

THE ROYAL-TEA CLUB NEWSLETTER

February, 2020



Life is like making tea...

Boil your ego,

Evaporate your worries,

Dilute your sorrows,

Filter your mistakes, and

Get a taste of happiness. (fb.com/My Life's Blessings)

TEA EVENTS

Loxley's Restaurant

Heritage Hotel, 500 Centerville Road, Lancaster, PA 17601 717-898-2431

Saturday, April 4, 2020, at 12 noon

COST-- \$34 for members, \$39 for guests, inclusive,

Maximum – 48, **cut-off date**—March 21, 2020

The restaurant was designed with the feeling of life in the trees of the forest retreat of Robin Hood's band of merry men (Robin of Loxley). The dark stain of the restaurant gives a patina reminiscent of a medieval building. We will gather at 12 noon and tea service will begin at 12:15 pm. Come join us for a relaxing afternoon in Robin Hood's retreat.

Mount Hope Mansion

2775 Lebanon Road, Manheim, PA 17545 717-665-7021

Saturday, May 30, 2020, at 1 pm.

COST-- \$38 for members, \$43 for guests, inclusive,

Maximum -50, **cut-off date** –April 30, 2020

This is our first visit to the Mount Hope Mansion. This is the location of the PA Renaissance Faire held August to October each year. We will be greeted by people in costume and treated to a tour of the 19th century mansion following the tea.

The Red Brick Tearoom

55 North Main Street, Red Lion, PA 17356 717-332-7427

Saturday, April 18, 2020, at 2 pm.

COST-- \$30 for members, \$35 for guests, inclusive

Maximum 40, **cut-off date**—April 10, 2020

We visited this tearoom in 2017. It is tucked away on the main street of Red Lion. There is street parking with meters (\$0.25 for 2 hours). Chef Dani and her staff make everything from scratch. There is a bakery in the tearoom with lots of fresh items. And of course a small gift shop area with tea-related items.

Higinbotham's B & B and Tearoom

102 Lincoln Highway West, New Oxford, PA 717-624-1866

Friday, May 15, 2020 1 pm.

COST-- \$28 for members, \$33 for guests, inclusive

Maximum—34, **Cut-off date**—April 7, 2020

Our last visit to this tearoom was in 2015. Mary Jo is the owner of the tearoom. Her background is in interior design which is demonstrated throughout the house. New Oxford is a lovely town along the Lincoln Highway in Adams County. Many small shops line the street; New Oxford is named the Antique Capital. May is a lovely time of year to explore this site.

When tea becomes ritual, it takes its place at the heart of our ability to see greatness in small things.

Where is beauty to be found? In great things that, like everything else, are doomed to die, or in small things that aspire to nothing, yet know how to set a jewel of infinity in a single moment?"

— *Muriel Barbery, The Elegance of the Hedgehog*



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

2019 was a busy year for the Royal-tea Club. The year began with an "*Udderly Wonderful Tea*" on March 30 at the Hall of Hope Fellowship Hall of Friedensaal's Church in Seven Valleys, PA with 45 attending the event. Can you guess the theme? We had an inspiring talk from the current dairy princess.

Bella's Tea Room in Havre de Grace, MD was the next tea. It was held on April 13 with 40 persons in attendance. Visiting this town was worth the trip. Of course some of the group took in the shops nearby.

On April 27 the Royal-tea Club visited the East Berlin (PA) Historical Preservation Society for tea. Thirty-six persons were in attendance. The women who plan, prepare and serve these teas do an awesome job. This is a fundraiser for the historical society. **(LOOK FOR THEIR ADVERTISEMENT AT END OF THE NEWSLETTER.)**

If you are interested in life during the early 1900's, visit the *Carroll County Farm Museum* in Westminster, MD. The club enjoyed tea there on May 5. It was a small room so we had two seatings with total of 31 people attending.

On June 1 we traveled to Chambersburg, PA for tea at *Kristtany Tearoom*. Forty people enjoyed tea at this new venue but unfortunately the tearoom closed in July. This is sad news because the food was delicious and the room delightfully decorated.

Our first bus trip of the year was to New Jersey on June 28. Thirty-two people traveled by bus. We began the day with a visit to the *Fleming Castle Museum and Gardens*, followed by tea at *Teaberry's Tearoom*. From Flemington we visited the *Hidden Spring Lavender Farm* near Princeton, NJ before returning home.

The Royal-tea Club's annual luncheon was held on July 20 at the New Fairview Church of the Brethren in York, PA. Sixty-four of us were entertained by Martha Washington after the delicious covered dish luncheon.

You can experience a glimpse of Great Britain by visiting *Piccadilly's* in Lancaster, PA. The club filled the tearoom on August 3, with forty people attending.

On August 23, the club visited *Camellia's Sin* in Carlisle, PA with 40 attending.

In September we had tea at *Granite Rose Tea Parlour* in Granite, MD This is a popular venue. We scheduled two teas -one for the 6th and the 12th. There was a total of 61 people enjoying tea in the lovely Victorian style home.

The Virginia tea for the Club was on October 5 at *Blooming Hill Lavender Farm* in Purcellville. Twenty-two of us enjoyed tea on the back porch.

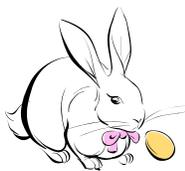
Oxford Hall in New Cumberland, PA was the site for our next tea. 24 attended tea on Oct. 18 and 19 for a typical Irish tea. This is a cozy tea room with delightful tea service and delicious food.

Common Grounds Cafe, part of the Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Dallastown, Pennsylvania, was the site on November 16. Sixty-two people met in Wesley Hall for tea.

The final tea for the year was held at the *Emig Mansion* in Emigsville, PA. Thirty-four persons came on December 6 and twenty-seven persons came on December 8.

The final event for 2019 was a bus trip to *Country Cupboard* in Lewisburg, PA to hear Gerald Dickens, the great-great grandson of Charles Dickens present "A Christmas Carol" following a buffet lunch. There was time for thirty of us to do some serious shopping in the large gift shop.

That was 2019 in review with thirteen teas and two bus trips. As we look ahead to 2020 teas please continue to give us suggestions for future tea events. See you at tea! *Donna Lerew*



***Look for the next Royal-tea Club
newsletter in April.***

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROYAL-TEA CLUB

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



Saturday, May 2, 1:00PM

Red Men's Hall, 332 W. King St. East Berlin, PA

The East Berlin Historical Preservation Society will host this spring high tea at Society headquarters, Red Men's Hall, 332 W. King St. East Berlin, PA. The theme of this tea will be *Tea in Literature*. COST --\$40

For reservations contact Sharon O'Connell
ph. 717-870-1634.

Cut-off date is April 24. Number of seats-- 36.