone interested in car pooling, contact Donna Lerew and she will assist in finding other attendees in your area.

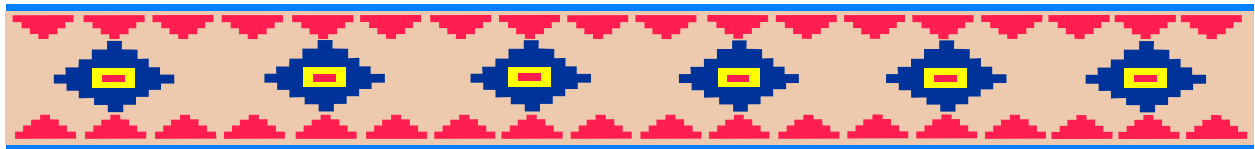
Donna Lerew



CLUB DUES



We will start taking dues for 2020 at the July luncheon. **NOTE THIS CHANGE: Renewals are \$10 for email and \$15 for mail.** Renewal forms will be available at the luncheon. Everyone **MUST** complete a form to renew their dues.



Hip Hip Hooray! Betsy Green has returned to her home! Along with the birdies tweeting, you may hear her husband Allen cheering!



UPCOMING TEAS

Going to the Chapel Wedding Tea at The Carroll County Farm Museum

500 S. Center Street, Westminster, MD 21157 800-654-4645

Sunday, May 5, 2019, at 11 am OR 2 pm THIS TEA IS NOW FILLED.

Kristtany Tea Room

177 S. Main Street, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania 717-753-3094\

Saturday, June 1, 2019, at 1 pm. Number of seats 35

PRICE-\$27 inclusive (Guests \$32) Reserve by May 18

THIS TEA IS NOW FILLED. YOU MAY CONTACT DONNA TO HAVE YOUR NAME PLACED ON A WAITING LIST.



NEW TEA EVENTS

Annual Club Luncheon--New Fairview Church of the Brethren,
New Fairview Church Road, York, PA

Saturday. July 20, 2019 Cost \$10 for members, \$15 for guests

Bring a covered dish to share. Hot water for tea, teabags, Iced tea, lemon, sugar will be provided. Feel free to bring your favorite tea if you wish.

Our special guest this year will be Martha Washington with a red, white and blue color theme.

We will have a book sale – you may donate gently read books to be sold. Stock up on your supply for the next year. A silent auction will also take place. Clean out your closets. One woman's trash is another woman's treasure!

Use the front door to enter (no steps) and we will have some helpers to carry your items. Please come early to unload and **be ready to start lunch at 12 noon.**

NOTE: Two telephone numbers to keep handy--717-741-2684 (Donna's **home** phone) On the day of event call at 717-885-3560 (Donna's **cell phone**)
-DO NOT use this number except for the day of the event! (Donna's cell phone is at the bottom of her purse and turned off except on the day of a club event.)

Piccadilly Tea Room

483 Royer Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601 717-984-6425

Saturday, August 3, 2019 at 2:00 pm COST- \$31.50, Guests \$36.50, inclusive

Maximum -42; **Cut-off Date-** July 3, 2019 to reserve a seat.

Piccadilly's is a new tea room that opened September, 2018. The owner worked at a tea room in Wayne, PA and at Sugarplums in Lancaster. The tea room is in a new development with shops on the first floor and loft apartments above the shops.

Piccadilly's is located three miles from Route 30 on Oregon Pike, north of the city. Come enjoy an Afternoon Tea and take a scenic drive through the Pennsylvania Dutch countryside.

Camilla's Sin Tea Room

36 West Pomfret Street, Carlisle, PA 17013 717-243-6292

Friday, August 23, 2019, at 1:00pm COST- \$33.00, Guests - \$38.00, inclusive.

Maximum 44; **Cut-off date**—August 9, 2019 to reserve a seat.

This is the Tea room that was being sold last year and the event was cancelled. The tea room reopened with the same owner. This is the only tea room in Carlisle. There is a lovely gift shop in the tea room. Also, before or after Tea plan to explore the nearby stores.

Granite Rose Tea Parlor

1081 Davis Avenue, Granite, MD 21163 410-465-9116

TWO DATES: Friday, September 6 and Thursday, September 12, 2019,

at 1:00 pm COST--\$27.50 for members; \$32.50 for guests, inclusive.

Maximum 32—for each tea; **Cut-off date**—August 23, 2019 to reserve a seat.

The Royal-tea Club has visited this tea room for several years. The village of Granite is charming. It is a lovely drive through the countryside. The owners extend a gracious welcome to their home for a delightful tea. Choose either date when you reserve a seat for the tea. Note - Granite is across the water from Woodstock, MD. Many GPS systems list the address as Woodstock and not Granite.



Mark your Calendar!

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 there will be a bus trip to Lewisburg, PA to see "A Christmas Carol" by Gerald Dickens, the great-great grandson of Charles Dickens. Many of you saw him several years ago at The Hotel Hershey and have requested to see him again. Flyer will be in the July newsletter.

MATCHA TEA

Last summer at the annual luncheon , the speaker, Todd from Gessha Japanese Tea House, demonstated a Japanese tea ceremony. Todd shared an article filled with information about Matcha tea, including where to buy good quality Matcha tea.

If you would like copies of this article, please request the information from Nancy Jones by emailing her revnmj@aol.com.

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